

ACRONYMS



AAA	Area Agency on Aging
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ALF	Assisted Living Facility
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
AoA	Administration on Aging
APS	Adult Protective Services
BBA	Balanced Budget Act or
CAHPS	Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Study
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program (Defense Dept.)
CHDR	Center for Health Dispute Resolution
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
CCAD	Community Care for the Aged and Disabled
DAB	Departmental Appeals Board
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
DRG	Diagnosis-Related Groups
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease
EOMB	Explanation of Medicare Benefits
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FQHC	Federal Qualified Health Centers
GHP	(Employer) Group Health Program
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HEDIS	Health Employer Data and Information Set
HIPPA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act
HHS	Health and Human Services
HICAP	Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
IHFSP	In-Home Family Support Program (TDHS)
LHOT	Legal Hotline for Older Texans
M + CO	Medicare plus Choice Organization
MSN	Medicare Summary Notice
MSA	Medical Savings Account
NHIC	National Heritage Insurance Company
NMEP	National Medicare Education Program
OAA	Older Americans Act
OASDI	Old Age Survivors and Disability Insurance

PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PFFS	Private Fee-for-Service
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PRO	Peer Review Organization
POS	Point of Service Organization
PSO	Provider Sponsored Organization
QDWI	Qualified Disabled and Working Individual
QI 1 & 2	Qualified Individuals 1 & 2
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (Quimby)
REACH	Regional Education about Choices in Health
RFBS	Religious Fraternal Benefit Society Plan
RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
SEP	Special Election Period
SLMB	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (Slimby)
SHIP	State Health Information and Assistance Program (SHIAP)
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TDH	Texas Department of Health
TDHS	Texas Department of Human Services
TDI	Texas Department of Insurance
TDOA	Texas Department on Aging
TLSC	Texas Legal Services Center
TPRS	Texas Protective and Regulatory Services
TRS	Telecommunications Relay Service
TTY	Text Telephone
VA	Veterans Administration