

*Table 1 - Glossary of Terms, Acronyms, and Definitions* lists terms, acronyms, and definitions that apply to relevant topics and entities, including the following:

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Federal government processes, practices, agencies
- Healthcare Quality Information System (HCQIS)
- Information technology, including software, hardware, products, applications, accessibility
- Privacy, risk management, and security
- Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe); Agile; and Lean
- Standards bodies such as CMMI and ISO
- Systems architecture

**Note:** Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk (\*), all terms are in upper case within a sentence. File extensions such as .doc and .pdf are always in lower case.

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Term	Acronym	Definition
.dat*	N/A	A file with a .dat file extension is a data file.
.doc*	N/A	A file with a .doc file extension is a word processing document.
.docx*	N/A	A file with the .docx file extension is a Word Microsoft Office Open extensible markup language format document file.
.exe*	N/A	A file with the .exe file extension is an executable file, or program.
.jar*	N/A	See JAR File.
.mht*	N/A	The .mht is a MIME HTML Web page archive.
.NET	N/A	.NET is a Microsoft software framework that runs primarily on Microsoft Windows. It includes a large library and provides language interoperability (each language can use code written in other languages) across several programming languages.
.swf*	N/A	See SWF.
.tif*	N/A	See TIFF.
.txt*	N/A	A file with the .txt file extension is text file.
.war*	N/A	See WAR File.
.zip*	N/A	See ZIP File.
4Rx	N/A	4rx is an online pharmacy reseller that specializes in generic medications.

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820 Transaction	N/A	The 820 Transaction enables companies providing healthcare benefits to their employees to transmit information on premium payments to the health plans.
834 Transaction	N/A	The 834 Transaction is the HIPAA-compliant Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance Transaction. Its purpose is to electronically transmit enrollment and disenrollment information.
Abnormal Ending*	Abend	Abend (or ABEND) refers to the abnormal ending of a task; It is also a synonym for abnormal termination.
Abnormal Termination	N/A	The Product Owner can cancel a Sprint if necessary. The Product Owner may do so with input from the team, Scrum Master, or Management. The team reviews the Abnormal Termination reasons at the next Sprint Planning Meeting.
Acceptable Risk Safeguards	ARS	ARS contain a broad set of required security standards for CMS systems based on the system designated system security level.
Acceptance Criteria*	N/A	Acceptance criteria are conditions that a software product must satisfy to be accepted by a user, customer, or other stakeholder.
Acceptance Test-Driven Development	ATDD	ATDD helps with communication between business customers, developers, and testers. ATDD encompasses many of the same practices as Specification by Example, Behavior Driven Development (BDD), Example-Driven Development (EDD), and Story Test-Driven Development (SDD). These processes aid developers and testers in understanding customer needs prior to implementation and allow customers to converse in their own domain language.
Acceptance Testing*	N/A	Acceptance testing is formal testing performed by or with the client on requirements affected by the current release.
Access Control	AC	Access Control is a process governing the granting of entry to an information system.
Access Control Entry	ACE	ACE is the actual permission applied to a SAS object. (For example - Read or Write access at the Repository Folder).
Access Control List	ACL	This list generates the requirement for actions of an entity to trace uniquely to that entity. This supports non-repudiation, deterrence, fault isolation, intrusion detection and prevention, and after-action recovery and legal action.

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Access Control Template	ACT	ACT is a defined and reusable set of permissions used to apply a pattern of security to BI content or repository folders. An ACT contains permission patterns for selected Users and/or Groups.
Access Definition	N/A	The access definition specifies a set of related data and metadata for Optim to process
Access Layer	AL	The Access Layer for the Integrated Data Repository (IDR) has been developed to address the business needs for the standard to mid-level Power User in a quick and simple manner. Its purpose is to insulate end users from the underlying complexities of the IDR data model.
Access Manager	AM	The AM is a Sun Java Web access management product and a component of Sun Java Enterprise System.
Access Profile	N/A	An Access Profile associates each worker with a list of protected objects the user may access.
Access Server	N/A	An Access Server is a standalone server that provides authentication, authorization, and auditing services for AccessGates.
AccessGate	N/A	An AccessGate is a custom WebGate that processes resource requests from users or applications. It intercepts user requests for resources and forwards them to the Access Server for authentication and authorization.
Account Administrator	AA	An AA facilitates the registration process for other users at their organization; creates, approves, edits, and/or terminates user accounts; monitors usage at the organization to maintain proper security and confidentiality measures; and serves as the point of contact (POC) at the organization for information regarding the system.
Account Manager	N/A	An Account Manager has the same authority as an Authorized Representative, except the manager cannot agree/authorize an application or request Reconciliation.
Account Transfer	AT	This service facilitates the transfer of accounts from the requestor to Medicaid/CHIP or from Medicaid/CHIP to the requestor for eligibility determination.
Accountable Care Organization	ACO	ACO is a health system model with the capability to provide, and manage the continuum of care with patients across different institutional settings, including at least ambulatory (outpatient) and inpatient hospital care, and possibly post-acute care.

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Accountable Care Organization - Operational System	ACO-OS	ACO-OS is the most current version of the ACO, with the OS designation to differentiate it from the ACO Pilot.
Accredited Standards Committee	ASC	The ASC develops and maintains uniform standards to facilitate electronic data interchange under ANSI charter.
Accretion	N/A	An accretion record is a patient found in the Medicare DB and not admitted in CROWNWeb.
Acegi	N/A	Acegi is a powerful and flexible security solution for Java enterprise applications built using the Spring framework.
Acrobat	N/A	Acrobat is a set of application software developed by Adobe Systems to view, create, manipulate, print and manage files in Portable Document Format (PDF files).
Action Item*	AI	An AI is a documented event, task, activity, or action that needs to take place.
Action Request System	ARS	See Remedy.
ActionScript	N/A	ActionScript is a scripting language Adobe developed.
Active Directory	AD	Active Directory is a scalable, hierarchical directory service for the centralized administration of all a network's resources.
Active Server Pages	ASP	Active Server Pages, also known as Classic ASP or ASP Classic, is Microsoft's first server-side script-engine for dynamically generated Web pages.
ActivePerl	N/A	ActivePerl is the standard Perl compiled for Windows by ActiveState, and includes some additional standard modules and a packaging system for additional downloads.
ActiveState	N/A	ActiveState is a Canadian software company that develops, sells, and supports cross-platform development tools for dynamic languages.
ActiveX	N/A	ActiveX is a framework for defining reusable software components in a programming language-independent way.
Actuarial Equivalent*	AE	Under Medicare, AE refers to the prescription drug plan offered by a plan sponsor that is similar or better than the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.
Actuarial Value*	AV	AV is a measure of the percentage of expected healthcare costs a health plan covers.

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Actuary*	N/A	An actuary is a business professional who deals with the financial impact of risk and uncertainty.
Acute Myocardial Infarction*	AMI	AMI is the medical name for a heart attack.
Add	A	An Add is used on the detail record for inserting a new Beneficiary who was never aligned with the program. An add record can only be submitted on a file with update or delete records. A replacement record is not valid on a file with add records.
Add-In	N/A	Add-ins are a set of software components that adds specific abilities to a larger software application. If supported, add-ins enable customizing the functionality of an application. SAS provides an Add-In for Microsoft Office that adds functionality to Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
Add-In for Microsoft Office	AMO	AMO is a Microsoft Windows Client application that gives users the power to explore and analyze information using SAS software with their familiar Microsoft Office environment.
Adjusted Annual Per Capita Cost*	AAPCC	AAPCC is a key metric taken by dividing claim payments by member years for a given reporting calendar year.
Adjusted Gross Income*	AGI	AGI is the amount of income subject to federal income taxes.
Adjusted Ranking Metric*	ARM	ARM is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) summary measure used to assess facility bloodstream infection rates among hemodialysis outpatients. ARM adjusts for facility differences, such as patient volume and vascular access type distribution, to create a more reliable and accurate measure of facility bloodstream infection rates.
Administration for Children and Families	ACF	The ACF is a federal agency funding State, territory, local, and tribal organizations to provide family assistance (welfare), child support, childcare, Head Start, child welfare, and other programs relating to children and families.
Administration on Children, Youth and Families	ACYF	The ACYF administers major federal programs that support social services that promote the growth and development of children, youth, and their families, protective services and shelter for children and youth in at-risk situations, and adoption for children with special needs.

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Administration*	Admin	Admin refers to the people responsible for the administration of a system/function.
Administrative Services Group	ASG	ASG is a component of the Office of Support Services and Operations.
Administrative Simplification Enforcement and Testing Tool	ASETT	ASETT is the modernized, enhanced version of the Administrative Simplification Enforcement Tool.
Administrative Simplification Enforcement Tool	ASET	ASET is a Web-based application that enables individuals or organizations to file a complaint against a health care provider, health plan, or clearinghouse for potential non-compliance with the (non-privacy) provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act to include Transaction and Code Sets, Unique Identifiers, or Security. ASET securely captures demographic information about the complainant and the filed-against entity, as well as details of the allegation and any supporting documentation provided by both parties.
Administrative Simplification Enforcement Tool II	ASET II	See ASET.
Administrative Simplification*	N/A	Administrative Simplification is a provision emanating from the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 , Public Law 104-191, requiring the Department of health and Human Services to adopt national standards for electronic health care transactions and code sets, unique health identifiers, and security.
Adobe	N/A	Adobe is an American software company focused on the creation of multimedia and creativity software products.
Adobe Connect	N/A	Adobe Connect is software used to create information and general presentations, online training materials, Web conferencing, learning modules, and user desktop sharing.
Adobe Flash Player	N/A	Adobe Flash Player is freeware software for viewing multimedia, executing rich Internet applications, and streaming video and audio, content created on the Adobe Flash platform.
Adobe LiveCycle	N/A	ALC refers to the Adobe LiveCycle Enterprise Suite, an SOA Java EE-based server software product used to build applications that automate a broad range of business processes for enterprises and government agencies.

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Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number	ATIN	An ATIN is a number the Internal Revenue Service issues as a temporary taxpayer identification number for a child in a domestic adoption where the adopting taxpayers do not have and/or are unable to obtain the child's Social Security Number.
Advance Payment Computation*	APC	The APC Service performs Advance Payment of the Premium Tax Credit calculations, determining the maximum amount of monthly advance payment of the premium tax credit for which a household is eligible.
Advance Payment of the Premium Tax Credit*	APTC	APTC assists qualifying Individuals participating in a Marketplace with premium payment amounts.
Advanced Alternative Payment Model*	APM	APMs were created under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). These models include the new Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) model, the Next Generation ACO model, under which clinicians accept both risk and reward for providing coordinated, high-quality care.
Advanced Encryption Standard*	AES	AES is a specification for the encryption of electronic data established by the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology established. The standard comprises three block ciphers: AES-128, AES-192, and AES-256.
Advanced Interactive Executive	AIX	AIX a series of proprietary operating systems sold by IBM for several of its computer system platforms, based on UNIX System V with 4.33 Berkley Software Distribution - compatible command and programming interface extensions.
Advanced Micro Devices	AMD	AMD is a semiconductor company that develops computer processors and related technologies for commercial and consumer markets.
Advanced Practice Nurse*	APN	An APN is a nurse with post-graduate education in nursing. APNs are prepared with advanced didactic and clinical education, knowledge, skills, and scope of practice in nursing.
Advanced Program-to-Program Communication	APPC	APPC, sometimes called LU 6.2, is a communication protocol and programming interface standard that operates in the Presentation Layer and the Session Layer of the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) communications model.
Adverse Drug Event*	ADE	An ADE is any untoward medical occurrence in a patient or clinical investigation subject who is administered a pharmaceutical product.

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Affordable Care Act	ACA	The ACA (also PPACA) reforms certain aspects of the private health insurance industry and public health insurance programs, including increasing insurance coverage of pre-existing conditions and expanding access to insurance to Americans, while mandating an increase in total national medical expenditures.
After Action Report*	AAR	An AAR is any form of retrospective analysis on a given sequence of goal-oriented actions previously undertaken.
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	AHRQ	AHRQ is the lead federal agency charged with improving the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of healthcare for all Americans.
Agile	N/A	Agile software development is a group of software development methods based on iterative and incremental development, where requirements and solutions evolve through collaboration between self-organizing, cross-functional teams.
Agile Release Manager*	ARM	ARM is a tool created by BellEse to help track development activities and enable clients to model various scenarios and process models with contractor participants.
Agile Release Train*	ART	The ART is the primary value delivery construct in SAFe. The ART is a long-lived, self-organizing team of Agile teams, a virtual organization (5 to 12 teams) that plans, commits, and executes together.
Air Handler Unit*	AHU	An AHU is a device used to condition and circulate air as part of a heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning system.
Ajax	N/A	Ajax a group of interrelated Web development techniques used on the client-side to create asynchronous Web applications. With Ajax, Web applications can send data to and retrieve from a server asynchronously (in the background) without interfering with the display and behavior of the existing page.
Aladdin	N/A	Previously Aladdin Knowledge Systems, this company is now a part of SafeNet. See SafeNet.
Alert Management System	AMS	An AMS is a tool for organizing and tracking the most important alerts in an Enterprise or logical segment of an Enterprise.
Alfresco	N/A	Alfresco is a free Enterprise content management system for Microsoft Windows and UNIX-like operating systems.
Alien Number	A Number	The A Number is an alien registration number the Department of Homeland Security assigns to each alien. It is an A followed by eight numbers.



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Allora	N/A	Allora is a Java-design time tool and runtime engine for real-time, bidirectional transformation between XML and relational data.
Allround Automations	N/A	Allround Automations markets PL/SQL Developer software.
Also Known As*	AKA	AKA introduces pseudonyms, aliases, nicknames, working names, legalized names, previous names, pen names, etc.
Alternate Mark Inversion*	AMI	AMI is a line-encoding scheme for transmitting data bits over T1 transmission systems.
Alternate Processing Site*	APS	An APS, or backup site, is an alternative processing location complete with power and all necessary environmental systems (e.g., air conditioning, uninterruptible power supply) used to maintain critical processing capabilities in the event of a disaster.
Alternative Payment Model*	APM	An APM is a payment approach that gives added incentive payments to provide high-quality and cost-efficient care. APMs can apply to a specific clinical condition, a care episode, or a population.
Alternative Scenario*	N/A	An alternative scenario is one that identifies the steps that occur when the outcome of a scenario differs from the expected outcome.
Alternative Text*	Alt Text	Alt text is text associated with an image that serves the same purpose and conveys the same essential information as the image. In situations where the image is not available to the reader, perhaps because they have turned off images in their Web browser or are using a screen reader due to a visual impairment, the alt text ensures that no information or functionality is lost.
Amazon Relational Database Service	Amazon RDS	Amazon RDS is a distributed relational database service by Amazon Web Services (AWS). It is a Web service running in the cloud designed to simplify the setup, operation, and scaling of a relational database for use in an application.
Amazon Web Services	AWS	AWS is a subsidiary of Amazon.com which offers a suite of cloud computing services that make up an on-demand computing platform.
Ambulance*	AM	An AM is a specially equipped vehicle for transporting the sick or injured.

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Ambulatory Payment Classification	APC	APCs are the United States government's method of paying for facility outpatient services for the Medicare program. APC payments are made to hospitals when a Medicare outpatient is discharged from the emergency department or clinic or is transferred to another hospital (or other facility) which is not affiliated with the initial hospital where the patient received outpatient services.
Ambulatory Surgical Center	ASC	ASC is the method of paying for surgical center services for the Medicare program.
Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting	ASCQR	ASCQR is a pay-for-reporting, quality data program finalized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Under this program, ASCs report quality of care data for standardized measures to receive the full annual update to their ASC annual payment rate, beginning with Calendar Year (CY) 2014 payments.
Amentra	N/A	Amentra is a provider of systems integration services for service-oriented architecture, business process management, systems development, and Enterprise data services. Amentra operates as an independent Red Hat company.
American Association of Kidney Patients	AAKP	AAKP is a national non-profit, patient-centric group focused on improving the health and well-being of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and dialysis patients.
American College of Surgeons	ACoS	ACoS is an educational association of surgeons that provides membership for doctors worldwide specializing in surgery who pass a set of rigorous qualifications.
American Dental Association	ADA	ADA is the oldest and largest national dental society in the world. The ADA has grown to become the leading source of oral health related information for dentists and their patients.
American Hospital Formulary System	AHFS	AHFS is a drug classification system used in North America.
American Medical Association	AMA	The AMA is the largest association of physicians and medical students in the U.S.
American National Standards Institute	ANSI	ANSI is a private non-profit organization that oversees the development of voluntary consensus standards for products, services, processes, systems, and personnel in the U.S.
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	ARRA	The ARRA of 2009 is an economic stimulus package enacted by the 111th U.S. Congress in February 2009.

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American Standard Code for Information Interchange	ASCII	ASCII is a common way of encoding data to transfer it to a different computer.
American Telephone and Telegraph	AT&T	AT&T is an American multinational telecommunications corporation.
Anakam	N/A	Anakam is an identity verification software company.
Anakam.TFA	N/A	Anakam.TFA delivers two-factor authentication through cell phones, pagers, home phones, Web-connected computers, and office phones.
Analysis and Operations*	A&O	A&O refers to the procedures used to determine the efficiency of various aspects of a business operation.
Analysis Qualification Method*	N/A	The analysis qualification method includes quantifying and analyzing test results to determine if the State developed services based upon the applicable business service definition specifications.
Angular	N/A	Angular is a complete JavaScript-based open-source front-end web application framework mainly maintained by Google and by a community of individuals and corporations to address many of the challenges encountered in developing single-page applications.
AngularJS	N/A	AngularJS is a complete JavaScript-based open-source client and server-side Web application framework. AngularJS extends HTML attributes with directives, and binds data to HTML with expressions.
Annual Operational Analysis Review	AOA	The AOA Review takes place during the Operations & Maintenance Phase to evaluate system performance, user satisfaction with the system, adaptability to changing business needs, and new technologies that might improve the system.
Annual Payment Update*	APU	APU is an annual update to payment rates for hospitals that successfully report designated quality measures.
Annual Person Summary*	APS	The APS file provides a summary of the Medicare services, by type of benefit, received by a Medicare beneficiary during a given calendar year. The APS file contains Medicare Part A and B annual payment information along with beneficiary demographic and enrollment data for a sample of Medicare beneficiaries.

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Annual Wellness Visit*	AWV	AWV is a new benefit resulting from the Affordable Care Act. The AWV takes place with one's primary care provider, is covered once every 12 months after the first year of Medicare coverage, and has no deductibles, coinsurance or copayments.
Apache	N/A	Apache is the world's most widely used Web server software. Apache is open-source software available to a wide variety of operating systems.
Apache Commons	N/A	Apache Commons is a project of the Apache Software Foundation, formerly under the Jakarta Project. The purpose of Apache Commons is to provide reusable, open source Java software. Apache Commons is composed of three parts: proper, sandbox, and dormant.
Apache CXF	N/A	Apache CXF is an open-source, fully featured Web services framework.
Apache Hadoop	N/A	The Apache Hadoop project develops open-source software for reliable, scalable, distributed computing.
Apache Hadoop Connector	N/A	The Apache Hadoop Connector is a drop-in extension for Hadoop that provides two-way communication between MarkLogic and the Hadoop distributed file system, using standard MapReduce jobs
Apache Hadoop Distributed File System	HDFS	Apache HDFS is the primary storage system of Hadoop, and is responsible for storing and serving all data stored in Hadoop.
Apache HBase	N/A	HBase is an open-source, non-relational, distributed database modeled after Google's BigTable and written in Java.
Apache Hive	N/A	Apache Hive is a data warehouse system for Hadoop that facilitates easy data summarization, ad-hoc queries, and the analysis of large datasets stored in Hadoop compatible file systems.
Apache Jakarta	N/A	The Apache Jakarta Project, or Jakarta Project, creates and maintains open-source software for the Java platform. It operates as an umbrella project under the auspices of the Apache Software Foundation; all Jakarta products release under the Apache License.
Apache JMeter	N/A	Apache JMeter is an Apache project that can be used as a load testing tool for analyzing and measuring the performance of a variety of services, with a focus on web applications.

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Apache JServ Protocol	AJP	AJP is a binary protocol that can proxy inbound requests from a Web server through an application server that sits behind the Web server.
Apache Kafka	N/A	Apache Kafka is an open-source stream processing platform written in Scala and Java. It aims to provide a unified, high-throughput, low-latency platform for handling real-time data feeds.
Apache Kudu	N/A	Apache Kudu is a free and open source column-oriented data store of the Apache Hadoop ecosystem.
Apache MapReduce	N/A	Apache MapReduce is a distributed processing framework that operates on data stored in HDFS.
Apache Maven	N/A	Apache Maven is a software project management and comprehension tool. Based on the concept of a project object model, Maven can manage a project's build, reporting and documentation from a central piece of information.
Apache Spark	N/A	Apache Spark is an open-source cluster-computing framework. It is a general-purpose engine for large-scale data processing. It supports rapid application development for big data and allows for code reuse across batch, interactive, and streaming applications.
Apache Sqoop	N/A	Apache Sqoop is a command-line interface application for transferring data between relational databases and Hadoop. Sqoop efficiently transfers bulk data between Apache Hadoop and structured data stores such as relational databases.
Apache Struts	N/A	Apache Struts is an open-source Web application framework for developing Java EE Web applications.
Apache Tomahawk	N/A	Apache Tomahawk is an Apache MyFaces sub-project. Tomahawk is a set of JSF components the MyFaces development team created prior to its donation to Apache.
Apache ZooKeeper	N/A	Apache ZooKeeper is a distributed hierarchical key-value store that is used to provide a distributed configuration service, synchronization service, and naming registry for large distributed systems.
Apple Computer, Inc.	Apple	Apple is an American multinational corporation that designs and sells consumer electronics, computer software, and personal computers.
Applet*	N/A	An applet is a small program module that runs under the control of a larger application, typically a Web browser

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Applicant*	N/A	An applicant is an entity seeking health insurance through the application process.
Application Control Engine	ACE	ACE provides a virtualization solution for secure application delivery.
Application Development Framework	ADF	ADF provides a commercial Java framework for building enterprise applications.
Application Development Organization	ADO	An ADO is responsible for meeting the business needs of an application development project.
Application Identifier	APPLID	APPLID is a customer interface control system standard gateway identification method.
Application Interface Facility	AIF	AIF is a software utility that enables developers to restore legacy applications without needing to re-engineer them.
Application Life cycle Management*	ALM	ALM is a continuous process of managing the life of an application through governance, development, and maintenance.
Application Owner*	AO	An AO is the individual or group with the responsibility to ensure the program or programs, which make up the application, accomplish the specified objective or set of user requirements established for that application, including appropriate security safeguards.
Application Programming Interface*	API	An API is an interface implemented by a software program to enable interaction with other software, similar to the way a user interface facilitates interaction between humans and computers.
Application Services Organization	ASO	ASO is a business that provides computer-based services to customers over a network.
Application Zone*	AZ	The Application Zone is the middle zone in the CMS 3-zone architecture and supports only business logic for applications.
Applications Software*	N/A	Application software, also known as software application, application, or app, is computer software designed to help the user to perform a singular or multiple related specific tasks. Typical examples are word processors, spreadsheets, media players, and database applications.
Application-to-Application*	A2A	A2A (also known as Enterprise application integration or EAI) enables organizations to integrate applications within the same organization boundaries (known as an Enterprise).

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Arbor Research	N/A	Arbor Research conducts major studies in epidemiology and public health. Arbor Research collaborates with faculty and researchers from major research organizations around the world to perform research that affects clinical practice, policy development, and medical payment systems.
Architectural Runway*	N/A	The architectural runway consists of the existing code, components, and technical infrastructure needed to implement near-term features without excessive redesign and delay.
Architecturally Significant Requirement	ASR	ASRs are requirements that have a measurable effect on a software system's architecture.
Architecture Review	AR	An AR is an inspection of the system architecture of an automated system and its software.
ArcSight	N/A	ArcSight was a company founded in 2000 that provides big data security analytics and intelligence software for security information and event management. It became a subsidiary of Hewlett-Packard in 2010.
Array Technologies, Inc.	ATI	See AMD. The brand name ATI no longer exists.
Arteriovenous Fistula	AVF	An arteriovenous fistula is an abnormal connection or passageway between an artery and a vein. It may be congenital, surgically created for hemodialysis treatments, or acquired due to pathologic process, such as trauma or erosion of an arterial aneurysm.
ASC X12	N/A	ASC X12 (also known as ANSI ASC X12) is the official designation of the U.S. national standards body for the development and maintenance of EDI standards.
Asigra	N/A	Asigra is a company that produces a cloud backup and recovery software platform known as Asigra Cloud Backup.
Aspect-Oriented Programming*	AOP	AOP is a programming paradigm that aims to increase modularity by allowing the separation of cross-cutting concerns. AOP forms a basis for aspect-oriented software development.
ASPEN Complaints/Incidents Tracking System	ACTS	ACTS is a technology that tracks, processes, and reports on complaints and incidents reported against healthcare providers and suppliers regulated by CMS.
Asset Classification*	N/A	An asset classification is a description of a capability or service; it includes three categories (i.e., 1 - Legacy application with SOA wrapper, 2 - COTS capability, 3 - SOA service).

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Asset*	N/A	An asset is a definable piece of information that is of value to an organization and easily accessible to those who need it.
Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation	ASPE	ASPE is the principal advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on policy development, and is responsible for major activities in policy coordination, legislation development, strategic planning, policy research, evaluation, and economic analysis.
Assistant*	N/A	Assistant is another term for wizard, a user interface type that presents a user with a sequence of dialog boxes that lead the user through a series of well-defined steps.
Assistive Technology*	AT	Assistive technology is an umbrella term that includes assistive, adaptive, and rehabilitative devices for people with disabilities and also includes the process used in selecting, locating, and using them.
Assurance*	N/A	Assurance is grounds for confidence that a specific implementation meets the other four security goals of integrity, availability, confidentiality, and accountability. Adequately met assurance includes functionality that performs correctly, sufficient protection against unintentional errors (by users or software), and sufficient resistance to intentional penetration or by-pass.
Asylee	N/A	An asylee is an alien in the U.S. or at a port of entry who the U.S. determines unable or unwilling to return to his or her country of nationality, or to seek the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution.
AT&T Global Network Services	AGNS	AGNS is responsible for managing a worldwide data network with presence on six continents.
Atomicity*	N/A	Atomicity is the concept that an event or series of events must be performed in a single unit of work, either completing or failing as an undividable set.
Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability	ACID	ACID is a set of properties that guarantee database transactions process reliably.
Attack*	N/A	An attack is an attempt to gain unauthorized access to information assets (e.g., systems, resources, data), or the attempt to compromise an asset's integrity, availability, or confidentiality.
Attestation*	N/A	Attestation is the act of attending the execution of a document and bearing witness to its authenticity by signing one's name to it to affirm that it is genuine.



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Audio Response Unit*	ARU	ARU is a phone system that allows you to obtain information without talking to an operator. Voice prompts request specific telephone keypad selections.
Audit and Accountability	AU	AU is an independent review and examination of records and activities to assess the adequacy of system controls, to ensure compliance with established policies and operational procedures, and to recommend necessary changes in controls, policies, or procedures.
Audit Trail*	N/A	An audit trail is a series of records of computer events concerning an operating system, an application, or user activities.
Audit*	N/A	An audit is an independent review and examination of records and activities to assess the adequacy of system controls, to ensure compliance with established policies and operational procedures, and to recommend changes that may be necessary.
Auditd	N/A	Auditd is the userspace component to the Linux Auditing System. It is responsible for writing audit records to the disk.
Authentication*	N/A	Authentication is the process of confirming that someone actually is who he or she purports to be. Authentication verifies that no tampering or altering of the transmission and message took place.
Authority to Operate*	ATO	An agency grants ATO to an entity upon satisfaction of specific infrastructure requirements.
Authorization*	N/A	Authorization is determining the set of privileges associated with an authenticated user.
Authorized Representative*	NA	An authorized representative is the official within an organization with the legal authority to give assurances, make commitments, and enter into contracts.
Automated Data Processing*	ADP	ADP is the automated process where machines perform operations on data, thus reducing the need for human intervention.
Automated Edit System*	AES	AES consists of edits that automatically identify Medicare fee-for-service claims for which full or partial denying of payment should occur in accordance with Medicare policy.
Automated Information System*	AIS	An AIS is an assembly of computer hardware, software, firmware, or any combination of these, configured to accomplish specific information-handling operations, such as communication, computation, dissemination, processing, and storage of information.

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Automated Plan Payment System*	APPS	APPS is a method of collecting payments that uses an automated system to generate a draft, payable to the creditor and drawn on the payer's checking account, pursuant to the payer's authorization.
Automated Production Control and Scheduling System*	APCSS	APCSS is a CMS Production Environment, automated job scheduling system; APCSS handles the data processing within the OMBDW.
Automated Production Control Documentation*	APCDOC	APCDOC is a comprehensive, online documentation system with complete batch support that maximizes the advantages of production documentation and provides an effective means of communication among programmers, analysts, management, and operations personnel.
Automated Provider Screening Extract	APS Extract	The APS extract is a daily extract of provider data used by the Center for Program Integrity prescreening process.
Automated Reporting and Tracking System	ARTS	ARTS tracks and analyzes workload, performance, and production.
Automatic Call Distribution*	ACD	ACD is a technology that automatically answers incoming phone calls and routes them using a computerized phone system.
Automatic Database Diagnostic Monitor	ADDM	The ADDM analyzes data in the Automatic Workload Repository to identify potential performance bottlenecks.
Automatic Storage Management*	ASM	ASM simplifies the management of database data files, control files and log files.
Automatic Workload Repository*	AWR	The AWR collects performance statistics.
Availability*	N/A	Availability indicates that data are in the place the user needs them, at the time the user needs them, and in the form needed by the user.
Average Handle Time*	AHT	AHT is a call center metric for the average duration of one transaction, typically measured from the customer's initiation of the call and including any hold time, talk time, and related tasks that follow the transaction.
Average Seconds to Answer*	ASA	See ATA.
Average Speed of Answer*	ASA	ASA is the average of the amount of time spent answering all calls in a given period (e.g. the last 15 minutes, today, this month). It is the total amount of answer wait time for all calls divided by the total number of calls. This is often in seconds. (Also called Average Seconds to Answer or Average Time to Answer (ATA))

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Average Time to Answer*	ATA	See Average Speed to Answer.
Award Fee*	N/A	The government bases an award fee on subjective assessment of how well a contractor meets/exceeds performance standards.
Awareness and Training	AT	AT is periodic training in computer security awareness and accepted computer practices.
Axway	N/A	Axway is a global software and services company.
Back-End*	N/A	The back-end of an application launches the programs of the operating system in response to a front-end request.
Background Manager*	BGM	BGM is a computer process that runs behind the scenes (i.e., in the background) without user intervention. Typical tasks include logging, system monitoring, scheduling, and user notification.
Backup Master Domain Manager	BMDM	A BMDM points to the existing Tivoli Workload Scheduler database and becomes the new master domain manager in the event of master domain manager failure.
Backup Site*	N/A	See APS.
Backup*	N/A	Backup is any duplicate of a primary resource function, such as a copy of a computer program or data file for use in case of loss or failure of the primary resource.
Balanced Budget Act of 1997	BBA	The BBA was an omnibus legislative package enacted using the budget reconciliation process and designed to balance the federal budget by 2002. In order to reduce Medicare spending, it reduced payments to health service providers such as hospitals, doctors and nurse practitioners.
Baltimore Data Center	BDC	The BDC serves as the CMS integration, test, and evaluation computer center for new applications.
Baseboard Management Controller	BMC	A BMC is a built-in system component in certain servers that provides clients with around-the-clock remote management, including comprehensive monitoring and troubleshooting capabilities.

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Baseline Change Request*	BCR	A BCR is a formally submitted artifact that tracks all stakeholder requests affecting the project baseline throughout the project lifecycle.
Basic Alternative	BA	BA plans are alternative coverage plans that do not require a supplemental premium.
Basic Health Program	BHP	Under the ACA, the BHP gives States 95 percent of what the Federal Government would spend on tax credits and subsidies for out-of-pocket costs for adults with an income between 133 and 200 percent of the federal poverty level and legally resident immigrants with incomes below 133 percent of the federal poverty level whose immigration status disqualifies them from federally-matched Medicaid.
Basic Input Output System*	BIOS	BIOS is on all Windows based machines, and starts the computer.
Basic Teradata Query	BTEQ	BTEQ is a general-purpose, command-based program that allows users on a workstation to communicate with one or more Teradata relational database management systems, and to format reports for both print and screen output.
Basis of Estimate*	BOE	BOE consists of justifications for arriving at a particular cost estimate, including estimating methods, approach taken, prices used, and assumptions.
Batch Orchestration Module	BOM	The BOM controls the create batch process. It maintains references for all messages included in the batch, controls the outbound batch transaction, generates the batch message, routes the outgoing batch, and processes incoming acknowledgement batches.
Batch Processing	N/A	Batch Processing is a mode of operation in which transactions accumulate over a period, such as a day, week, or month, and then process in a single run.
Batch Submitting Organization*	BSO	A BSO is a third party that uses the CROWNWeb EDI feature to submit bulk data electronically on behalf of a facility. BSOs are typically facility corporate headquarters.
Benchmark Household Contribution	BHC	BHC is the amount a household pays to participate in an insurance marketplace.
Bene Link Key	BLK	Key defined to identify a beneficiary.

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Beneficiary and Family Centered Care	BFCC	A BFCC is a special Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) that addresses all beneficiary concerns and appeals, quality of care reviews, cases of suspected “patient dumping” covered by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), and other types of case review.
Beneficiary Confidentiality Board	BCB	The BCB reviews strategic issues relating to the protection of individually identifiable information from the perspectives of the beneficiary and CMS. The work of the BCB focuses on balancing personal privacy interests with a qualifying public interest.
Beneficiary Contact Center	BCC	Under MMA 2003, the BCC assumes the duties traditionally held by fiscal intermediaries and carriers. In the BCC environment, beneficiaries have a single Medicare point-of contact, a 1-800-MEDICARE call center CMS operates to assist in resolving Medicare and related questions and problems.
Beneficiary Eligibility Suite of System Transactions	BESST	BESST is a suite of applications serving CMS providers, clearinghouses, and Trading Partners. This suite consists of HETS-270/271, HETS-UI, and CBO/CSR applications.
Beneficiary Eligibility*	BE	BE allows an electronic capture of eligibility information on Medicare beneficiaries prior to claim submission.
Beneficiary Identification Code*	BIC	The BIC associates codes with beneficiary conditions.
Beneficiary Identification Resolution Service	BIRS	BIRS is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Enterprise Rules service that allows the rule consumer to supply a Health Insurance Claim Number or Railroad Retirement Board as input and receive the current Beneficiary Health Insurance Claim Number and Bene Link Key for the inputted data.
Beneficiary Initial Enrollment Questionnaire	BENE IEQ	A BENE IEQ is a questionnaire sent to possible enrollees to find out if the enrollee has other insurance that should pay the medical bills before Medicare.
Beneficiary Operational Data Source	BODS	BODS is an Operational Data Source, or ODS, that supports the HIPAA 270/271 and Internet DDE transactions.
Beneficiary Profile Database	N/A	The Beneficiary Profile Database was established to maintain full information for a CMS beneficiary within the MDM environment.
Beneficiary*	BENE	A beneficiary is a person who has healthcare insurance through the Medicare or Medicaid program.

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Berenson-Eggers Type of Service	BETOS	The BETOS coding system analyzes the growth in Medicare expenditures. The coding system covers all HCPCS codes, assigns an HCPCS code to only one BETOS code, and consists of readily understood clinical categories that permit objective assignment.
Berkley Software Distribution	BSD	BSD (sometimes called Berkeley UNIX) is the UNIX operating system derivative developed and distributed by the Computer Systems Research Group of the University of California, Berkeley.
Bidirectional Requirements Traceability Matrix*	BRTM	A BRTM traces functional/non-functional requirements to business requirements, design elements (CSCIs/CSCs), verification/validation methods, and documentation.
Big Brother	N/A	Big Brother is a tool for systems and network monitoring, generally used by System Administrators (SAs). Big Brother supports redundancy via multiple displays, as well as failover. Network elements can be tested from multiple locations and users can write custom tests.
Big Data	N/A	Big data is a collection of data sets so large and complex that it becomes difficult to process using on-hand database management tools or traditional data processing applications.
BIG-IP	BIG-IP	BIG-IP is a network load balancer but also offers other functionality such as access control and application security.
BigTable	N/A	BigTable is a compressed, high performance, and proprietary data storage system built on Google technologies.
Bit*	N/A	A bit is a unit of measurement of information (from binary + digit).
Bitmap*	bmp	A bitmap is a type of memory organization or image file format for storing digital images.
BizTalk	N/A	BizTalk (or BizTalk Server) is a business process, integration platform that supports building XML schema, transforming schema, establishing Trading Partner relationships over the Internet, and tracking and analyzing exchanged data and documents.
Black-Box	N/A	Black-box testing is a method of software testing that tests the functionality of an application as opposed to its internal structures or workings (see white-box testing).

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Blood Urea Nitrogen*	BUN	BUN is a measure of the urea level in blood.
Bloodstream Infection*	BSI	BSI refers to the presence of microbes in the blood with significant clinical consequences (e.g., fever, chills, hypotension, etc.).
Blue Coat	N/A	Blue Coat Systems Inc., formerly CacheFlow, is a leading provider of Web security and WAN optimization solutions.
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association	BCBSA	BCBSA is a federation of 38 separate health insurance organizations and companies in the United States.
Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania	BCNEPA	BCNEPA is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.
Bluetooth	N/A	Bluetooth is a wireless technology standard for exchanging data over short distances from fixed and mobile devices, creating personal area networks with high levels of security.
BMC	N/A	BMC Software is a multinational corporation specializing in Business Service Management software. BMC Software owns the Remedy Action Request System.
BMCSTATS	N/A	BMCSTATS is a DB2 utility that collects and manages useful statistics about DB2 objects. This utility is a complete replacement for RUNSTATS with additional functionality.
Book of Business	BoB	The BI/ETL BoB documents and tracks information on projects in the BI/ETL Program.
Boot Strap Data Set	BSDS	The BSDS contains information about the data sets that contain the DB2 log (which registers data changes and significant events as they occur).
Booz Allen Hamilton	N/A	Booz Allen Hamilton, or Booz Allen, provides management and technology consulting services to the U.S. government and commercial services.
Bourne shell*	sh	sh is the default UNIX shell in use as an interactive command interpreter.
Branch	N/A	A branch is a side-line of development that allows work on larger, experimental, or disrupting work without annoying users of the trunk version.

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Breach Notification	N/A	Breach notification requires prompt notification to affected individuals of a breach by healthcare providers and other HIPAA covered entities, as well as prompt notification to the HHS Secretary and the media in cases where a breach affects more than 500 individuals.
Browser*	N/A	A browser is a software application for retrieving, presenting, and traversing information resources on the World Wide Web.
Buccaneer Computer Systems & Service, Inc	Buccaneer CSSI	Buccaneer is an information technology services firm providing total solutions to government and corporate clients.
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Budgeted Cost of Work Performed*	BCWP	BCWP is the budgeted cost of work that a team or individual performs during a specific period.
Budgeted Cost of Work Scheduled*	BCWS	BCWS is the budgeted cost of work that a team or individual is on the schedule to perform during a specific period.
Building Security in Maturity Model	BSIMM	BSIMM is a study of existing software security initiatives.
Bundle Payment Care Improvement	BPCI	BPCI is a CMMI initiative in which health care organizations enter into payment arrangements for care for Medicare beneficiaries. Under payment “bundling,” hospitals, doctors, and providers are paid a flat rate for care rather than having to bill Medicare separately for each service or bundles of services.
Burp	N/A	Burp is an integrated platform for performing security testing of web applications.
Business Analyst*	BA	A BA analyzes the organization and design of businesses, government departments, and non-profit organizations; they also assess business models and their integration with technology.
Business and Technology Services	BTS	The BTS group is responsible for the installation, maintenance, and operation of the network, system, application, and telecommunications components.
Business Application Acknowledgement	BAA	The BAA Service reports business errors on an 834 Transaction.
Business Applications and Management Group	BAMG	BAMG manages business applications at CMS.



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Business Architecture and Technology Solutions	BATS	The Business Architecture and Technology Solutions (BATS) Board review to institutionalize governance of the shared services approach through initial needs assessments and architecture reviews.
Business Associate*	BA	A BA is a person or entity that performs certain functions or activities that involve the use or disclosure of protected health information on behalf of, or provides services to, a covered entity.
Business Case Analysis*	BCA	BCA is a tool to manage business process improvement activities from inception through implementation. It identifies functional alternatives and presents economical and technical arguments for carrying out alternatives over the life cycle to achieve stated business objectives or imperatives.
Business Continuity Plan*	BCP	A BCP is a logistical plan for an organization or business in the event of disaster (also called Business Continuity & Resiliency Planning (BCRP)). The BCP identifies the organization's exposure to internal and external threats and has plans for prevention and recovery for the organization.
Business Continuity Solution*	BCS	A BCS helps a business in the recovery process after a disaster interrupts or ends service.
Business Event Analysis and Modeling	BEAM	BEAM is a methodology for gathering business requirements for Agile data warehouses and building those warehouses.
Business Intelligence Archive Resource	BIAR	A Business Objects BIAR file is used to collect objects together to facilitate easier backup, restore, or transport of objects from one system to another.
Business Intelligence Extract, Transform, and Load	BI/ETL	BI refers to skills, process, technologies, applications, and practices used to support decision-making. ETL is a process in database usage and especially in data warehousing that involves extracting data from outside sources, transforming it to fit operational needs (which can include quality levels), and loading it into the end target (database or data warehouse).
Business Intelligence Portal	BI Portal	A BI portal is the primary access interface for Data Warehouse and Business Intelligence applications.
Business Intelligence*	BI	BI refers to computer-based techniques used in spotting, digging-out, and analyzing business data, such as sales revenue by products and/or departments or associated costs and incomes.

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Business Object Model*	BOM	A BOM is a representation of the core concepts of a business and their logical connections. The BOM is the basis for the vocabulary used in business rules. The elements of a BOM map to those of a corresponding execution object model.
Business Object*	BO	A BO is a type of intelligible entity that acts inside the business layer in an n-layered architecture of object-oriented computer programs.
Business Operations Group	BOG	The BOG is a component of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) .
Business Operations Management Plan	BusOps Plan	The BusOps Plan documents the execution, monitoring, and control of a project.
Business Owner*	BO	The BO is a stakeholder who has the primary business and technical responsibility for governance, compliance, and return on investment (ROI) for a solution developed by an agile release train (ART). The BO is a key stakeholder on the ART who must evaluate fitness for use and actively participate in certain ART events.
Business Partners System Security Manual	BPSSM	The BPSSM (publication 100-17) addresses CMS IS program requirements for Medicare business partners (i.e., Medicare Carriers, FIs, DMERCs, CWF host sites, Standard System Maintainers, Regional Laboratory Carriers, Claims Processing Data Centers, EDCs, and MACs).
Business Process Administration*	BPA	The BPA Application provides navigational capabilities to manage scheduling activities and review activities, to include logs and ongoing daily, weekly, and monthly processing for the National Provider Identifier Crosswalk System. This application accesses the Directory Browser, the Schedule Manager, the Queue Manager, and the Role-Based Access Administration.
Business Process Analyst*	BPA	BPAs help businesses identify, refine, and execute processes to produce a desired business result.
Business Process Application*	BPA	BPA is an application in the National Provider Identifier Crosswalk System.

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Business Process Management*	BPM	BPM is a holistic management approach focusing on alignment of all aspects of an organization with the wants and needs of clients. It promotes business effectiveness and efficiency while striving for innovation, flexibility, and integration with technology. BPM attempts to improve processes continuously.
Business Process Model and Notation*	BPMN	BPMN (previously Business Process Modeling Notation) is a graphical representation for specifying business processes in a business process model.
Business Process Model*	BPM	A BPM is a graphical depiction of either the existing (As Is) business work flow or the desired (To Be) business work flow.
Business Process*	N/A	A Business Process is a set of defined ad hoc or sequenced collaborative activities performed in a repeatable fashion by an organization.
Business Requirement*	BR	Business requirements are statements of the functions or program needs that must be met in order to accomplish the business objectives of the project. These business objectives address legislative mandates or strategic business goals (such as improved customer service, business efficiencies, business process reengineering, etc.).
Business Requirements and Application Development Organization	BRADO	BRADO is a contract under the auspices of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
Business Requirements Document	BRD	A BRD details the business solution for a project, including the documentation of customer needs and expectations.
Business Risk Assessment	BRA	This document presents a determination about whether uncertain circumstances have the potential to threaten a project.
Business Rule Management System	BRMS	A BRMS is a software system that defines, deploys, executes, monitors, and maintains the variety and complexity of decision logic that operational systems use within an organization or Enterprise. This logic, also referred to as business rules, includes policies, requirements, and conditional statements that help determine the tactical actions that take place in applications and systems.
Business Rule*	RU	A Business Rule is the condition(s) under which a business requirement must be fulfilled.

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Business Rules Analysis Document	BRAD	A BRAD is a Business Rules Enterprise System Governance document that describes how the Rules related functional requirements recorded in the Requirements Document will be fulfilled by Rules Service Business Processes.
Business Rules Enterprise Services	BRES	BRES is a software system that defines, deploys, executes, monitors, and maintains the variety and complexity of decision logic that operational systems use within an organization or Enterprise. This logic, also referred to as business rules, includes policies, requirements, and conditional statements that help determine the tactical actions that take place in applications and systems.
Business Rules Specification Document	BRSD	A BRSD is a Business Rules Enterprise System Governance document that describes how the Rules Business Processes will be fulfilled by Rules Service Business Rules.
Business Service Definition	BSD	A BSD is an iterative and interactive exercise that provides detailed definition of business services on a conceptual level. An organization defines a business service with strong business involvement, and transfers sufficient knowledge to the business to enable the business to generate advantage out of service oriented architecture-enabled flexibility.
Business Service Management	BSM	BSM is a methodology for monitoring and measuring information technology services from a business.
Byte*	N/A	The byte is a unit of digital information in computing and telecommunications. It is an ordered collection of bits. Each bit has the binary value of 1 or 0. There are eight bits in a byte.
C shell	csh	The csh is a UNIX shell that is a command processor typically run in a text window, allowing the user to type commands that cause actions
Cactus	N/A	Cactus is a simple test framework for unit testing server-side Java code.
Calendar Year*	CY	CY refers to the period of 365 days (or 366 days in leap years) starting from the first of January.
CallCenter WorX - MIS 3.0	N/A	CallCenter WorX - MIS 3.0 is part of a suite of customer contact center solutions.

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CamelCase	N/A	CamelCase is the practice of writing compound words or phrases in which the elements are joined without spaces, with each element's initial letter capitalized within the compound and the first letter either upper or lower case - as in LaBelle, BackColor, iPod, or GaGa. The name comes from the uppercase "bumps" in the middle of the compound word, suggestive of the humps of a camel.
Canonical Data Model	CDM	See CIEM.
Canonical Model*	N/A	See CIEM.
Capability Maturity Model Integration	CMMI	CMMI is a process improvement approach that provides organizations with the essential elements for effective process improvement.
Capability Maturity Model Integration for Development	CMMI-DEV	CMMI-DEV is a model that provides guidance for applying CMMI best practices in a development organization.
Capability*	N/A	Capabilities are features provided by a COTS package and that require installation and configuration to be enabled. Capabilities can also address the need to customize COTS user interfaces to support manual activities.
Capacity and Availability Management	CAM	CAM is a CMMI process area that ensures effective service system performance and ensures the availability and effective use of resources to support service requirements.
Capital Expenses*	CapEx	CapEx (and Operating Expenses (OpEx)) describe Lean-Agile financial accounting practices in a Value Stream budget. In some cases, CapEx may include capitalized labor associated with the development of intangible assets—such as software, intellectual property, and patents.
Carahsoft	N/A	Carahsoft is a government information technology solutions provider delivering software and support solutions to federal, State, and local government agencies.
Cardiovascular Disease Screening	CARD	CARD helps detect conditions that may lead to a heart attack or stroke. Medicare covers this service every five years to test the cholesterol, lipid, and triglyceride levels of a Medicaid recipient.
Care Coordination	CC	CC is a Department of Health and Human Services domain for health care quality improvement.

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Care Plan Oversight	CPO	CPO is the physician supervision of Medicare patients under the care of hospices or home health agencies that require complex or multidisciplinary care modalities
CareSource	N/A	CareSource is a nonprofit managed health care plan.
Carrier	N/A	See MAC.
Cascading Style Sheet*	CSS	CSS is a style sheet language that describes the presentation semantics (that is, the look and formatting) of a document written in a markup language.
Case Mix Group	CMG	A CMG is used in patient classification system to group patients with similar characteristics. This provides a basis for describing the types of patients a hospital or other health care provider treats. CMGs are the basis for the Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) rate codes Medicare uses in its prospective payment systems.
CDX ExchangeBuilder	N/A	CDX ExchangeBuilder is a COTS-based design-time suite of tools that automates the processes and reduces the learning curve associated with creating digest messages. It also provides full lifecycle management of all exchange artifacts, built upon a pure XML semantic metadata registry.
Census Bureau	Census	The Census Bureau is a principal agency of the U.S. Federal Statistical System responsible for producing data about the American people and economy.
Center for Clinical Standards and Quality	CCSQ	CCSQ serves as the focal point for all quality, clinical, and medical science issues and policies for CMS' programs.
Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight	CCIIO	CCIIO oversees the implementation of the Affordable Care Act provisions related to private health insurance.
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Center for Drug and Health Plan Choice	CPC	CPC (previously the Center for Beneficiary Choices or CBC) provides beneficiaries with information about Medicare, Medicare Select, Medicare+Choice, and Medigap options.
Center for Information Technology	CIT	CIT is an agency of the U.S. Federal Government and provides technological and computational support and services for the NIH community.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Center for Internet Security	CIS	The CIS is a not-for-profit organization focused on enhancing the cyber security readiness and response of public and private sector entities, with a commitment to excellence through collaboration.
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services	CMCS	CMCS is responsible for the development and implementation of national policies governing Medicaid, and CHIP, including working closely with States.
Center for Medicaid and State Operations	CMSO	See Center for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, and Survey & Certification.
Center for Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program and Survey & Certification	CMSO	CMSO (previously the Center for Medicaid and State Operations) is the office within CMS that handles Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the CLIA, the survey and certification of health facilities, and all interactions with State and local governments.
Center for Medicare	CM	CM serves as CMS' focal point for the formulation, coordination, integration, implementation, and evaluation of national Medicare program policies and operations.
Center for Medicare Management	CMM	The CMM oversees the fee-for-service Medicare program.
Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation	CORE	CORE is a national outcomes research center working on select projects designed to assess healthcare quality and evaluate clinical decision making and comparative effectiveness of specific healthcare interventions.
Center for Program Integrity	CPI	CPI Serves as the CMS focal point for all national and Statewide Medicare and Medicaid programs and the State Children's Health Insurance Program integrity fraud and abuse issues.
Center for Strategic Planning	CSP	CSP oversees ORDI.
Center of Excellence	COE	A COE is a team, a shared facility, or an entity that provides leadership, evangelization, best practices, research, support, and/or training for a focus area.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	CDC	CDC is a U.S. federal agency under the Department of Health and Human Services. It works to protect public health and safety by providing information to enhance health decisions, and it promotes health through partnerships with State health departments and other organizations.

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	CMS	CMS is a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that administers the Medicare program and works in partnership with State governments to administer Medicaid, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and health insurance portability standards.
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Certification Number	CCN	The CCN, formerly known as the Medicare/Medicaid Provider Number, is an indicator verifying that a provider has been Medicare certified and for what type of services.
Central Data Administration	CDA	The CMS CDA team manages and supports the CMS data dictionary, naming standards, and data models in support of the agency data management and data utilization objectives.
Central Database Administration System	CDBASYS	CDBASYS is a central database administration system for CMS.
Central Database Administrator*	CDBA	The CDBA has final approval for all database objects running on all database servers.
Central Management Console	CMC	The Business Objects CMC allows the user to perform user management tasks, such as setting up authentication and adding users and groups; to publish, organize, and set security levels for all BusinessObjects Enterprise content; and to manage servers and create server groups.
Central Office*	CO	One of two main offices for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. One is located in Baltimore, MD and the other is located in Washington, DC.
Central Processing Unit*	CPU	A CPU is the portion of a computer system that carries out the instructions of a computer program; it is the primary element carrying out the computer's functions.
Central Repository*	CR	A CR is a location where data is stored and maintained.
Central Standard Time	CST	This is the standard time in the 6th time zone west of Greenwich, reckoned at the 90th meridian. This time zone is in the central part of the United States.
Centralized Installation Manager	CIM	CIM is a feature with WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment, Version 7.0 for distributed platforms, to consolidate and simplify the steps for performing installations and applying maintenance on systems in the Network Deployment cell.
CentraSite	N/A	CentraSite is a powerful, open, standards-based Service-Oriented Architecture registry and repository that allows customers to manage and govern their Service-Oriented Architecture environment.



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Certificate Authority	CA	A CA is an entity that issues digital certificates.
Certification & Accreditation	C&A	C&A is a process for implementing information security. It is a systematic procedure for evaluating, describing, testing, and authorizing systems prior to or after a system is in operation.
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Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting System	CASPER	The Online Survey Certification and Reporting (OSCAR) file was an administrative database of CMS for many years. Effective July 2012, survey data has been replaced by the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) system and the Quality Improvement Evaluation System (QIES). CASPER/QIES are part of a large relational database operating within CMS' Automated Survey Processing Environment (ASPEN).
Certification Package for Internal Controls	CPIC	The CPIC represents a summary of a contractor's internal control environment for a predetermined period as certified by the organization. It includes an explicit conclusion as to whether the internal controls over financial reporting are effective. This submission includes all findings (material weaknesses) identified during this period.
Certification, Accreditation, and Security Assessment	CA	CA is a security control that assesses the certification and accreditation (C&A) and security of a system.
Certified Electronic Health Record Technology	CEHRT	CEHRT is technology approved by CMS and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) based on established standards and other criteria for structured data that EHRs must use.
Certified Solution Developer	CSD	CSD is the highest level of certification programming that Microsoft offers.
Change Advisory Board	CAB	The CAB delivers support to the Change Management Team by approving requested changes and assisting in the assessment and prioritization of changes.
Change Control Board	CCB	The CCB is a committee that makes decisions regarding whether or not to move forward with proposed changes to a project configuration item.
Change Management Plan	ChMP	The ChMP defines the process and procedure governing the initial configuration of an application as well as any changes that may be required.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Change Management Process*	CMP	The CMP is the process of requesting, determining attainability, planning, implementing, and evaluating of changes to a system.
Change Management*	N/A	Change Management ensures the use of standardized methods and procedures for efficient and prompt handling of all changes to control IT infrastructure in order to minimize the number and impact of any related incidents upon service.
Change of Ownership	CHOW	A CHOW occurs when a provider assumes or accepts the assets, liabilities, and provider agreement of an existing Medicare provider.
Change Request*	CR	A CR is a formally submitted artifact used to track all stakeholder requests (including new features, enhancement requests, defects, changed requirements, etc.) along with related status information throughout the project life cycle.
Change Review Board	CRB	The CRB is a group of individuals who are responsible for deciding when and if any particular changes are made to work products or events.
Character Generator	CHARGEN	CHARGEN is a protocol service in the Internet Protocol Suite.
Character Large Object*	CLOB	CLOB is a collection of character data in a database management system, usually stored in a separate location that is referenced in the table itself.
Chef	N/A	Chef is used to streamline the task of configuring and maintaining a company's servers and can integrate with cloud-based platforms.
Chief Enterprise Architect	CEA	A CEA ensures the Enterprise processes and systems express the business strategy, along with any relevant trends. A major goal of the CEA is to facilitate change in a way that maximizes its value and minimizes the associated change difficulties.
Chief Executive Officer*	CEO	A CEO is the highest-ranking officer or administrator in charge of management with a corporation.
Chief Financial Officer*	CFO	A CFO is the corporate executive having financial authority to make appropriations and authorize expenditures for a firm.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Chief Information Officer*	CIO	A CIO is responsible for creating and managing CMS' Enterprise-wide information infrastructure, supporting its business units on technology issues, and providing recommendations to the CMS executive team on technology policies, sources, investments, and resource allocation. The CIO is also responsible for ensuring the Agency's compliance with key legislative and business drivers specifically related to information technology.
Chief Information Security Officer*	CISO	A CISO is the senior-level executive within an organization responsible for establishing and maintaining the Enterprise vision, strategy, and program to ensure adequate protection of information assets.
Chief Operating Officer*	COO	A COO is responsible for the daily operations of an organization and generally reports to the CEO.
Children's Health Insurance Program	CHIP	CHIP is a program administered by HHS that provides matching funds to States for health insurance to families with children. The program covers uninsured children in families with incomes that are modest but too high to qualify for Medicaid.
Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act	CHIPRA	CHIPRA is legislation that provides States with new funding, new programmatic options, and a range of new incentives for covering children through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.
Chrome	N/A	Chrome is Google's freeware Web browser.
Chronic Condition Data Warehouse	CCW	CCW is a CMS-owned set of information products and analytics examining chronic conditions among Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries.
Chronic Condition Warehouse	CCW	The CMS CCW is a research database of information about chronic conditions among Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries.
Chronic Kidney Disease*	CKD	CKD is a condition characterized by a gradual loss of kidney function over time.
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*	COPD	COPD refers to a group of lung diseases that block airflow and make breathing difficult.
Circuit Breaker*	N/A	Circuit breaker is a software development design pattern that is used to detect failures and encapsulate logic preventing a failure to reoccur constantly (during maintenance, temporary external system failure, or unexpected system difficulties).
Cisco	N/A	Cisco is an American multinational corporation that designs, manufactures, and sells networking equipment.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Cisco Internetwork Operating System	Cisco IOS	The Cisco IOS is a package of routing, switching, Internetworking, and telecommunications functions integrated into a multitasking operating system.
Citrix	N/A	Citrix is a multinational corporation that provides server and desktop virtualization, networking, software-as-a-service and cloud computing technologies.
Citrix MetaFrame Server	N/A	See XenApp.
Citrix NetScaler	N/A	Citrix NetScaler is a Web application delivery appliance.
Citrix Presentation Server	N/A	See XenApp.
Citrix WinFrame Server	N/A	See XenApp.
Civil False Claims Act	N/A	The Civil False Claims Act is federal law that imposes liability on persons and companies (typically federal contractors) who defraud governmental programs. The law includes a provision that allows people not affiliated with the government to file actions on behalf of the government (informally called whistle blowing).
Civil Money Penalty Tracking System	CMPTS	CMPTS is the centralized CMS database that tracks the collection and allocation of CMP payments.
Civil Service Retirement System	CSRS	CSRS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for most civilian employees in the U.S. Federal Government. Employees hired after the creation of the Federal Employees Retirement System in 1987 cannot participate in CSRS.
Claim Account Number*	CAN	CAN is a field that indicates the Claim Account Number.
Claim Control Number*	CCN	A CCN is a 14-digit number given to each claim when it enters the Medicare system. The first five digits indicate the date (in Julian date format) Medicare receives the claim. The Julian date equals the first two digits of the year and the next three digits are the sequential numbering of the days of the year (March 23, 2007, shows 07083). The sixth digit indicates whether the claim was an electronic or paper submission. The final digit indicates whether the claim is an initial or adjusted claim. A final number of 1 or higher indicates an adjusted claim.
Claim Status Inquire	CSI	CSI allows an electronic check of the status of production claims after passing through the front-end edits and receiving Claim Control Numbers (CCNs).
Claims-Based Measure*	CBM	A CBM is a measure based on information from inpatient and outpatient claims of Medicare beneficiaries.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Clam AntiVirus	ClamAV	Clam AntiVirus (ClamAV) is a free, cross-platform antivirus software tool-kit able to detect many types of malicious software, including viruses.
Clarification Question*	N/A	A clarification question is a request for additional information pertaining to a facility's ESRD QIP score. A facility submits a clarification question to CMS if the facility has a question about methodology or how the ESRD QIP system calculates scores. There is no limit to the number of clarification questions a facility can submit during the preview period.
Class of Admission	COA	A COA a three-letter code representing the immigrant category under which the immigrant became a permanent resident.
Classless Inter-Domain Routing	CIDR	CIDR is a method for allocating IP addresses and routing IP packets.
Clean Claim	N/A	A clean claim is a claim that has no defect, impropriety, lack of any required substantiating documentation - (including the substantiating documentation needed to meet the requirements for encounter data), or particular circumstance requiring special treatment that prevents timely payment; and a claim that otherwise conforms to the clean claim requirements for equivalent claims under original Medicare.
Client Acceptance Environment	CA	The CA is the client-specified acceptance environment.
Client Network Services, Incorporated	CNSI	CNSI provides information technology and business process outsourcing solutions to a diverse base of federal, State, and local government agencies, and commercial Enterprises.
Client Test Environment	CT	CT is the client-specified test environment.
Clinger-Cohen Act	CCA	The CCA (previously the Information Technology Management Reform Act or ITMRA) is a Federal Government law passed to direct the development and maintenance of IT Architectures by federal agencies to improve the acquisition and management of IT within the government.
Clinical and Operational Performance Reporting	COPR	COPR provides a series of reports that assists CMS in detecting fraud and abuse, analyzing trends in enrollment and eligibility, and analyzing the effectiveness of the Medicare Modernization Act program.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Clinical Classifications Software	CCS	Developed at AHRQ, CCS is a tool for clustering patient diagnoses and procedures into a manageable number of clinically meaningful categories. CCS enables researchers to group conditions and procedures without having to sort through thousands of codes.
Clinical Data Abstraction Center	CDAC	A CDAC is an entity that provides processing and abstraction of medical records on behalf of CMS.
Clinical Data Warehouse	CLDW	CLDW is the Hospital Quality Reporting data warehouse with claims data.
Clinical Documentation Architecture	CDA	CDA is a flexible markup standard developed by Health Level 7 International (HL7). It defines the structure of certain medical records, such as discharge summaries and progress notes, as a way to better exchange this information between providers and patients.
Clinical Lab*	CLab	A CLab is a laboratory that performs tests on clinical specimens in order to get information about the health of a patient as pertaining to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease.
Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment	CLIA	CLIA establishes quality standards for all laboratory testing to ensure the accuracy, reliability, and timeliness of patient test results regardless of the test location.
Clinical Modifications*	CM	CM is a classification system provided by CMS and the National Center for Health Statistics for medical coding and reporting in the U.S.
Clinical Performance Measure*	CPM	CPMs are quantitative indicators, typically expressed as a percentage, that reflect the quality of care patients received.
Clinical Process/Effectiveness*	CPE	CPE is a Department of Health and Human Services domain for health care quality improvement.
Clinical Quality Measures*	CQM	CQMs are tools that help measure and track the quality of health care services provided by eligible professionals, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) within the United States health care system.
Clinical Services*	CSM	CSM is an MSIS data mart that allows analysts to access drug utilization and expenditure data.
Close of Business*	COB	COB is the official end of the workday.
Closed-Circuit Television*	CCTV	CCTV is the use of video cameras to transmit a signal to a specific place, on a limited set of monitors.
Cloud Service Provider*	CSP	A CSP provides cloud computing as a service.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Cloud*	N/A	Cloud, or cloud computing, is the use of computing resources (hardware and software) delivered as a service over a network (typically the Internet). The name comes from the use of a cloud-shaped symbol as an abstraction for the complex infrastructure it contains in system diagrams. Cloud computing entrusts remote services with a user's data, software, and computation.
Cloudera	N/A	Cloudera is a United States-based software company that provides Apache Hadoop-based software, support and services, and training to business customers.
Cloudera Data Hub	CDH	CDH is Cloudera's open-source platform. It offers batch processing, interactive SQL, interactive search, and enterprise-grade continuous availability.
Cloudera Impala	N/A	Cloudera Impala is a distributed query execution engine that runs against data stored natively in Apache HDFS and Apache HBase.
Cloudera Manager	N/A	Cloudera Manager is an end-to-end application for managing CDH clusters.
Cloudera Navigator	N/A	Cloudera Navigator is a fully integrated data management and security system for the Hadoop platform.
CloudFront	N/A	CloudFront is a content delivery network (CDN) offered by Amazon Web Services (AWS). It provides a globally-distributed network of proxy servers, which cache content, such as Web videos or other bulky media, more locally to consumers, improving access speed for downloading content.
Clover	N/A	Clover is an ETL Tool bundled with the Initiate MDM product.
CM Database	CMDB	The CMDB is the repository for system configuration information.
CMS Abstraction and Reporting Tool	CART	CART is an application for the collection and analysis of quality improvement data.
CMS Access Administrator	CAA	A CAA is a CMS network and system administrator who controls access to CMS computer systems.
CMS Baltimore Data Center	CDC	The CDC is a data center housed at CMS headquarters in Baltimore.
CMS Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation	CMMI	CMMI tests innovative payment and service delivery models that reduce program expenditures and preserve or enhance the quality of care.

Term	Acronym	Definition
CMS Certification Number	CCN	The CCN, formerly the Medicare/Medicaid Provider Number (also known as the OSCAR Number, Medicare Identification Number, or Provider Number), serves a critical role in verifying that a provider has been Medicare certified and for what type of services. This number is used throughout the various components of CMS, and maintaining this number is integral to CMS' business operations.
CMS Enterprise Portal	N/A	The CMS Enterprise Portal is a gateway being offered to allow the public to access a number of systems related to Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug, and other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services programs.
CMS FISMA Controls Tracking System	CFACTS	Contractors use CFACTS to report security findings and store security artifacts for FISMA assessments.
CMS Human Resource Information System	CHRIS	CHRIS automates costly or critical manual processes for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services human resources and administrative processes. CHRIS is also known as the CMS Administrative Technology Solutions.
CMS Information Exchange Model	CIEM	CIEM is an Enterprise design pattern, closely related to the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM), which provides common data naming, definitions, and values within a generalized data framework. The goal of CIEM is to provide a dictionary of reusable common objects and definitions at an Enterprise or business-domain level to enhance system interoperability.
CMS Information Security Suite	CISS	CISS (previously the Contractor Assessment Security Tool or CAST) is the tool Medicare Business Partners use for performing annual information assessments and for updating the quarterly corrective action plans.
CMS Intake Review Team	CIRT	CIRT is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) group that reviews IT Intake Request Forms and assigns appropriate resources to help with the issue.
CMS Integrated Security Suite	CISS	CISS is a CMS program that facilitates management of self-assessment compliance by ensuring consistency between actual security efforts and reported weaknesses and remediation.
CMS Internal Dashboard Prototype	N/A	CMS Internal Dashboard Prototype is an Enterprise view of summarized fee-for-service, IPPS data by payment and volume.
CMS Medicare Entitlement, Eligibility, and Enrollment Database	CME Database	The CME Database is a CDBASYS database for CMS Medicare Entitlement, Eligibility, and Enrollment data.



Term	Acronym	Definition
CMS Minimum Security Requirements	CMSR	In conjunction with CMS Information Security Acceptable Risk Safeguards, CMSR contain a broad set of required security standards from NIST SP 800-53 and NIST 800-63, as well as additional standards from CMS policies, procedures, and guidance, other federal and non-federal guidance resources and industry leading security practices.
CMS Office of Communications	CMS OC	CMS OC leads strategic communication efforts for Federal programs delivering healthcare to millions of Americans. CMS OC oversees communications planning, marketing, creative services, Web strategy, media relations, and call center operations.
CMS-2728 Form	N/A	The CMS-2728 Form is required for all newly diagnosed ESRD patients, regardless of their Medicare status or treatment modality. The CMS-2728 Form provides medical evidence of an end-stage renal condition for Medicare entitlement and registers a patient in a national renal registry.
CMS-2744 Form	N/A	The CMS-2744 Form is an annual report that dialysis facilities must turn in to their Network. The survey is designed to capture a limited amount of information concerning each Federally approved renal facility's operation.
CMS-2746 Form	N/A	The CMS-2746 Form is a one-time form completed when a dialysis patient dies. The purpose of the form is to notify Medicare of the date and cause of a patient's death. The CMS-2746 Form is to be completed by the transplant or dialysis center that was last responsible for the care of the patient on an ongoing basis, regardless of the place of death.
CMSNet	N/A	CMSNet, formerly known as the Medicare Data Communications Network (MNON-COMPLIANCE), is a CMS network connecting the CMS headquarters to CMS Regional Offices.
Code of Federal Regulations	CFR	The CFR is a codification (arrangement of) the general and permanent rules published in the federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government.
Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature	CDT	The CDT is the code set for dental services.
Codebase*	N/A	Codebase is the entire collection of source code used to build a particular application or component.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Cogent People	N/A	Cogent People is a company that provides information technology and business consulting services for government and commercial agencies.
Cognos	N/A	Cognos is an IBM business intelligence and performance management software suite.
Cognos Application Firewall	CAF	CAF is a security tool used to supplement the existing IBM Cognos 8 security infrastructure at the application level.
Cognos ReportNet	CRN	CRN is a Web-based software product for creating and managing ad-hoc and custom-made reports.
Cold Site*	N/A	A cold site is a location that has the basic infrastructure and environmental controls available, but no equipment or telecommunications established in place. There is a sufficient room to house needed equipment to sustain a system's critical functions.
Collab Tool	N/A	Collab Tool is a document repository.
CollabNet	N/A	CollabNet is a provider for cloud development and Agile application life cycle management products and services.
CollabNet TeamForge	CTF	CTF specifically targets application life cycle management for distributed software teams. TeamForge is an integrated Web-based platform that enables these teams to work collaboratively through the various stages of the application life cycle to include plan, code, track, build and test, lab management, release, report, and collaborate.
Collaborative Advanced Analytics and Data Sharing	CAADS	CAADS is a HCQIS analytics platform solution in development.
Collaborative Application Life Cycle Management Tool	CALT	CALT provides the capabilities to facilitate communication, collaborate, develop, manage, and govern within a project and across projects.
Colorectal Cancer Screening*	COLO	Medicare covers COLO to help find pre-cancerous polyps (growths in the colon) so they can be removed before they turn into cancer.
Comma Separated Value*	CSV	A CSV file is a simple, text format for a database table. Each record in the table is one line of the text file. A character (typically a comma, but some European countries use a semi-colon as a value separator instead) separates each field value of a record from the next character.

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Command Line Interface*	CLI	A CLI is a type of interface (compare to Graphical User Interface) in which all interaction with the underlying operating system occurs through keyboard input.
Command List*	CLIST	A CLIST is a file containing a series of commands that are processed in the order given when the file is entered.
Command Run On*	CRON	CRON is a time-based UNIX job scheduler.
Comma-Separated Value File*	CSV File	A CSV file is a simple, text format for a database table. Each record in the table is one line of the text file. A character (typically a comma, but some European countries use a semi-colon as a value separator instead) separates each field value of a record from the next character.
Commercial off-the-Shelf*	COTS	COTS refers to an item, software application, or service available in the commercial market.
Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange	CORE	CORE is a committee of more than 120 industry leaders who help create and promulgate a set of voluntary business rules focused on improving physician and hospital access to electronic patient insurance information before, during, and after the time of care.
Common Business-Oriented Language*	COBOL	COBOL is a high-level commercial programming language.
Common Control Provider	CCP	An organizational official responsible for the planning, development, implementation, assessment, authorization, and maintenance of common controls (i.e., security controls inherited by information systems).
Common Electronic Data Interchange	CEDI	CEDI provides a single electronic frontend solution for all DME MAC suppliers.
Common Medicare Environment	CME	The CME consists of Medicare beneficiary data consolidated into a set of DB2 tables under the MMA.
Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures*	CVE	CVE is a catalog of known security threats. The catalog is sponsored by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and threats are divided into two categories: vulnerabilities and exposures.
Common Vulnerability Scoring System	CVSS	CVSS provides an open framework for communicating the characteristics and impacts of IT vulnerabilities. Its quantitative model ensures repeatable accurate measurement while enabling users to see the underlying vulnerability characteristics that were used to generate the scores.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Common Weakness Enumeration	CWE	CWE is a software community project for creating a catalog of software weaknesses and vulnerabilities.
Common Working File Medicare Quality Assurance	CWFMQA	CWFMQA validates Common Working File claims data for consistency, utilization, enrollment/duplicate checking, and frequency distribution. CWFMQA performs edits on the data, identifies possible anomalies to OIS/BAMG, and annotates the claims with an edit code to denote data deficiencies.
Common Working File*	CWF	The CWF is a single data source for Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers to verify beneficiary eligibility and conduct prepayment review and approval of claims from a national perspective.
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI	CNMI is a commonwealth in political union with the U.S., occupying a strategic region of the western Pacific Ocean.
Communicate Eligibility Determination	N/A	The Communicate Eligibility Determination Service facilitates the storing/writing of individual eligibility determination information from various marketplaces to the CMS common data store (federal Marketplace Program System).
Communication Management Plan	CoMP	The CoMP documents and defines the protocol for conducting effective communications for the project to help manage project team and stakeholder expectations and prevent un-channeled communication, the methods and activities needed to ensure timely and appropriate collection, generation, dissemination, storage, and ultimate disposition of project information among the project team and stakeholders, and the groups that do not have access to certain information and what type of information will not be widely distributed.
Communication Support Page	CSP	The CSP is a CMS-owned Web page that allows individual eligible professionals and group practices submit a request for a hardship exemption to the eRx payment adjustment, request National Provider Identifier (NPI) level PQRS and eRx feedback reports, and submit a request for a Physicians Quality Reporting System informal review.
Community Based Organization/Customer Service Representative	CBO/CSR	CBOs work to boost enrollment for those elements of the population most in need of outreach activities. When a CBO contacts CMS on behalf of one or more beneficiaries, it is necessary for the CSR to determine the eligibility of the beneficiary. The CBO/CSR system delivers critical eligibility data in a near real-time manner through the CSR software.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Community Enterprise Operating System	CentOS	CentOS is a Linux distribution that attempts to provide a free Enterprise class computing platform that has 100% binary compatibility with its upstream source, Red Hat Enterprise Linux.
Community Health Organization	CHO	A CHO is an organization with regulatory authority to survey agencies providing home health, hospice, and home medical equipment services to determine if they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and CMS Quality Standards.
Community of Practice*	COP	A COP is an organized group of people who have a common interest in a specific technical or business domain. They collaborate regularly to share information, improve their skills, and actively work on advancing the general knowledge of the domain.
Community-Acquired Pneumonia*	CAP	CAP is pneumonia acquired infectiously from normal social contact (that is, in the community), as opposed to being acquired during hospitalization (hospital-acquired pneumonia).
Community-Based Organizations*	CBO	A CBO is a non-provider legal entity that works with health care providers to help manage health care Programs and outcomes. It provides care transition services through arrangements with hospitals with sufficient representation of multiple health care stakeholders, including consumers.
Comorbidity*	N/A	Comorbidity refers to two or more coexisting medical conditions or disease processes that are additional to an initial diagnosis.
Compact Disc Erasable*	CD-E	A CD-E is an erasable compact disc.
Compact Disc Recordable*	CD-R	A CD-R is a recordable compact disc.
Compact Disc*	CD	A CD is an optical disc that stores digital data.
Compact Disc-Read-Only Memory*	CD-ROM	A CD-ROM is a pre-pressed compact disc that contains data accessible to, but not writable by, a computer for data storage and music playback.
Competitive Bid Implementation Contractor	CBIC	CBIC is a contractor that assists CMS in the implementation of the DMEPOS competitive bidding program, including bid evaluation, selection of winning bids, customer support, and determining payment amounts.
Complainant	N/A	The complainant is the person who submits the complaint.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Complainant Registration	N/A	This functionality allows prospective complainants to provide contact information necessary for successful resolution of a complaint.
Complaint Evaluation Recommendation Report	CERR	A CERR is the contractor's evaluation of the response sent by the covered entity.
Complaint Management*	N/A	Complaint management includes all facets of managing a complaint to include communicating the status of a complaint to a complainant, managing internal functions such as appending supporting documents when necessary, and providing complainants with the ability to check the status of a complaint and provide supporting documents when necessary.
Complaint Report and Recommendation	CRR	A CRR is the contractor evaluation of new complaints, alleged violations, recommended actions, and documentation required from the covered entity.
Complete Statistical Analytical Table	CSAT	CSAT is a quarterly dataset that provides state and national level claims data variables derived from Medicare Part A / Part B / Part D claims data specifically for the national and state Quality Improvement Networks and Organizations (QIN-QIOs).
Compliance Data System	CDS	CDS is an OCR, Web-based system that enables individuals and organizations to file complaints against a healthcare provider, health plan, or clearinghouse regarding allegations of a failure to comply with the Privacy and/or Security Rule provisions of HIPAA.
Component Object Model*	COM	COM objects are discrete components, each with a unique identity, which expose interfaces that allow applications and other components to access their features.
Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement	CJR	CJR is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services program that holds hospitals accountable for the quality of care they deliver to Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries for hip and knee replacements and/or other major leg procedures from surgery through recovery.
Comprehensive End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Care	CEC	CEC is a CMMI model that will provide incentives for dialysis centers, nephrologists, and others to work together to improve the entire care experience for ESRD patients.
Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Program	CERT Program	The CERT program monitors payment decisions made by Carriers, FIs, and DMERCs and measures the scope of improper payments in the Medicare FFS program.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Comprehensive Primary Care	CPC	The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services CPC initiative is a multi-payer initiative fostering collaboration between public and private health care payers to strengthen primary care.
Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative	CPCI	CPCI is a multi-payer initiative fostering collaboration between public and private health care payers to strengthen primary care. Medicare works with commercial and State health insurance plans and offers bonus payments to primary care doctors who better coordinate care for their patients. Primary care practices that choose to participate in this initiative are given resources to better coordinate primary care for their Medicare patients.
Computer Associates	CA	CA (Technologies) is an IT management software and solutions company.
Computer Associates Entity Relationship for Windows	CA ERwin	CA ERwin is a software tool for data modeling (data requirements analysis, database design, etc.) of custom developed information systems, including databases of transactional systems and data marts.
Computer Associates Software Change Manager	CA Software Change Manager	CA Software Change Manager allows control of all mainframe software change management tasks through its comprehensive automated transformation functions, module relationship management capabilities, parallel development management support and powerful release automation features.
Computer Fraud and Abuse Act	CFAA	The CFAA governs cases with a compelling federal interest, where computers of the Federal Government or certain financial institutions are involved, where the crime itself is interstate in nature, or where computer use is in interstate and foreign commerce.
Computer Matching Agreement*	CMA	A CMA is a written agreement that establishes the conditions, safeguards, and the procedures under which a government agency agrees to disclose data where there is a computerized comparison of two or more systems of record.
Computer Security Incident Response Team	CSIRT	CSIRT is a computer emergency response team that focuses on the task of handling computer security incidents instead of other tech support work, in particular malware, computer worms, and viruses.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Computer Security Law of 1987	N/A	The Computer Security Law of 1987, Public Law No. 100-235 (H.R. 145), (Jan. 8, 1988), was passed by the United States Congress. It was passed to improve the security and privacy of sensitive information in federal computer systems and to establish a minimum acceptable security practices for such systems. It requires the creation of computer security plans, and the appropriate training of system users or owners where the systems house sensitive information.
Computer Software Component	CSC	A CSC is a software component of a CSCI.
Computer Software Configuration Item*	CSCI	A CSCI is a software component of a system, designated for configuration management to ensure configuration integrity.
Computer Telephony Integration	CTI	CTI is technology that allows integration of interactions on a telephone and a computer
Computer-Based Training*	CBT	CBT is training delivered to the trainee via a computer.
Concept of Operations	CONOP	The CONOP is a methodology that describes current business operations and envisions a future transformation that meets the needs of stakeholders. This is a living document.
Concept Phase*	N/A	During the Concept Phase, the team initiates development of business requirements and constraints, identifies business risks, and documents high-level system requirements and technical concept of operations.
Conditions for Coverage	CfC	CfCs refer to minimum health and safety standards providers and suppliers of health services must comply with to qualify for Medicare certification and reimbursement.
Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability*	CIA	CIA is a widely used benchmark for evaluation of information systems security, focusing on the three core goals of confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information.
Configuration and Change Management Plan	CCMP	A CCMP documents configuration and change management procedures for a project or system.
Configuration and Change Management*	CCM	The formal process to ensure that information about system configuration is accurate, and is updated consistently throughout the system's life.



Term	Acronym	Definition
Configuration Baseline*	N/A	A configuration baseline is information formally designated, at a specific time during a product life cycle, that serves as the basis for further development, and that can only change through change control procedures.
Configuration Control*	N/A	Configuration control includes activities of configuration management consisting of evaluation, coordination, approval or disapproval, and implementation of changes to configuration items after formal establishment of their configuration identification. Adding, modifying, replacing, or removing configuration items can only occur with appropriate controlling documentation (e.g., an approved Request for Change). Configuration control also includes controlling access to the configuration items.
Configuration Item*	CI	A CI is a fundamental structural unit of a configuration management system. A CI applies to anything designated for the application of the elements of CM and treated as a single entity in the configuration management system.
Configuration Management Group	CMG	The CMG is the group of configuration management specialists at QSSI who perform all tasks associated with configuration management.
Configuration Management Plan	CMP	The CMP defines the implementation (including policies and methods) of configuration management on a particular program/project.
Configuration Management*	CM	CM is a field of management that focuses on establishing and maintaining consistency of system or product performance and its functional and physical attributes with its requirements, design, and operational information throughout its life.
Configuration Manager*	N/A	The Configuration Manager manages software configuration items.
Configuration Status Accounting	CSA	CSA is an element of configuration management consisting of the recording and reporting of information needed to manage a configuration effectively.
Configuration*	N/A	A configuration is an arrangement of functional units according to their nature, number, and chief characteristics.
Conformance Testing*	N/A	Conformance testing is the process of testing that an implementation conforms to the based-upon specification.
Conformance*	N/A	Conformance is a state or act of adherence to a certain specification, standard, or guideline.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Congressional Budget Office	CBO	The CBO is a federal agency within the legislative branch of the United States government that provides economic data to Congress.
Connect:Direct	C:D	CD is a computer software product to transfer files between mainframe computers, and midrange computers.
Consolidated Data Analysis Center	CDAC	CDAC is a Center of Excellence within the Office of the Inspector General to provide law enforcement partners with best practices, consultancy and skills development in data mining, predictive analytics, data management, and modeling in support of fraud prevention and recovery.
Consolidated Information Technology Infrastructure Contract	CITIC	CITIC is a Lockheed Martin contract to provide agency-wide information technology and infrastructure support services for CMS.
Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area	CMSA	A CMSA is a geographic entity defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget for use by federal statistical agencies.
Consolidated Renal Operations in a Web-Enabled Network	CROWNWeb	CROWNWeb refers to the Web-based system that CMS authorized the design and implementation of in support of the Conditions for Coverage for ESRD facilities. CROWNWeb accepts administrative and clinical data electronic submissions from dialysis facilities. In addition, CROWNWeb supports the electronic collection and reporting of ESRD data.
Consortium for Medicare Health Plan Operations	CMHPO	CMHPO serves as the Field focal point for all interactions with managed health care organizations, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (Part D) plans for issues relating to CMS programs, policy and operations.
Constraint*	N/A	A constraint is a specific type of requirement that limits design, development, or deployment options. Constraints mandate the way the system must be produced and may exist at both the business requirements level and the functional/nonfunctional requirements level.
Constructive Cost Model*	COCOMO	COCOMO is an algorithmic software cost estimation model that uses a basic regression formula, with parameters derived from historical project data and current project characteristics.
Consul	N/A	Consul is a distributed, highly available, data center-aware, service discovery and configuration system.
Consul z/Secure	N/A	The Consul z/Secure suite provides z/OS-specific security management and compliance solutions. This suite consists of z/Admin, z/Audit, and z/Lock.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Consultants to Government and Industry	CGI	CGI provides end-to-end IT and business process services to clients worldwide.
Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems	CAHPS	CAHPS is a series of patient surveys rating health care experiences in the United States. The surveys, conducted annually since 1995, are available in the public domain and focus on healthcare quality aspects that patients find important and are well equipped to assess Medicare uses the results of these surveys in determining Diagnostic Related Group payment for each hospital.
Consumer Information and Insurance Systems Group	CIISG	CIISG provides national leadership in setting and enforcing standards for health insurance that promote fair and reasonable practices to ensure that affordable, quality health coverage is available to all Americans.
Container Managed Persistence	CMP	CMP is an entity bean that delegates responsibility for storage to its container.
Content Delivery Network	CDN	A CDN is a globally distributed network or proxy servers deployed in multiple data centers. The goal of a CDN is to serve content to end users with high availability and high performance.
Contingency Plan	CP	See Information Security Contingency Plan.
Contingency Plan Coordinator	CPC	The CPC is responsible for overseeing the CP process and CP testing, and for coordinating activities with the management team as necessary.
Contingency Plan Trigger	N/A	A Contingency Plan Trigger is an event or an occurrence, or sequence of events that activate the execution of prescribed contingency plans associated with a given risk.
Contingency Planning Coordinator	CPC	The CPC is responsible for overseeing the CP process and CP testing, and for coordinating activities with the management team as necessary.
Contingency Planning*	CP	CP is a security control that tests a system's contingency planning.
Continuing Education Unit	CEU	A CEU is a unit of credit equal to ten hours of participation in an accredited program designed for professionals with certificates or licenses to practice various professions.
Continuing Medical Education	CME	CME refers to ongoing training and classes in the field of medicine.
Continuity of Operations Plan	COOP	The COOP documents the preparations and institutions maintained associated with the system, providing survival of operations in the case of catastrophic events.

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Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis	CAPD	CAPD is a maintenance system of peritoneal dialysis in which an indwelling catheter permits fluid to drain into and out of the peritoneal cavity by gravity.
Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis	CCPD	CCPD is a form of peritoneal dialysis that uses a machine. This machine automatically fills and drains the dialysis solution from the abdomen. A typical CCPD schedule involves three to five exchanges during the night while the person sleeps. During the day, the person using CCPD performs one exchange with a dwell time that lasts the entire day.
Continuous Deployment*	CD	CD is the process that takes validated Features from Continuous Integration and deploys them into the production environment, where they are tested and readied for release. It is the third element in the four-part Continuous Delivery Pipeline of Continuous Exploration (CE), Continuous Integration (CI), Continuous Deployment, and Release on Demand.
Continuous Exploration*	CE	CE is the process of continually exploring the market and user needs, and defining a Vision, Roadmap, and set of Features that address those needs. It's the first element in the four-part Continuous Delivery Pipeline, preceding Continuous Integration (CI) Continuous Deployment (CD), and Release on Demand.
Continuous Improvement Process*	CIP	CIP is an ongoing effort to improve a process, system, or service.
Continuous Integration*	CI	CI is the process of taking features from the Program Backlog and developing, testing, integrating, and validating them in a staging environment where they are ready for deployment and release.
Contract Line Item Number	CLIN	A CLIN is a specific unit of work a contractor performs as a pay item.
Contract Officer*	CO	A CO is a person with the authority to enter into, administer, and/or terminate contracts and make related determinations and findings.
Contract Performance Report	CPR	CPR is a contractually required report, prepared by the contractor, containing performance information derived from the internal Earned Value Management System.
Contract Work Breakdown Structure	CWBS	A WBS is a tool used to define and group a project's discrete work elements (or tasks) in a way that helps organize and define the total work scope of the project.

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Contracting Officer's Representative*	COR	The COR plays a critical role in ensuring contractors meet the commitment of their contracts. The COR is the administrative liaison between the contractor and the contracting office.
Contracting Officer's Technical Representative*	COTR	A COTR is a business communications liaison between the U.S. government and a private contractor.
Contractor Administrative Budget and Financial Management System	CAFM System	See HIGLAS.
Contractor Administrative, Budget & Financial Management	CAFM	The CAFM system tracks all benefit payments and banking issues, and supports all requirements dictated by the Chief Financial Officers Act. It provides direction, technical guidance, and funding to contractors for the nationwide administration of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicare program.
Contractor Assessment Security Tool	CAST	A CAST is a self-assessment form that includes audit protocols to assist in the review of the CMS Core Security Requirements.
Contractor Furnished Equipment*	CFE	CFE is any information technology equipment that a federal contractor furnisheds to its employees.
Control Account Manager	CAM	The CAM, via a Control Account, monitors cost and schedules performance of a significant element of the work.
Control Implementation Summary	CIS	The CIS is a spreadsheet that itemizes security controls and documents the assignment of the control responsibility to MDM, the application, or any other potential stakeholder.
Control Objectives for Information and Related Technology	COBIT	COBIT is a framework created by ISACA for information technology (IT) management and IT governance. It is a supporting toolset that allows managers to bridge the gap between control requirements, technical issues and business risks.
Controlling Health Plan	CHP	A CHP is a health plan that controls its own business activities, actions, or policies or an entity that is not a health plan controls its business activities, actions, or policies. If it has sub health plan(s), the CHP exercises sufficient control over the sub health plan(s) to direct its/their business activities, actions, or policies.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Convention Against Torture	CAT	CAT is an international human rights instrument, under review of the United Nations, which aims to prevent torture around the world. CAT requires States to take effective measures to prevent torture within their borders and forbids States to transport people to any country where there is reason to believe they will be tortured.
Conversion Testing*	N/A	This is the testing of programs or procedures used to convert data from existing systems for use in replacement systems.
Coordinated Care Organization	CCO	A CCO is a network of all types of health care providers who have agreed to work together in their local communities for people who receive health care coverage.
Coordination of Benefits Contractor*	COBC	The COBC is responsible for updating Medicare secondary payer (MSP) records on the Common Working File (CWF) that processes Medicare claims payments. The COB Contractor consolidates the activities that support the collection, management, and reporting of other insurance coverage for Medicare beneficiaries.
Coordination of Benefits*	COB	The COB program assists in identifying the health benefits available to a Medicare beneficiary and coordinating the payment process to prevent mistaken payment of Medicare benefits.
Core Based Statistical Area*	CBSA	A CBSA is a U.S. geographic area defined by the Office of Management and Budget based around an urban center of at least 10,000 people and adjacent areas that are socioeconomically tied to the urban center by commuting.
Core Business Service*	CBS	A CBS provides the main business functionality for a business service. The Marketplace or the Federal Financial Management function implement CBSs.
Coronary Artery Disease*	CAD	CAD is a narrowing or blockage of the arteries and vessels that provide oxygen and nutrients to the heart.
Corporate Information Security*	CIS	CIS involves prevention, detection, response, monitoring, and review measures to reduce perceived risks to acceptable levels.
Corporate Measures Repository*	CMR	CMR is the QSSI central corporate repository for measures collected from the projects.
Corporate Process Repository*	CPR	The CPR is a SharePoint folder in which document templates and other standard information resides.
Corporate Risk, Information Security, and Privacy*	CRISP	CRISP defines information security standards, procedures, policies, and other requirements applicable to the entire organization.

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Corrective Action Plan*	CAP	A CAP is an organized approach to resolving a problem using data analysis, program analysis, corrective action planning, implementation, evaluation, and monitoring.
Cost Accounting Standards*	CAS	CAS is a set of 19 standards and rules the U.S. government uses in determining costs on negotiated procurements. CAS differs from FAR in that FAR applies to substantially all contractors, whereas CAS applies primarily to the larger ones.
Cost Performance Report*	CPR	The CPR is a management report that provides timely, reliable, summary-level data to assess current and projected contract performance. The CPR's primary value is its ability to reflect current contract status and reasonably project future program performance.
Cost Sharing Reduction*	CSR	CSR is a discount that lowers the amount individuals have to pay out-of-pocket for deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. Individuals also have a lower out-of-pocket maximum and can get these savings if their income is below a certain level, and only if they choose a health plan from the Silver plan category.
Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee*	CPFF	A CPFF is a cost-reimbursement contract that provides for payment to the prime contractor of a negotiated fee fixed at the inception of the contract.
Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare	CAQH	CAQH is a non-profit alliance of health plans and trade associations, working to simplify healthcare administration through industry collaboration on public-private initiatives.
Country of Issuance	COI	COI refers to the country of a document's issuance.
Covered Entity*	CE	Under HIPAA, this is a health plan, a healthcare clearinghouse, or a healthcare provider who transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a HIPAA transaction.
Covered Plan Paid Amount*	CPP	A CPP is the amount paid under a Medicare-covered plan.
Create, Read, Update, and Delete*	CRUD	In computer programming, CRUD is the four basic functions of persistent storage.
Creatinine*	N/A	Creatinine is a substance formed from the metabolism of creatine, commonly found in blood, urine, and muscle tissue. It is measured in blood and urine tests as an indicator of kidney function.
Critical Access Hospital	CAH	A CAH is a separate provider type with its own Medicare Conditions of Participation (CoP) as well as a separate payment method.

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Critical Defect*	N/A	A critical defect affects critical functionality of the product, preventing performance of the function of a service. A workaround does not exist and the service is not available for use.
Critical Design Review*	CDR	A CDR is a multi-disciplined technical review to ensure that a system can proceed into fabrication, demonstration, and test and can meet stated performance requirements within cost, schedule, and risk.M
Critical Severity Level*	N/A	Vulnerabilities that score in the Critical range usually include exploitation of the vulnerability results in root-level compromise of servers or infrastructure devices; the information required in order to exploit the vulnerability, such as example code, is widely available to attackers; and exploitation is usually straightforward, in the sense that the attacker does not need any special authentication credentials or knowledge about individual victims, and does not need to persuade a target user, for example via social engineering, into performing any special functions.
Critical Success Factor*	CSF	A CSF is something that must happen for an information technology (IT) service, process, plan, project or other activity to succeed.
Cron	N/A	Cron is the time-based job scheduler in UNIX-like computer operating systems.
Crontab	N/A	Crontab is a configuration file that specifies shell commands to run periodically on a given schedule.
Crossflo	N/A	Crossflo provides products that enable secure data sharing.
Cross-Site Request Forgery	CSRF	CSRF, also known as a one-click attack or session riding and sometimes pronounced sea-surf, is a type of malicious exploit of a Web site whereby unauthorized commands are transmitted from a user that the Web site trusts.
Cross-Site Scripting*	XSS	XSS is a type of computer security vulnerability in Web applications.
CROWN Data Discrepancy Support	CDDS	CDDS is a Tier-3 level service provider that resolves open CROWN Help Desk tickets and assists ESRD facilities, Networks, and organizations who submit data in batch on behalf of facilities to correct discrepancies in their CROWNWeb data submissions.
CROWN Data Discrepancy Support	CDDS	CDDS is a contract under the auspices of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.



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CROWN System	N/A	The CROWN System comprises the CROWNWeb and REMIS systems. The CROWN System consolidates features of existing ESRD management systems at CMS.
CruiseControl	N/A	CruiseControl is a Java-based framework for a continuous build process.
Cryptographic Application Programming Interface through Component Object Model	CAPICOM	CAPICOM is a 32-bit only component that is available for use in Microsoft operating systems. The CAPICOM COM client provides services that enable application developers to add security based on cryptography to applications. CryptoAPI includes functionality for authentication using digital signatures, for enveloping messages, and for encrypting and decrypting data.
CSC	N/A	CSC is an American information technology and business services company that provides consulting, systems integration and design, IT and business process outsourcing, applications software, and Web and application hosting to its clients.
Culture, Automation, Lean, Measurement, Sharing	CALMS	CALMS is a conceptual framework for the integration of development and operations (DevOps) groups, functions, and systems within an organization.
Current Dental Technology	CDT	The CDT is the code set for dental services.
Current Procedural Terminology	CPT	CPT is a code set maintained by the American Medical Association that describes medical, surgical, and diagnostic services.
Current Procedure Terminology Codes	CPT codes	The CPT-4 codes describe medical procedures and physicians services. The AMA maintains and distributes these codes.
Customer Acceptance Test*	CAT	A CAT is a type of user acceptance test (UAT) in which the customer is responsible for confirming that a system delivers according to business requirements.
Customer Information Control System	CICS	A CICS is a transaction server that runs primarily on IBM mainframe systems under z/OS and z/VSE. It is a transaction manager designed for rapid, high-volume, online processing.
Customer Inquiry Application	CIA	CIA is a Web-based application that provides functionality to retrieve active matches present in the National Provider Identifier Crosswalk System.

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Customer Interface Control System	CICS	A CICS is a transaction server that runs primarily on IBM mainframe systems under z/OS and z/VSE. It is a transaction manager designed for rapid, high-volume, online processing.
Customer Processing System	CPS	CPS refers to the processing system of a customer.
Customer Profile Management System	CPMS	A CPMS stores and manages customer information.
Customer Relationship Management	CRM	CRM uses technology to organize, automate, and synchronize business processes as part of a strategy for managing a company's interactions with customers, clients and sales prospects.
Customer Service Management	CSM	CSM is a ServiceNow application that enables providers to provide service and support for external customers through communication channels such as Web, email, chat, telephone, and social media. It also enables users to create cases as needed and route cases to available customer service agents with the necessary skill sets.
Customer Service Representative*	CSR	A CSR is an employee of a call center tasked with providing phone support to customers who call for assistance.
Customer Support for Medicare Modernization	CSMM	CSMM ensures customer support to business partners and external entities across the country that have a contractual relationship with CMS to exchange data/access Medicare Part C/D information systems.
Cyber-Ark	N/A	Cyber-Ark Software, Inc. is an information security company that develops and markets digital vaults, based on their vaulting technology for securing and managing privileged passwords and privileged identities, and sensitive information within and across enterprise networks.
CyberMark	N/A	CyberMark is a full-service Internet marketing agency that specializes in increasing Website visibility using multiple inside marketing techniques, including search engine optimization, pay-per-click marketing, and social media marketing
Cygwin	N/A	Cygwin is a UNIX-like environment and command-line interface for Microsoft Windows.
Daemon	N/A	A daemon is a computer program that runs in the background, rather than under the direct control of a user.

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Dashboard*	N/A	Dashboards provide alignment, visibility, and collaboration across the organization by allowing business users to define, monitor, and analyze business performance via key performance indicators.
Data Access Layer*	DAL	A DAL is a layer of a computer program that provides simplified access to data stored in persistent storage, such as an entity-relational database.
Data Access Object*	DAO	DAO is an object that provides an abstract interface to some type of database or persistence mechanism, providing some specific operations without exposing details of the database.
Data Access Service*	DAS	A DAS is a network of components that input a radio frequency (wireless) signal, convert it to wired media, transport it throughout a facility, and then re-convert it back to a wireless signal. A DAS brings radio frequency coverage inside a facility for mobile users.
Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgment	DACA	The DACA is a form that inpatient psychiatric facilities complete for the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) Quality Reporting (IPFQR) Program acknowledging that all reported information is accurate and complete. This information includes aggregated data for all required measures and current Notice of Participation and QualityNet Security Administrator.
Data Acquisition and Data Integration*	DA/DI	DA/DI refers to a system's ability to gather data from several different sources.
Data Acquisition Services	DAS	DAS is a company that provides logistical and support services.
Data Acquisition*	DA	DA is the process of sampling signals that measure real-world physical conditions and converting the resulting samples into digital numerical values that a computer can manipulate.
Data Agreement & Data Shipping Tracking System	DADSS	DADSS provides for the tracking of DUAs and Data Shipping Orders for CMS, and the associated re-writing and enhancement of the existing FTAPE.
Data Analyst*	DA	A data analyst collects and studies data to reveal ways to improve a business, organization, or government entity.

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Data Analytics and Control Group	DACG	The CMS DACG identifies emerging fraud, waste, or abuse trends through the use and development of advanced analytical techniques and serves as the focal point for all activities related to data analytics. DACG oversees the Fraud Prevention System (FPS) and the Analytic Lab that develops and tests new models for use in the FPS.
Data Architect*	DA	A DA is responsible for ensuring an architecture supporting the organization in achieving its strategic goals supports the data assets of an organization.
Data Asset*	N/A	Assets include data in execution, stored data (e.g., on paper, magnetic media, etc.), archival data, update logs, and audit records. Also, see Information Asset.
Data Cartridge*	DC	DC is a type of data storage cartridge created by 3M.
Data Computer Corporation of America	DCCA	DCCA is a veteran-owned technology and engineering services company that uses deep domain knowledge to solve problems of national interest.
Data Conversion Plan	DCP	A DCP describes the strategies involved in converting data from an existing system/application to another hardware and/or software environment.
Data Definition Language*	DDL	DDL is a code used by RDBMS software to create a physical database.
Data Dictionary*	N/A	A data dictionary is a repository of information about data, such as its meaning, relationships to other data, origin, usage, and format. The dictionary assists company management, database administrators, systems analysts, and application programmers in effectively planning, controlling, and evaluating the collection, storage, and use of data.
Data Discrepancy Contractor	DDC	DDC provides support in resolving discrepancies and correction requests involving CMS-2728, CMS-2746, and CMS-2744 Forms entered into CROWNWeb.
Data Encryption Standard	DES	DES is an encryption standard issued by the National Bureau of Standards.
Data Extract Process*	DEP	DEP is a defined process of data extraction for use in other locations.

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Data Extract System	DESY	DESY is the primary access tool for the NCH/NMUD databases and various files derived from these databases, as well as enrollment data files. DESY is an auditable, Web-based tool. It links to the privacy authorization system and the privacy accountability tracking system, which authorizes user access levels and monitors releases of data to external users. All users must enter into Orders negotiated with the CMS privacy staff and which control their access to the data.
Data Integration*	DI	DI involves combining data residing in different sources and providing users with a unified view of these data.
Data Item Description*	DID	A DID contains the format and content preparation instructions for the data product generated by the specific and discrete task requirement as delineated in the contract.
Data Lake*	N/A	A data lake is a storage repository that holds a vast amount of raw data in its native format until it is needed. While a hierarchical data warehouse stores data in files or folders, a data lake uses a flat architecture to store data.
Data Loss Prevention*	DLP	DLP is a set of information security tools that attempt to stop users from sending sensitive or critical information outside of the corporate network.
Data Management Application	DMA	The DMA application allows the authorized user to manage National Provider Identifier Crosswalk System databases via a graphical user interface.
Data Management Plan	DMP	A DMP is a formal document that outlines how you will handle your data both during your research, and after project completion. The goal of a DMP is to consider the many aspects of data management, metadata generation, data preservation, and analysis before the project begins; this ensures well-managed data in the present, and preservation preparation in the future.
Data Management System	DMS	A DMS is a set of computer programs that controls the creation, maintenance, and use of the database with computer as a platform or of an organization and its end users.
Data Manipulation Language*	DML	DML is a family of syntax elements similar to a computer programming language used for selecting, inserting, deleting, and updating data in a database.
Data Mart*	DM	A DM is the access layer of the DW environment used to get data out to the users. The DM is a subset of the DW, usually oriented to a specific business line or team.

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Data Partitioning Secondary Index	DPSI	A DPSI is a non-partitioning index physically partitioned according to the partitioning scheme of the table.
Data Quality Manager*	DQM	A DQM is responsible for developing, implementing, and maintaining a data quality management (compliance) program for an organization.
Data Quality Plan	DQP	A DQP presents the detailed processes for taking action to improve and maintain the quality of a system/program.
Data Quality*	DQ	DQ is policies, process, procedures, and tools that support the development and ongoing maintenance of data assets accuracy, timeliness, consistency with all requirements and business rules, and relevant for an allowed use.
Data Request Coordinator	N/A	The Data Request coordinator coordinates the Data Refresh Request and is responsible for verifying the accuracy of the request, approving the request, notifying the CDBA of the request, and tracking the request through completion. The Data Request Coordinator is part of CMS DMPTR staff.
Data Security*	N/A	Data Security is the protection of data from unauthorized (i.e., accidental or intentional) modification, destruction, or disclosure.
Data Service Layer*	DSL	The DSL provides a consistent interface (called the data service facade) for accessing data, independent of the object-relational mapping framework.
Data Set Name*	DSN	DSN is the unique name applied to the data set.
Data Synchronization*	SYNC	Data synchronization is the process of establishing consistency among data from a source to a target data storage and vice versa, and the continuous harmonization of the data over time.
Data Transfer Object*	DTO	A DTO is an object that carries data between processes.
Data Transformation Services*	DTS	DTS is a set of objects and utilities to allow the automation of extract, transform, and load operations to or from a database. The objects are DTS packages and their components, and the utilities are DTS tools.
Data Type*	N/A	Data types control the types of information store in a relational database management system.
Data Use Agreement*	DUA	A DUA is a written agreement between a healthcare component and a person requesting a disclosure of PHI contained in a limited data set. DUAs must meet the requirements of limited data set procedure.
Data User Group*	DUG	DUG is a type of user community.

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Data Warehouse*	DW	A DW is a place where data is stored for archival, analysis and security purposes.
Data Zone	DZ	The Data Zone (also the Secure Region or Protected Region) is the third or innermost zone and contains the Web applications that database servers use.
Database 2	DB2	DB2 is a family of relational database management system products that serve a number of different operating system platforms.
Database Administrator*	DBA	A DBA is a person responsible for the design, implementation, maintenance, and repair of an organization's database.
Database Change Notification*	DCN	DCN enables client applications to register queries with the database and receive notifications in response to data manipulation language (DML) or data definition language (DDL) changes on the objects associated with the queries.
Database Design Document	DDD	The DDD describes the design of a database and the software units used to access or manipulate the data. It is the basis for implementing the database and related software units and provides information needed to support database administration.
Database Identifier*	DBID	The DBID is a unique identifier found in all data file headers. It identifies the database to which a file belongs.
Database Load*	Dbload	The dbload procedure allows creation of a new database definition only, creation of a new database definition and load data, loading of new logical entries into an existing database, and insertion of new data records into existing logical entries.
Database Management System	DBMS	A DBMS is a software system that facilitates the creation, maintenance, and use of an electronic database.
Database Manager Subsystem	DMS	The DMS manages the load and extract processes for the staging database and NPI crosswalk database.
Database*	DB	A DB is a collection of data arranged for ease and speed of retrieval.
DataComm	N/A	DataComm is an information technology company that specializes in firewalls.
Date and Time Period	DTP	DTP is a required element on a HETS 270/271 application.
Date of Birth*	DOB	DOB refers to the month, day, and year of birth.
Date of Death*	DOD	DOD refers to the month, day, and year of death.

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Date of Earliest Billing Activity	DOEBA	DOEBA is the date of the earliest billing activity. It represents the earliest date the beneficiary received a service visit from a home health agency.
Date of Latest Billing Activity	DOLBA	DOLBA is the date of the latest billing activity. It represents the latest date the beneficiary received a service visit from a home health agency.
Date of Service	DOS	DOS is the date on which the insured was seen by a health care practitioner or given medical treatment.
DbSlim	N/A	DbSlim is a set of FitNesse simple list invocation method (SLIM) test system fixtures that enables tests to execute directly against a database.
Death Master File	DMF	The DMF is a computer database file the Social Security Administration made available in 1980. (commercially known as the Social Security Death Index) The file contains information about persons with Social Security numbers whose deaths the Social Security Administration received notice of from 1962 to present, or persons who died before 1962 but whose Social Security accounts were still active in 1962.
Debian	N/A	Debian is a computer operating system composed of software packages released as free and open source software.
Decibel	dB	A dB is a logarithmic unit that indicates the ratio of a physical quantity (usually power or intensity) relative to a specified or implied reference level.
Decision Analysis and Resolution	DAR	DAR is a CMMI process are for analyzing possible decisions using a formal evaluation process that evaluates identified alternatives against established criteria.
Decision Server	DS	IBM WebSphere Decision Server combines business rule management and business event processing to accelerate decision making across the enterprise.
Decision Support Access Facility	DSAF	DSAF provides users with a single access path to a wide array of Medicare data. Through DSAF, users can extract Medicare enrollment, entitlement, and utilization databases and files.
Decision Validation Services	DVS	DVS is part of the WebSphere ILog JRules BRES product family, and is fully integrated with the IBM ILog JRules Rule Studio Integrated Development Environment, Rule. It provides rule testing, simulation, and audit capabilities for the JRules BRES product line.



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Deep Security Virtual Appliance	DSVA	DSVA is a security VM built for VMware vSphere environments that provides Anti-Malware, IDS/IPS, Firewall, Web application protection, and application control protection.
Defect*	N/A	A defect adversely affects product functionality and may cause failure or otherwise impact service usability. Defects usually require fixes or workarounds.
Defense Architecture Framework	DoDAF	DoDAF is an architecture framework for the U.S. Department of Defense that provides structure for a specific stakeholder concern through viewpoints organized by various views.
Defense Contract Audit Agency	DCAA	The DCAA is responsible for performing all contract audits for the U.S. DoD (and, to a lesser extent, for other agencies outside DoD), and providing accounting and financial advisory services regarding contracts and subcontracts to all DoD components responsible for procurement and contract administration.
Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System	DEERS	DEERS is a system operated by the Defense Management Data Center that stores personal, eligibility, enrollment, and catastrophic cap information.
Defense in Depth	N/A	Defense in Depth is a practical strategy for achieving information assurance in highly networked environments. It is a best practices strategy in that it relies on the intelligent application of techniques and technologies that exist today.
Defense Information System Agency	DISA	DISA is a U.S. Department of Defense agency that provides information technology and communications support to the President, Vice President, Secretary of Defense, Military Services, and Combatant Commands.
Defense Manpower Data Center	DMDC	DMDC is responsible for the DEERS data repository and providing customer service to beneficiaries trying to establish, maintain, or determine their eligibility for TRICARE.
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals	DACA	DACA states that certain people who came to the U.S. as children, and meet several key guidelines, may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and are then eligible for work authorization.
Deferred Enforced Departure	DED	DED allows qualified individuals to remain in the U.S. for limited periods according to a Presidential directive.

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Deficit Reduction Act	DRA	The DRA provides states with much of the flexibility they have been seeking over the years to make significant reforms to their Medicaid programs.
Defined Standard*	DS	DS refers to the Medicare Part D defined standard prescription drug coverage.
Definition of Done*	DoD	This is the exit criteria the team uses to determine whether a Product Backlog item is complete. For example, the Test Team may require that all Regressions Tests be successful.
Delete*	D	A Delete is for deleting an erroneous detail record, e.g., the Beneficiary should have never been included in the program. A delete record can only be submitted on a file with add or update records. A replacement record is not valid on a file with delete records.
Deliverable and Data Submission Tool	DDST	DDST is an application created for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program. This application allows QIOs to enter and upload required information for specific categories as documented in Schedule F of the QIO 10th Statement of Work (QIO 10th SOW). The COTR can then review and approve/reject deliverable documents. The tool also includes the added functional ability to store narrative documents.
Deloitte	N/A	Deloitte is a firm that provides audit, financial advisory, tax and consulting services.
Delphi Method	N/A	The Delphi method is a structured communication technique or method that relies on a panel of experts. The experts answer questionnaires in two or more rounds.
Deltek	N/A	Deltek is an Enterprise software and information solutions provider for professional services firms, government contractors, and government agencies.
Deltek government Contractors Software Premier	Deltek GCS Premier	Deltek GCS Premier is an accounting and project accounting solution specifically for small to midsized government contractors.
Deltek Micro-Frame Program Manager	Deltek MPM	Deltek MPM is a program-based earned value measurement solution.

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Demilitarized Zone*	DMZ	In computer networks, a DMZ is a computer host or small network inserted as a neutral zone between a company's private network and the outside public network. It prevents outside users from getting direct access to a server that has company data. A DMZ is an optional and more secure approach to a firewall, and effectively acts as a proxy server as well.
Demonstration Qualification Method	N/A	With the Demonstration Qualification Method, compliance with requirements validation is by observing the item in operation.
Denial of Service*	DoS	DoS is an attempt to make a computer resource unavailable to its intended users.
Density Line	DL	DL is a rack mounted, HP ProLiant server. It is a complete server and does not share components (like power and cooling) with other servers.
Department of Defense	DoD	DoD is the federal department responsible for safeguarding national security of the U.S.
Department of Health and Human Services	HHS	HHS is a Cabinet department of the U.S. government with the goal of protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services.
Department of Health and Human Services-Hierarchical Condition Category	HHS-HCC	Risk Adjustment and HHS-HCC coding is a payment model mandated by CMS in 1997. The model identifies individuals with serious or chronic illness and assigns a risk factor to each individual based on his or her health conditions and demographic details.
Department of Homeland Security	DHS	The DHS is a Cabinet department of the Federal Government with the primary responsibilities of protecting the territory of the U.S. from terrorist attacks and responding to natural disasters.
Department of Housing and Urban Development	HUD	HUD is a Cabinet department in the Executive branch of the U.S. Federal Government whose stated mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.
Department of Justice	DOJ	DOJ is the U.S. federal executive department responsible for the enforcement of the law and administration of justice.
Department of Labor	DOL	DOL is a U.S. federal executive department responsible for fostering, promoting, and developing the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improving working conditions; advancing opportunities for profitable employment; and assuring work-related benefits and rights.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Department of Veterans Affairs	VA	The VA (sometimes incorrectly referred to as the Veteran's Administration) is a department of the Executive branch charged with providing benefits and care for veterans, surviving spouses, and children.
Dependent Care Assistance Program	DCAP	DCAP is a program that enables employees to take a pre-tax deduction for eligible dependent care expenses from their pay.
Dependent*	N/A	The dependent is a person not uniquely identified to an information source, but identified by an information source when associated with a subscriber.
Deployment Job	DJob	A DJob covers how to run and monitor a deployment job; it also covers procedures to follow if an abnormal event occurs. A DJob also identifies dependencies, scheduled dates or a dependent event that triggers the job, and estimated run time.
Deployment Plan	DPlan	The DPlan is a communication tool to ensure successful deployment of the same package to all environments.
DeployR	N/A	DeployR is an integration technology for deploying R analytics inside applications and backend systems.
Deputy Project Manager*	DPM	A DPM is responsible for assisting the Project Manager in the planning, execution, and closing of a project.
Design Document	DD	The DD documents and tracks information that defines architecture and system design, and gives the Development Team guidance on the architecture of the system under development.
Design Phase	N/A	During the Design Phase, the team develops detailed specifications that emphasize the physical solution to the user's information technology needs.
Designated Standard Maintenance Organization	DSMO	A DSMO is an organization, designated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to maintain standards adopted under Subpart I of 45 CFR Part 162.
Designee*	N/A	A designee is a person designated for a particular purpose or role.
Detailed Design Review	DDR	A DDR is a formal inspection of the system architecture of an automated system and its software.
Develop on Cadence*	N/A	Develop on Cadence is an essential method for managing the inherent variability of systems development in a flow-based system, by making sure important events and activities occur on a regular, predictable schedule.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Development Approach Plan	N/A	The Development Approach Plan describes the approach to developing technologies or information system(s).
Development Environment	DEV	DEV is a systems area separated from the operational systems area for the purpose of developing and upgrading software systems applications.
Development Environment Consolidation Contract	DECC	The purpose of the DECC Program is to consolidate four stovepipe-applications (Hospital Reporting, Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), and Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)); transform these four stovepipe-applications into the latest Oracle platform; and perform technical architecture analysis and design to build, deploy, and operate the service-oriented Health Care Quality Information System (HCQIS) using an Oracle platform.
Development Integration Test	DIT	A DIT verifies that an individual module and integrated sets of modules in a business application, and system components such as databases, hardware, software, or communication devices, behave as prescribed in the application solution's functional, data, technical, and architectural requirements.
Development Phase*	N/A	During the Development Phase, the system developer takes the detailed logical information documented in the previous phase and transforms it into machine-executable form, ensuring that all individual components of the automated system/application function correctly and interface properly with other components within the system/application.
Development Team*	N/A	The Development Team is a cross-functional group of people responsible for delivering potentially shippable increments of Product at the end of every Sprint.
Development Testing*	N/A	Development testing occurs in the Development Environment prior to deployment to the Production Environment.
Development-Integration Environment	DEV-INT	DEV-INT is a systems area separated from the operational systems area for the purpose of developing and upgrading software systems applications.

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Device Type Manager	DTM	A DTM is part of the Field Device Tool (FDT) standard that is a software component for a device that contains the device-specific data, functions and logic elements. DTMs can reach from a simple graphical user interface for setting device parameters up to a highly sophisticated application that, for example, can perform complex calculations for diagnostics and maintenance purposes or can implement arbitrarily complex business logics for device calibration.
DevOps	N/A	DevOps (a clipped compound of development and operations) is a term used to refer to a set of practices that emphasizes the collaboration and communication of software developers and other information-technology (IT) professionals while automating the process of software delivery and infrastructure changes.
Diabetes Screening Tests	DIAB	A DIAB checks for diabetes.
Diacritical Mark	N/A	A diacritical mark is a mark added to a letter to indicate a special pronunciation.
Diagnosis Code	DX	The first of these codes is the ICD-9-CM diagnosis code describing the principal diagnosis; i.e., the condition established after study to be chiefly responsible for causing this hospitalization. The remaining codes are the ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes corresponding to additional conditions that coexisted at the time of admission, or developed subsequently, and which had an effect on the treatment received or the length of stay.
Diagnosis-Related Group	DRG	A DRG is a system that classifies hospital cases into a group.
Dialysis Facility Compare	DFC	DFC is a CMS-provided Web site that enables patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) to find detailed information on Medicare-certified dialysis facilities.
Digital Linear Tape*	DLT	DLT, previously called CompacTape, is a magnetic tape data storage technology that supports hardware data compression.
Digital Television*	DTV	DTV is the transmission of audio and video by digitally processed and multiplexed signal, in contrast to the totally analog and channel separated signals used by analog television.
Digital Versatile Disc*	DVD	A DVD is an optical disc storage media format.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Digital Video Recorder*	DVR	A DVR is a consumer electronics device or application software that records video in a digital format to a disk drive, USB flash drive, SD memory card or other local or networked mass storage device.
Direct Access Storage Device*	DASD	A DASD is the physical volume where data is stored; it also serves as a secondary storage device that has relatively low access time for all its capacity.
Direct Data Entry*	DDE	DDE is an online application that allows direct online access to Medicare claims.
Direct Medical Education	DME	DME is a type of payment made through a “per-resident payment” based on the hospital's per-resident cost.
Director of Human Resources	DHR	A DHR, under general direction, performs administrative work of unusual difficulty planning, directing, managing, and overseeing the activities and operations of the Human Resources Department and performs related duties as required.
Directory-Named Initiation	DNI	DNI is the automatic triggering of an action on a file when it arrives in a specified location.
Disability Insurance Benefits	DIB	DIB pays monthly benefits to workers who are no longer able to work due to a significant illness or impairment that is expected to last at least a year or to result in death within a year.
Disaster Plan	N/A	See DRP.
Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity*	DRBC	DRBC refers to an organization’s ability to recover from a disaster and/or unexpected event and resume operations.
Disaster Recovery Plan	DRP	A DRP is the process, policies and procedures related to preparing for recovery or continuation of technology infrastructure critical to an organization after a natural or human-induced disaster.
Disaster Recovery*	DR	DR is a subset of business continuity. While business continuity involves planning for keeping all aspects of a business functioning in the midst of disruptive events, DR focuses on the IT or technology systems that support business functions.
Disaster*	N/A	A disaster is the interruption of business due to the loss or denial of the information assets required for normal operations; it also qualifies as a loss or interruption of the company’s data processing function or to a loss of data itself.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Dispense as Written	DAW	DAW is an order on a prescription commanding the pharmacist to provide the recipient with the prescription exactly as it was written.
Disposition Phase	N/A	During the Disposition Phase, the operation of an automated system/application or other IT solution formally ends in accordance with organization needs and pertinent laws and regulations.
Disposition Review	DR	The DR takes place in the Disposition Phase by the Technical Review Board to ensure that a system/application or other information technology situation has been completely and appropriately disposed, thereby ending the lifecycle of the information technology project.
Disproportionate Share Hospital	DSH	A DSH is a hospital with a disproportionately large share of low-income patients. Under Medicaid, States augment payment to these hospitals. Medicare inpatient hospital payments also adjust for this added burden.
Distinguished Name*	DN	A DN is a name given to a person, company or element within a computer system or network that uniquely identifies it from everything else.
District Office Final Authorization	DOFA	DOFA refers to the an action the adjudicator at the Field Office (FO) level takes to make an adjudicative determination on a claimant's title II application for benefits.
Division of Acquisition and Security	DAS	DAS is a division within the CMS ISG.
Division of Benefit Integrity Management Operations	DBIMO	DBIMO performs planning, prevention, detection, and investigation/recovery activities undertaken to minimize or prevent overpayments due to Medicaid fraud, waste, or abuse.
Division of Business Analysis & Operations	DBAO	DBAO has final authority over physical system design.
Division of Chronic and Post Acute Care	DCPAC	DCPAC is a component of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.
Division of Clinical and Operational Performance	DCOP	DCOP is a component in the Medicare Drug Benefit and C & D Data Group in the Center for Medicare within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
Division of Data Enterprise Services	DDES	DDES is a division of the CMS Enterprise Data Group.



Term	Acronym	Definition
Division of Data Management Standards & Services	DDMSS	DDMSS provides skilled data and database administrators to assist in the development, implementation, maintenance, and ongoing support of CMS operational and Enterprise relational database management systems.
Division of Data Operations and Maintenance	DDOM	DDOM is a division within the CMS Enterprise Data Group.
Division of Data Strategy and Program Management	DDSPM	DDSPM is a division under the Enterprise Data Group at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
Division of Enterprise Data Center Program Management	DEPM	DEPM provides Government Task Leader support and expertise along with skilled data and database administrators to assist in the development, implementation, maintenance, and ongoing support of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services operational and enterprise relational database management systems.
Division of Enterprise Information Management Services	DEIMS	DEIMS is a division of CMS within OIS, within the EDG.
Division of Health Insurance Marketplace	DHIM	DHIM is a division of the CMS Consumer Information and Insurance Group.
Division of HITECH Operations	DHO	DHO is a group within the CMS Business Applications Management Group.
Division of Hospital, ASC, and QIO Systems	DHAQS	DHAQS is a component of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality.
Division of Information Reporting Services	DIRS	DIRS is a division of CMS within OIS, within the EDG.
Division of Information Security & Privacy Management	DISPM	DISPM is a division within the CMS Enterprise Architecture and Strategy Group.
Division of Integrated Data Program Management	DIDPM	DIDPM is the business and or system owner of multiple systems at CMS.
Division of IT Investment Management and Policy	DIIMP	DIIMP is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).
Division of MAPD Testing and Reporting	DMPTR	The DMPTR is a CMS office within the Office of Information Services.

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Division of Operations Management	DOM	DOM provides Government Task Leader support and expertise along with skilled data and database administrators to assist in the development, implementation, maintenance, and ongoing support of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services operational and enterprise relational database management systems.
Division of PQRS and ESRD Systems	DPES	DPES is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).
Division of Privacy Compliance	DPC	See DPCDD.
Division of Privacy Compliance Data Development	DPCDD	DPCDD is part of the EDG of the OIS. It serves as the principal advisor and technical authority for CMS data release and Privacy Act policies, processes, procedures, templates, and guidance.
Division of Prospective Payment	DPP	DPP is an organizational division under the Medicare Plan Payment Group within CMS.
Division of Quality and Governance Systems Engineering and Development	DQGSED	DQGSED is a component of Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.
Division of Quality Assurance, Investments and Management Services	DQAIMS	DQAIMS is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).
Division of Quality Measurement	DQM	DQM is a component of Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.
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Division of Quality Systems and Operations Support	DQSOS	DQSOS is a component of Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.
Division of Quality Systems and Operations Support	DQSPS	DQSPS is a component of Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.
Division of Quality Systems for Assessment and Surveys	DQSAS	DQSAS is a division within the Information Systems Group.

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Division of Quality Systems, Governance, Engineering, and Development	DQSGED	DQSGED is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).
Division of Respiratory Disease Studies	DRDS	DRDS is an organizational division under the Medicare Plan Payment Group within CMS.
Division of Security & Mid Tier Applications Requirements & Testing	DSMART	DSMART is a group within the CMS Business Applications Management Group.
Division of Support and Infrastructure Fulfillment	DSIF	DSIF is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).
Division of Value, Incentives and Quality Reporting	DVIQR	DVIQR is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).
Division of Value, Incentives and Quality Reporting (DVIQR)	DVIQR	DVIQR is a component of Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.
DMExpress	N/A	DMExpress is an ETL tool designed primarily for performance.
Docker	N/A	Docker is an open-source project that automates the deployment of applications inside software containers.
Docker Container	N/A	Docker containers wrap a piece of software in a complete filesystem that contains everything the software needs to run (e.g., code, runtime, system tools, system libraries, etc.).
Docker Daemon	N/A	A Docker daemon creates and manages Docker objects, such as images, containers, networks, and data volumes. The Docker daemon also builds, runs, and distributes Docker containers.
Docker Registry	N/A	A Docker registry is a library of images. A registry can be public or private and can be on the same server as the Docker daemon or Docker client or on a totally separate server.
Docker Swarm	N/A	Docker Swarm is a clustering and scheduling tool for Docker containers. With Docker Swarm, administrators and developers can establish and manage a cluster of Docker nodes as a single virtual system.
Doctor of Dental Science	DDS	A DDS is a licensed practitioner who treats the teeth, oral cavity, and associated structures.

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Document Control Number*	DCN	A DCN is a unique number or name assigned to a document of record for the purpose of configuration control.
Document Description Extensible Markup Language	DDX	DDX is a declarative markup language whose elements represent building blocks of documents. These building blocks include PDF and XDP documents, and other elements such as comments, bookmarks, and styled text.
Document Management Group	DMG	The DMG is the group of technical writing and documentation management specialists at Maricom who write, edit, and format for Section 508 Compliance, and/or format for client template requirements documents produced by Maricom using a set of quality checklists.
Document Management System	DMS	A DMS is a computer system (or set of computer programs) used to track and store electronic documents and/or images of paper documents.
Document Tracking List*	DTL	A DTL is a list of documents with an associated Document Control Number.
Doing Business As*	DBA	DBA is a fictitious business name or assumed name that allows an entity to legally do business as a particular name at minimal cost, and without having to create an entirely new business entity.
Domain Name System	DNS	DNS is a service that stores, translates, and retrieves the numerical address equivalents of familiar host names.
Domain Name*	DN	A domain name is the textual name assigned to a host on the Internet.
Domain (Requirement Term)	N/A	In the requirement phase of system development, a domain is a user or system that interacts with the system being designed (actor).
Domain*	N/A	A domain represents a level of the hierarchy in the Domain Name Space and has a domain name.
Downstream Entity*	N/A	A downstream entity is any party that enters into an acceptable written arrangement below the level of the arrangement between an MA organization (and contract applicant) and a first tier entity.
Dreamweaver Creative Suite	Dreamweaver CS	Dreamweaver CS is an Adobe product used in Website development.
Dreyfus Model of Skill Acquisition	N/A	In the fields of education and operations research, the Dreyfus model of skill acquisition is a model of how students acquire skills through formal instruction and practicing.

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Drools	N/A	Drools is a business rule management system with a forward-chaining, inference-based rules engine, more correctly known as a production rule system, using an enhanced implementation of the Rete algorithm.
Drug Benefit Calculator	DBC	The DBC is an application that allows users to enter their prescription drug costs to help determine their out-of-pocket costs under the standard Medicare prescription drug benefit.
Drug Data Processing System	DDPS	DDPS is a system that receives and validates Medicare drug claim data (processes and stores Prescription Drug Event data).
Drug Efficacy Study Implementation	DESI	DESI was a program started by the FDA in the 1960s after the requirement that all drug be efficacious as well as safe. The DESI program was intended to classify all pre-1962 drugs that were already on the market as either effective, ineffective, or needing further study.
Drug Enforcement Administration	DEA	DEA is the federal agency responsible for enforcing laws and regulations governing narcotics and controlled substances; goal is to immobilize drug.
Drug Utilization by Drug Tier Report	DUDT Report	The DUDT Report evaluates the differences in utilization among plans and benchmark against national utilization in COPR.
Drug-Drug Interaction*	DDI	DDI is a modification of the effect of a drug when administered with another drug.
Drupal	N/A	A Drupal is a free and open-source content management framework.
DS-2019	N/A	The DS-2019, or Certificate of Eligibility, is a multi-purpose document certifying that an individual's admission into a program is accepted and the individual has demonstrated sufficient financial resources to stay in the U.S. for the length of the DS-2019 form. The DS-2019 is the Certificate of Eligibility because with it, the individual is eligible to apply for a J-1 visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad.
DSH Performance Monitor	DPM	The DMP is a custom tool that aggregates many performance-related statistics.
dstat	N/A	dstat is a versatile replacement for vmstat, iostat, netstat, and ifstat. Dstat provides detailed, selective information in columns and enables users to view all system resources in real-time.

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Dual Data for States	DDFS	DDFS allows states' Medicaid offices to drill into non-financial Prescription Drug Event data for beneficiaries who are Dual Eligible.
Dual Provision Complaint	DPC	A DPC is a complaint that OCR determines (after an initial complaint assessment) alleges violations of the Security and Privacy Rules.
Dual-Tone Multi-Frequency	DTMF	DTMF is for telecommunication signaling over analog telephone lines in the voice-frequency band between telephone handsets and other communications devices and the switching center.
Dun & Bradstreet	D&B	D&B is a public company that licenses information on businesses and corporations for use in credit decisions, business-to-business marketing, and supply chain management.
Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor	DME MAC or DMAC	A DME MAC covers a specific geographic region of the country and only processes Medicare claims for DMEPOS items.
Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics & Supplies Bidding System	DBidS	DBidS is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services system that enables Medicare-approved and Medicare-accredited durable medical equipment suppliers to submit bids for such products via a Web- based system.
Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier	DMERC	A DMERC is a private company that contracts with Medicare to pay bills for durable medical equipment.
Durable Medical Equipment*	DME	DME refers to equipment prescribed by a physician and used in the course of treatment or home care, including such items as crutches, knee braces, wheelchairs, hospital beds, prostheses, etc.
Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies	DMEPOS	DMEPOS refers to durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies identified by CMS as necessary for medical treatment.
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol	DHCP	DHCP is a network protocol used to configure network devices so that they can communicate on an IP network.
Dynamic Object-Oriented Requirements System	DOORS	DOORS is a software tool for managing complex projects. It stores multiple documents and tables containing project requirements and other information, cross-linked by directional links.

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Dynamic Synchronous Transfer Mode	DTM	DTM is an optical networking technology standardized by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute in 2001. DTM is marketed for professional media networks, mobile TV networks, digital terrestrial television networks, in-content delivery networks, and in-consumer-oriented networks, such as "triple play" networks
e- Freedom of Information Act	e-FOIA	e-FOIA is an electronic version of the FOIA that is a Federal freedom of information law that allows for the full or partial disclosure of previously unreleased information and documents controlled by the United States Government.
Early Innovator Learning Collaborative	EILC	The EILC brings State and federal partners together to work toward establishing a solid health insurance infrastructure.
Early Innovator State	N/A	An Early Innovator State received a grant from the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight to develop the building blocks for Health Insurance Marketplace information technology systems, providing models for how other States can create Health Insurance Marketplace systems.
Early Learning Collaborative*	ELC	An ELC refers to a meeting in which two or more people learn or attempt to learn something together. Individuals engaged in an ELC capitalize on one another's resources and skills (e.g., asking one another for information, evaluating one another's ideas, monitoring one another's work, etc.).
Early Retiree List	ERL	An ERL is a collection of data about the person(s) for whom a plan sponsor requests reimbursement from the ERRP program.
Early Retiree Reinsurance Program	ERRP	ERRP provides financial relief for employers, unions, and State and local governments for quality, affordable insurance for retirees.
Early Retiree Reinsurance Program Contact Center	ERRPCC	The ERRPCC provides support for the ERRP.
Earned Value Management System	EVMS	EVMS combines measurements of scope, schedule, and cost in a single integrated system in order to measure project performance and progress objectively.
Earned Value Management*	EVM	EVM is a management methodology for integrating scope, schedule, and resources, and for objectively measuring project performance and progress.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Eastern Standard Time	EST	EST is the standard time in the 5th time zone west of Greenwich, reckoned at the 75th meridian. This time zone is in the eastern part of the U.S. of America.
Eastern Time	ET	ET is the standard time in the 5th time zone west of Greenwich, reckoned at the 75th meridian, and used in the eastern U.S.
E-Authentication	EA	EA is the formal, documented procedures to facilitate the implementation of an E-authentication policy and associated E-authentication controls.
Echo	N/A	Echo is a protocol service in the Internet Protocol Suite.
Eclipse	N/A	Eclipse is a multi-language software development environment comprising an IDE and an extensible plug-in system.
Edifecs	N/A	Edifecs is a healthcare IT company.
Edifecs SpecBuilder	N/A	Edifecs SpecBuilder is an integrated and intuitive design-time tool for business and electronic data interchange analysts.
Edifecs XEngine	N/A	Edifecs XEngine is an Enterprise-strength, high-throughput message processing engine that provides deep and accurate validation of transactions. Edifecs XEngine also provides capabilities such as splitting, routing, aggregation, enrichment of transactions, and translation between multiple standards.
EDSC Life Cycle Vertical Support	ELVIS	ELVIS is the help desk support system used to receive, process, and reply to support requests from application users of MDM, Enterprise Portal, and Business Rules Enterprise Services.
Education, Training, and Outreach	ETO	ETO is part of the ERRP contract that takes care of all external, and some internal, education and training via Webinars and updates to the public facing ERRP Website.
e-Freedom of Information Act	e-FOIA	e-FOIA is an electronic version of the FOIA, a federal freedom of information law that allows for full or partial disclosure of previously unreleased information that documents U.S. government controls.
eGate Integrator	N/A	The eGate integrator forms part of the Sun Microsystems ICAN suite of software products
eGlobalTech	N/A	eGlobalTech is a management consulting and information technology solutions firm.



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Ehcache	N/A	Ehcache is an open-source, widely used, Java-distributed cache for general purpose caching, Java EE, and lightweight containers.
eHealth Exchange	N/A	The eHealth Exchange is a Web-service based series of specifications that securely exchange healthcare related data.
Elastic Block Store	EBS	EBS provides raw block-level storage that can be attached to Amazon EC2 instances.
Elastic Compute Cloud	EC2	EC2 is a central part of Amazon's cloud-computing platform by allowing users to rent virtual computers on which to run their own computer applications.
Elastic Load Balancer	ELB	ELB automatically distributes incoming application traffic across multiple targets. It monitors the health of registered targets and routes traffic only to healthy targets.
Electronic and Information Technology*	EIT	EIT is any device or technology that uses electronic means to transmit and present information to the user.
Electronic Authentication	E-Authentication	E-Authentication is a process closely related to identification. In online environments, the username identifies the user, and the password authenticates that the user is who he or she claims to be.
Electronic Business using Extensible Markup Language	ebXML	ebXML, or e-business XML, is a family of XML-based standards whose mission is to provide an open, XML-based infrastructure that enables the global use of electronic business information in an interoperable, secure, and consistent manner by all Trading Partners.
Electronic Clinical Quality Measure*	eCQM	An eCQM is reported from an electronic health record using e-specifications approved by CMS.
Electronic Correspondence Referral System	ECRS	The Electronic Correspondence Referral System (ECRS) allows MSP representatives at the Medicare contractor sites and at authorized CMS Regional Offices to fill out various online forms and electronically transmit requests for changes to existing CWF MSP information, inquiries concerning possible MSP coverage.
Electronic Data Interchange 274/824N Inbound to Healthcare Integrated General Ledger and Account System	EDI 274/824N Inbound to HIGLAS	The EDI 274/824N Inbound to HIGLAS Service allows federal Exchange Program System Plan Management to send a list of issuers who are to receive Advance Payment of the Premium Tax Credit/Cost-Sharing Reduction, Risk Adjustment, and Reinsurance payments to the Healthcare Integrated General Ledger and Account System.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Electronic Data Interchange 810/824N Inbound to Healthcare Integrated General Ledger and Account System	EDI 810/824N Inbound to HIGLAS	The EDI 810/824N Inbound to HIGLAS Service allows the federal Exchange Program System Payment Module to send invoices to the Healthcare Integrated General Ledger and Account System for Advance Payment of the Premium Tax Credit/Cost-Sharing Reduction, Risk Adjustment, and Reinsurance payments to be made to issuers.
Electronic Data Interchange*	EDI	EDI refers to the computer-to-computer exchange of structured information by agreed message standards, from one computer application to another by electronic means and with a minimum of human intervention.
Electronic Data Systems	EDS	See HP Enterprise Services.
Electronic File Transfer*	EFT	EFT is the act of transmitting files over a computer network or the Internet.
Electronic Funds Transfer*	EFT	EFT is the electronic exchange or transfer of money from one account to another, either within a single financial institution or across multiple institutions, through computer-based systems.
Electronic Health Record*	EHR	An EHR, or Electronic Medical Record (EMR), is a systematic collection of electronic health information about individual patients or populations.
Electronic Industries Alliance	EIA	EIA (formerly Electronic Industries Association) was a standards and trade organization composed as an alliance of trade associations for electronics manufacturers in the U.S. They developed standards to ensure the equipment of different manufacturers was compatible and interchangeable. The EIA ceased operations on February 11, 2011, but the former sectors continue to serve the constituencies of EIA.
Electronic Mail*	E-mail	E-mail is a method of exchanging electronic messages.
Electronic Medical Record*	EMR	See EHR.
Electronic Prescribing	E-Prescribing	E-Prescribing is a prescriber's ability to electronically send an accurate, error-free, and understandable prescription directly to a pharmacy from the point-of-care.
Electronic Prescribing	eRx	eRx refers to the prescribing of controlled substances and medical devices/equipment electronically.
Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program	eRx Incentive Program	The eRx Incentive Program is a reporting program that uses a combination of incentive payments and payment adjustments to encourage electronic prescribing by eligible professionals.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Electronic Protected Health Information	ePHI	ePHI is any PHI a user stores, transmits, creates, or receives electronically.
Electronic Remittance Advice	ERA	An ERA is an electronic version of a payment explanation that provides details about provider claim payment, and if denied, the required explanations. Plans provide ERAs to Providers. The industry standard for sending ERA data is the HIPAA X12N 835 standard.
Electronic Submission of Medical Documents	esMD	esMD refers to the exchange of electronic medical documentation using the NHIN CONNECT between Medicare FFS review contractors and healthcare providers.
Electronic Ticketing System	ETS	ETS is a method and system for electronic trouble ticket recognition and acceptance.
Eligibility and Enrollment	E&E	E&E refers to the eligibility of an entity in a health insurance program in accordance with the Affordable Care Act.
Eligibility and Enrollment - Insurance	EEl	EEl refers to the eligibility of an individual in a health insurance program in accordance with the Affordable Care Act.
Eligibility Support Worker	ESW	An ESW determines the of eligibility of clients for income maintenance programs and services, and establishes initial and on-going eligibility for multiple income maintenance programs.
Eligibility Verification Orchestration	EVO	The EVO Service allows a system to submit applicant data to query to all necessary trusted data sources. EVO invokes all the TDSs, compiles the responses, and send responses back to the requester.
Eligible Clinician*	EC	An EC is a licensed healthcare professional who qualifies as such under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).
Eligible Professional*	EP	An EP is an entity eligible to participate in the CMS I incentive program.
EmblemHealth	N/A	EmblemHealth is a health maintenance organization and health insurance company based in New York City.
EMC	EMC	EMC, or EMC Corporation, develops, delivers, and supports information infrastructure and virtual infrastructure hardware, software, and services.
EMC ControlCenter	ECC	ECC is infrastructure management software to monitor and analyze SANs.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Emergency Change Request*	ECR	An ECR is any request that has the potential to effect change that requires immediate action to ensure stability, avoid interruption, or restore service to resources.
Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act	EMTALA	EMTALA is a 1986 law designed to ensure public access to emergency services regardless of ability to pay.
Emergency Release*	ER	An ER resolves critical system errors that directly affect client business activities where no practical workaround exists, or resolves issues when the integrity of data within the application is at risk.
Emergency Response*	ER	An ER is a response to emergencies such as fire, flood, civil commotion, natural disasters, bomb threats, etc. in order to protect lives, limit the damage to property, and minimize the impact on operations.
Emergency Room*	ER	The ER is the department of a hospital that provides immediate treatment for acute illnesses and trauma.
Employer Identification Number	EIN	The EIN is a unique identifier provided by the Internal Revenue Service to employers.
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Employer-Sponsored Insurance	ESI	ESI refers to insurance an employer sponsors and pays a portion of for individual employees.
Employment Authorization Document	EAD	An EAD provides proof to an employer that an individual has permission to work in the U.S.
Enablers*	N/A	Enablers support the activities needed to extend the Architectural Runway to provide future business functionality. These include exploration, infrastructure, compliance, and architecture development. They are captured in the various backlogs and occur at all levels of the Framework.
Encounter Data Processing System	EDPS	EDPS replaces the Risk Adjustment Processing System, or RAPS, for CMS submission data. EDPS processes Medicare Advantage claims for pricing, eligibility, coverage, and provider validation.
End Stage Renal Disease*	ESRD	ESRD is an irreversible decline in kidney function that is severe enough to be fatal without dialysis or transplantation.
End User*	N/A	The end user is the individual who uses the product after it has been fully developed and marketed.
End-of-Month*	EOM	EOM refers to the last day of the month.

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End-of-Phase*	EOP	EOP is the termination of a phase of software development.
End-of-Year*	EOY	EOY refers to the last day of the year.
Endpoint Management	EPM	EPM helps system administrators manage information at the endpoint.
End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Reporting System	EQRS	EQRS is a CMS-owned system designed to gather, store, and disseminate data regarding the quality of care for individuals with end-stage renal disease.
End-to-End Testing*	N/A	End-to-end testing is a methodology used to test whether the flow of an application is performing as designed from start to finish. The purpose of carrying out end-to-end tests is to identify system dependencies and to ensure that the right information is passed between various system components and systems.
Engineering Review Board	ERB	The CMS ERB reviews technical designs at key checkpoints during the life cycle process to ensure that the technical designs are feasible and adhere to CMS architectural standards.
Enhanced Alternative	EA	EA plans are alternative coverage plans that do require a supplemental premium.
Enrollee Satisfaction Survey	ESS	An ESS gauges the satisfaction of an enrollee in a health insurance plan based upon a set of pre-defined questions.
Enrollee*	N/A	An enrollee is an individual enrolled in a Qualified Health Plan.
Enrollment Data Store	EDS	EDS receives data from State-Based Marketplaces and the Federally Facilitated Marketplace and stores all data except enveloping information.
Enrollment Database	EDB	The primary purpose of this system is to maintain information on Medicare enrollment for the administration of the Medicare program.
Enrollment Eligibility and Verification System	EEVS	This system manages beneficiary enrollment in the Discount Drug Card program.
Enrollment Reconciliation Repository	ENR	The ENR is the repository for 834 transactions.
Enrollment*	EN	As it applies to the Medicare program, EN refers to the initial act of choosing to participate, or enroll, in the Medicare program.

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Enterprise Advisory Board	EAB	An EAB controls identified system changes, reviews impacts, and grants approvals as part of the change management function.
Enterprise Application Integration	EAI	See Application-to Application.
Enterprise Application Platform	EAP	EAP is a subscription-based/open-source Java EE-based, application server, runtime platform projects use for building, deploying, and hosting highly transactional Java applications and services.
Enterprise Architecture	EA	EA refers to the disposition and interrelationship of all management, information, and computing systems within an organization.
Enterprise Architecture and Strategy Group	EASG	EASG is a group within the CMS Office of Information Services.
Enterprise Archive File	EAR File	An EAR file has the same format as a regular .jar file. The .ear file contains everything necessary to deploy an Enterprise application on an application server. It contains both the .war (Webarchive) file containing the Web component of the application as well as the .jar file.
Enterprise Asset Management	EAM	EAM refers to the whole-life optimal management of the physical assets of an organization to maximize value.
Enterprise Business Intelligence	EBI	EBI provides the policy direction, standards, and best practices required to ensure that business intelligence reporting and analysis meets organizational requirements.
Enterprise Canonical Data Model	ECDM	An ECDM (or Enterprise Canonical Model) is an Enterprise design pattern that provides common data naming, definitions, and values within a generalized data framework. A Canonical Model is any model that is canonical in nature (i.e., a model in the simplest form possible based on a standard, common view within a given context).
Enterprise Canonical Model	ECM	See Enterprise Canonical Data Model.
Enterprise Change Control Board	ECCB	An ECCB controls identified system changes, reviews impacts, and grants approvals as part of the change management function.
Enterprise Cloud	eCloud	eCloud provides a range of security options and speed-to-market with improved collaboration among business partners and customers.

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Enterprise Cloud Application Platform	ECAP	ECAP is a virtualized, cloud-based environment hosting a variety of applications.
Enterprise Content Management	ECM	ECM is a formalized means of organizing and storing an organization's documents, and other content, that relate to the organization's processes.
Enterprise Data Architecture	EDA	EDA is an organization's logical and physical data environment. It consists of the information that exists, the organization that stores the data, and, most importantly, the meaning of the data.
Enterprise Data Center	EDC	The EDC collects and stores high-quality data in a unified repository to meet the demands of the Medicare prescription drug plan, accelerated Medicare claims processing, and more use of Internet-based applications.
Enterprise Data Center Group	EDCG	EDCG of OIS is responsible for the following activities providing oversight and auditing of the CMS-controlled desktop/laptop and other IT resources, approving new desktop/laptop software for implementation and use, establishing waiver procedures and signature files for any and all approved peer-to-peer software purchases and implementations that allow individual users of the Internet to connect to each other and trade files, and overseeing CMS IT infrastructure implementation agent or contractor's execution of their role in fulfilling this policy.
Enterprise Data Environment	EDE	The EDE is the central technical vision in the CMS effort to establish Enterprise-level capability to manage, capture, and analyze core data assets.
Enterprise Data Group	EDG	EDG of OIS serves as the principal advisor and technical authority for data administration, database administration, CMS data release and Privacy Act policies, processes, procedures, templates, and guidance. EDG is also responsible for providing access pathways to CMS data, processing Freedom of Information Act requests, and processing/distributing CMS Public Use Files.
Enterprise Data Management and Governance	EDMG	EDMG provides the management and governance for ongoing data quality and stewardship of CMS data.
Enterprise Data Services Contract	EDSC	The EDSC supports important aspects of the CMS Enterprise Data Environment. This initiative establishes the foundation for modernizing CMS data systems, and for supporting the transformation of business and information systems to meet the CMS overall mission to ensure effective, up-to-date healthcare coverage, and to provide transparency into federal healthcare data.

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Enterprise Database	EDB	The EDB is currently the system of record for enrollment and entitlement data for Medicare beneficiaries.
Enterprise Eligibility Service	EES	EES is an Enterprise-level service that aids in determining eligibility.
Enterprise Eligibility Services	EES	Enterprise Eligibility Services will allow a CMS application to provide a Current Beneficiary's HICN, BeneLink Key. If the Input Code is a SSN along with the demographic Information First Name, Last Name, Name Suffix, Date of Birth and Sex Code of Beneficiary the match criteria is performed and Current HICN and BeneLink Key are returned as result. If the Input Code is invalid, the application will be provided with an error message and Error Code back to the Business Rule.
Enterprise File Transfer	EFT	EFT refers to software solutions that facilitate the secure transfer of data from one computer to another through a network on an Enterprise level.
Enterprise Guide	EG	SAS EG is a Microsoft Windows client application that provides a guided mechanism to use SAS and publish dynamic results throughout an organization in a uniform way. It is marketed as the default interface to SAS for business analysts, statisticians, and programmers. Though Data Integration Studio is the true ETL tool of SAS, Enterprise Guide can be used for the ETL of smaller projects.
Enterprise Human Resources Integration	EHRI	EHRI is an initiative to streamline and automate the electronic exchange of standardized human resources data needed for the creation of an official employee record across the Executive Branch.
Enterprise Identity Management	EIDM	EIDM manages connections from a user to a CMS application, establishing trust and granting access at an appropriate level.
Enterprise Information Security Group	EISG	EISG is a division under the Office of Information Services at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
Enterprise Information System	EIS	An EIS is a computing system that is of Enterprise class. This means the system typically offers high quality of service, deals with large volumes of data, and is capable of supporting a large organization (i.e., an Enterprise).
Enterprise Information Technology Architecture	EITA	EITA is the process of developing methodical information technology specifications, models, and guidelines, using a variety of Information Technology notations.
Enterprise Installation Standards	EIS	EIS is a methodology covering the installation of Sun systems and storage.



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Enterprise Integration Program Manager	EIPM	EIPM is a title of a job position in the Portfolio, Program, and Project Management (PM3) contract.
Enterprise JavaBeans	EJB	EJB is a managed, server-side component architecture for modular construction of Enterprise applications.
Enterprise Logical Data Model	ELDM	ELDM serves as a valuable data management tool and a bridge of understanding between the technical (Information Technology) and business branches of an organization. The value of logical data modeling has always been to establish the “single version of the truth” of an organization’s business functions.
Enterprise Manager	EM	EM is a set of Web-based tools aimed at managing the software and hardware the Oracle Corporation and some non-Oracle entities produce.
Enterprise Manager Grid Control	EM-GRID	EM-GRID is a systems management product for the monitoring and management of all of products in a data center.
Enterprise Master Person Index	EMPI	An EMPI is a database that is used across a healthcare organization to maintain consistent, accurate, and current demographic and essential medical data on the patients seen and managed within its various departments.
Enterprise Miner	EM	EM streamlines the data mining process to create accurate predictive and descriptive models based on large volumes of data from across an enterprise.
Enterprise Performance Life Cycle	EPLC	EPLC is an HHS framework that enhances information technology governance through application of sound investment, project management principles, and industry best practices.
Enterprise Security Station	ESS	ESS is a central database holds a list of all authorized users.
Enterprise Service Bus	ESB	ESB is a software architecture model for designing and implementing the interaction and communication between mutually interacting software applications in Service Oriented Architecture.
Enterprise Services	ES	ES is a component of Program Management and Business Requirements (PMBR) that supports PMBR lines of business (LOBs) in migration to Service Oriented Architecture (SOA).
Enterprise Services Manager	ESM	The ESM manages Layer 7s.

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Enterprise System Development	ESD	ESD facilitates the process of deploying change within an organization by identifying the parameters around three core business elements: change process, performance measurement, and Enterprise objects.
Enterprise Testing Center	ETC	ETC is a CMS components that supports the commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) product HP Performance Center (PC) to conduct performance tests and analyze results from executed tests.
Enterprise User Administration	EUA	EUA is a system CMS uses to manage Enterprise user identifiers and passwords. It provides centralized administration of user IDs on the entire CMS Enterprise.
Enterprise Web Server	EWS	EWS is a fully integrated and certified set of components for hosting Java web applications.
Entity ID	EID	A number assigned by Initiate processes to every member in the Master Index database. If more than one member has been determined to be the same, they are assigned the same entity id number.
Entity Relationship Diagram	ERD	An ERD is a specialized graphic that illustrates the relationships between entities in a database.
Entity Relationship for Windows	ERwin	See CA ERwin.
Entrust	N/A	Entrust provides identity-based security software and services in the areas of public key infrastructure, multifactor authentication, Secure Socket Layer certificates, fraud detection, digital certificates and mobile authentication.
Entry Tracking System	ETS	An ETS tracks relevant project data to completion.
Environment for Developers and Operations	Endevor	Endevor is a mainframe source code management and release management tool.
Epic	N/A	Epic makes software for mid-size and large medical groups, hospitals, and integrated healthcare organizations, working with customers that include community hospitals, academic facilities, children's organizations, safety net providers, and multi-hospital systems.
Epic Owner*	N/A	Epic owners are responsible for coordinating portfolio epics through the portfolio kanban system. They define the epic, its minimum viable product (MVP), and Lean business case, and when approved, facilitate implementation.

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Epic*	N/A	An epic is a container for a solution development initiative large enough to require analysis, the definition of a minimum viable product (MVP), and financial approval before implementation. Implementation occurs over multiple program increments (PIs) and follows the Lean startup 'build-measure-learn' cycle.
EPTBN	N/A	EPTBN is an input file for HCIS.
EQ Segment	N/A	An EQ Segment is a service segment.
EQRS Data Dictionary	EDD	The EDD provides formatting and acceptable range information for each data element in EQRS.
Equal Employment Opportunity	EEO	EEO is the legal protection (by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended) of applicants and employees from discrimination in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), or national origin.
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	EEOC	EEOC is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability, or genetic information.
Equifax	N/A	Equifax is a consumer credit reporting agency in the United States.
eEquip	N/A	eEquip is the QSSI repository of approved process assets. The site contains policies, processes, templates, forms, checklists, and other job aids.
Erlang	N/A	The erlang (symbol E) is a dimensionless unit used in telephony as a statistical measure of offered load or carried load on service-providing elements such as telephone circuits or telephone switching equipment.
Error Conversion Service	ECS	ECS is a framework that converts internal errors into readable output.
Erythropoietin Stimulating Agent	ESA	ESAs stimulate bone marrow to produce red blood cells in order to treat anemia (low red blood cells) resulting from chronic kidney failure, chemotherapy, certain treatments for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and also to reduce the number of blood transfusions during and after certain major surgeries.
Erythropoietin*	EPO	EPO is a glycoprotein hormone that controls erythropoiesis, or red blood cell production.

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Escalation/Notification Procedure	ENP	ENP is the process set up to define the steps taken when service levels fail to meet standards. This involves responding to expected and unexpected events in a predetermined manner, problem resolution, and lessons learned sessions to attempt recurrence prevention.
ESRD Seamless Care Organization	ESCO	ESCOs include dialysis facilities, nephrologists, and other providers that have joined together to be financially accountable for quality outcomes and Medicare Part A and B spending, including all spending for dialysis services, for their ESRD beneficiaries.
Essential Community Provider	ECP	ECPs are providers that serve predominantly low-income, medically underserved individuals.
Essential Health Benefits	EHB	EHB is a set of health benefits that specific plans must cover by 2014.
Estimate at Completion	EAC	EAC is a calculated value, in dollars or hours that represents the projected final cost of work required to complete remaining project tasks. EAC is Estimate to Complete plus the Actual Cost of Work Performed.
Estimate to Complete	ETC	ETC is a calculated value, in dollars or hours that represents the cost of work required to complete remaining project tasks.
ESX	N/A	ESX is an enterprise-level computer virtualization product.
ESXi	N/A	ESXi is an Enterprise-level computer virtualization product.
Ethernet	N/A	Ethernet is a family of computer networking technologies for local area networks.
eToken	N/A	eToken is a portable device for two-factor authentication.
Eureka	N/A	Eureka is a REST-based service that is primarily used in the AWS cloud for locating services for the purpose of load balancing and failover of middle-tier servers.
Evaluation & Management	E&M	E&M is any diagnostic and therapeutic procedure that may be performed by a healthcare provider at a specific location.
Event Identifier*	EVID	EVID is the CDBASYS identifier for an event.
Event Management Framework	EMF	EMF provides a lightweight mechanism for new and legacy applications within an organization to generate events and to be able to respond to events that other systems generate.

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Event Publishing	EP	EP has multiple uses to include feeding central information brokers and Web applications, and triggering actions based on updates, inserts, or deletes to source tables.
Event Sequence Number	EVSN	EVSN is the CDBASYS identifier for an event sequence number.
Event*	N/A	An event is a synonym for user requirement (UR). See UR.
Evidence of Coverage	EOC	EOC is a document given to the member that contains an explanation of benefits and services available under the member's plan and that outlines the rights and responsibilities of the plan.
EVO-Development Integration Environment	EVO-DEVINT	EVO-DEVINT is the environment in which Unit Testing and early Functional Testing of the EVO Service occurs. Early Integration Testing between the EVO Service and the Hub are also occurs in this environment. In addition, verification of fixes to defects identified in EVO-DEVINT environment occurs here.
EVO-Development0 Environment	EVO-DEV0	EVO-DEV0 is the environment in which verification of an EVO-PROD defect fix (hot fix) occurs. Fast tracking a fix to EVO-PROD is the primary use for this environment. That is, when a severity 1 defect or an EVO-PROD issue arises that impacts multiple users, this is the environment for verifying the resolution to the defect or issue.
EVO-Development2 Environment	EVO-DEV2	EVO-DEV2 is the environment in which Functional Testing of the EVO Service occurs. Integration Testing between the EVO Service and the Hub also occurs in this environment. In addition, verification of fixes to defects identified in EVO-DEV2 environment occurs here.
EVO-Implementation0 Environment	EVO-IMP0	EVO-IMP0 is the environment in which verification of an EVO-PROD defect fix (hot fix) occurs. End-to-End Integration Testing of an EVO-PROD defect (hot fix) between EZApp, the EVO Service, and the Hub occurs in this environment. User Acceptance Testing of an EVO-PROD fix that includes EZApp, EVO, and the Hub also occurs in this environment
EVO-Implementation1A Environment	EVO-IMP1A	EVO-IMP1A is the environment in which End-to-End Integration Testing between EZApp, the EVO Service, and the Hub occur. Typically, EZApp User Acceptance Testing occurs in this environment.
Evolvent	Evolvent	Evolvent is a healthcare systems innovator that offers electronic medical record implementation, imaging management, network development, and cyber-security services primarily for federal healthcare systems.

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EVO-Private Cloud - Development Integration Environment	EVO-PC-DEVINT	EVO-PC-DEVINT is the environment in which Unit Testing and early Functional Testing of the EVO Service occurs. Early Integration Testing between the EVO Service and the Hub are also occurs in this environment. In addition, the Federal DSH Team uses this environment to verify fixes to defects prior to deploying to upper test environments (EVO-DEV2 and EVO-IMP1A).
EVO-Production Environment	EVO-PROD	EVO-PROD is the Production Environment for the EVO Service.
Excess Readmission Ratio*	ERR	A hospital's excess readmission ratio is a measure of a hospital's readmission performance compared to the national average for the hospital's set of patients with that applicable condition.
Exchange Enrollment	N/A	The Exchange Enrollment Service transfers individual and SHOP data from the FFM to the Issuer.
Exchange Life Cycle	ELC	ELC is a streamlined model that guides and coordinates the development and implementation of Marketplaces. ELC offers a consistent framework to help project managers, business owners, IT governance, critical partners, and other stakeholders communicate expectations and execute key synchronization points across the project life cycle in the form of artifacts, and stage gate reviews.
Exchange Operations Center	XOC	The MOSC is the operations center for Health Insurance Marketplaces.
Exchange Operations Support Center	XOSC	See XOC.
Executable*	EXE	EXE is an executable file type.
Execution Object Model	XOM	XOM is a model that references implementation objects used in rules.
Executive Review Board	ERB	The ERB is the official body of reviewers who determine actions related to an information system.
Expedited Life Cycle	XLC	XLC is a tailored approach to project execution and governance based on project risk.
Experian	N/A	Experian is a global credit information group.
Expression Language	EL	EL is a scripting language that allows access to Java components (Java Beans) through JSP.
Extend Health	N/A	Extended Health Extend Health, Inc. is the largest private Medicare exchange in the industry.

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Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code	EBCDIC	EBCDIC is an 8-bit character encoding used mainly on IBM mainframe and IBM midrange computer operating systems.
Extensible Access Control Markup Language	XACML	XACML is a standard that defines a declarative access control, policy language implemented in Extensible Markup Language, and a processing model that describes how to evaluate authorization requests according to the rules policies define.
Extensible Event Stream	XES	XES is an XML-based format for storing event logs.
Extensible Hypertext Markup Language	XHTML	XHTML is a family of XML markup languages that mirror or extend versions of the widely used Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), the language in which Web pages are written.
Extensible Markup Language*	XML	XML is a set of rules for encoding documents in a machine-readable format.
Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol	XMPP	XMPP (previously Jabber) is an open-standard communications protocol for message-oriented middleware based on XML.
Extensible Stylesheet Language Formatting Object*	XSL-FO	XSL-FO is a markup language for XML document formatting which that generates portable document format files.
Extensible Stylesheet Language Transformations*	XSLT	XSLT is a language for transforming XML documents into other XML documents, or other objects such as HTML for Web pages, plain text, or XSL Formatting Objects, which the developer can then convert to portable document format files, PostScript, or PNG.
Extensible Stylesheet Language*	XSL	XSL refers to a family of languages used to transform and render XML documents.
Extent*	N/A	An extent is a contiguous area of storage in a computer file system, reserved for a file.
External Point of Contact*	EPOC	An EPOC is an approving official for contract end users seeking access to CMS systems.
External Risk*	N/A	External risks are those that arise from events taking place outside an organization and which are outside the control of Integrated Project Teams.

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Extract, Transform, and Load*	ETL	ETL is a process in database usage and especially in data warehousing that involves extracting data from outside sources, transforming it to fit operational needs (which can include quality levels), and loading it into the end target (database or data warehouse).
Extranet*	N/A	An extranet is a computer network that allows controlled access from the outside, for specific business or educational purposes.
Extraordinary Circumstances Exception	ECE	ECE provides relief for a healthcare facility whose ability to accurately collect quality measure data and/or to report those data in a timely manner has been negatively impacted as a direct result of experiencing a significant disaster or other extraordinary circumstance beyond the control of the healthcare facility.
Extraordinary Circumstances Exception*	ECE	ECE is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) policy that allows providers to receive relief from program requirements due to natural disasters or other circumstances beyond the provider's control that may affect the ability to provide high-quality health care.
EZApp	N/A	The EZApp allows individuals to enroll at <a href="http://www.healthcare.gov">http://www.healthcare.gov</a> without calculating the precise subsidy they could receive to help cover their health insurance premiums.
F5	N/A	F5, or F5 Networks, Incorporated, is a provider of application delivery networking technology that optimizes the delivery of network-based applications and the security, performance, and availability of servers, data storage devices, and other network resources.
Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources	FHIR	FHIR is a draft standard describing data formats and elements (known as "resources") and an Application Programming Interface (API) for exchanging Electronic health records. The standard was created by the Health Level Seven International (HL7) health-care standards organization.
Feasibility and Pilot Validation Study	FPVS	FPVS is a methodology for validating the data facilities submit to ESRD QIP by sampling approximately 10 records from 300 randomly selected facilities. Facilities have 60 days to comply once they receive requests for records.



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Feature*	N/A	A feature is a service that fulfills a stakeholder need. Each feature includes a benefit hypothesis and acceptance criteria, and is sized or split as necessary to be delivered by a single Agile Release Train (ART) in a Program Increment (PI).
Fecal Occult Blood Test	FOBT	The FOBT is a subset of COLO. Medicare covers this test once every 12 months for those 50 or older.
Federal Acquisition Regulation	FAR	FAR is the principal set of rules in the federal Acquisition Regulation System that consists of sets of regulations the Federal Government issues to govern the acquisition process.
Federal Acquisition Regulations	FAR	FAR is the principal set of rules in the Federal Acquisition Regulation System. This system consists of sets of regulations issued by agencies of the Federal government of the United States to govern the acquisition process.
Federal Data Services Hub	Federal DSH	The Federal DSH, or the Hub, helps States verify the income, citizenship, and other information about individuals when they seek health coverage through health insurance marketplaces and for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs.
Federal Emergency Management Agency	FEMA	FEMA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security whose primary purpose is to coordinate the response to a disaster that occurs in the U.S. and overwhelms the resources of local and State authorities.
Federal Employees Health Benefits Program	FEHB Program	The FEHB Program is a system of managed competition through which civilian government employees and annuitants of the government receive employee health benefits.
Federal Employees Retirement System	FERS	FERS is the current retirement system for federal civilian employees. FERS replaces the Civil Service Retirement System and conforms federal retirement plans to those in the private sector.
Federal Employer Identification Number	FEIN	FEIN is the corporate equivalent to an SSN; anyone who must pay withholding taxes to employees receives an FEIN. This includes States, government agencies, corporations, and any other organization that must have a number for a purpose in addition to reporting withholding tax, such as for opening a bank or brokerage account.
Federal Enrollment Data Store	FEDS	See Enrollment Data Store or National Enrollment Data Store.
Federal Enrollment Database	FED	See Enrollment Data Store or National Enrollment Data Store.

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Federal Enterprise Architecture	FEA	FEA is the Enterprise architecture of the government that provides a common methodology for information technology acquisition, use, and disposal in the government.
Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework	FEAF	FEAF facilitates share development of common processes and information among federal agencies and other government agencies.
Federal Exchange Program System	FEPS	The FEPS consists of an FFM, which serves the needs of individuals within States where those States do not have their own State-run Marketplace, and the Federal DSH, which provides common services and interfaces to federal agency information.
Federal Fiscal Year	FFY	The U.S. federal government's fiscal year begins on October 1 of the previous calendar year and ends on September 30 of the year with which it is numbered.
Federal Identity, Credential and Access Management	FICAM	FICAM requires a mechanism to assess the identity management standards against applicable federal requirements, policies, and laws.
Federal Information Processing Standards	FIPS	FIPS are hardware and software components that protect one set of system resources (e.g., computers, networks) from attack by outside network users (e.g., Internet users) by blocking and checking all incoming network traffic. Firewalls permit authorized users to access and transmit privileged information, and deny access to unauthorized users.
Federal Information Security Management Act	FISMA	FISMA requires each federal agency to develop, document, and implement an agency-wide program to provide information security for the information and information systems that support the operations and assets of the agency, including those provided or managed by another agency, contractor, or other source.
Federal Information System Controls Audit Manual	FISCAM	FISCAM presents a methodology for performing information system control audits of federal and other governmental entities in accordance with professional standards.
Federal Insurance Contribution Act	FICA	FICA is a federal payroll (or employment) tax imposed on employees and employers to fund Social Security and Medicare.
Federal Marketplace	FM	See Federally Facilitated Marketplace.
Federal Marketplace Program System	FMPS	FMPS is a CMS system used to determine consumer eligibility and a mechanism for consumers to enroll in a qualified health plan.

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Federal Poverty Level	FPL	The FPL level states how much money an individual or families of varying sizes need to live a basic existence. The Federal Government sets the FPL level.
Federal Register	FR	The FR is the official journal of the Federal Government that contains most routine publications and public notices of government agencies.
Federal Standard Requisitioning and Issue Procedures	FEDSTRIP	FEDSTRIP is a requisitioning system available to federal civilian agencies and authorized contractors for ordering supplies from the General Services Administration.
Federal Tax Information	FTI	FTI is information associated with an individual federal tax return, which the IRS safeguards.
Federal Trade Commission	FTC	The FTC is an independent federal agency whose principal mission is the promotion of consumer protection and the elimination and prevention of what regulators perceive to be harmfully anti-competitive business practices, such as coercive monopoly.
Federal Travel Regulation	FTR	The FTR enumerates the travel and relocation policy for all Title 5 executive agency employees.
Federally Facilitated Exchange	FFE	An FFE is a state-based health insurance exchange created by the Affordable Care Act, and through which individuals can buy health insurance.
Federally Facilitated Marketplace	FFM	An FFM serves the needs of individuals within states where those States do not have their own State-run health insurance marketplace.
Federally Facilitated Small Business Health Options Program	FF-SHOP	FF-SHOPs provide tools and resources to assist employers, employees, agents, and brokers in evaluating coverage options available through the FF-SHOP, and selecting a health plan in states without SBMs. FF-SHOPs also support employers and small group issuers by collecting a single, aggregated payment from each employer and distributing that payment to qualified health plan issuers based on participating employee plan selections.
Federally Qualified Health Center	FQHC	An FQHC is a facility in a medically underserved area that provides Medicare beneficiaries preventive primary medical care under the general supervision of a physician.
Federated Identity Management	FIM	FIM enables companies with several different technologies, standards, and use-cases to share their applications by allowing individuals to use the same login credentials or other personal identification information across security domains.

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Federated Identity Management System	FIMS	FIMS enables companies with several different technologies, standards, and use-cases to share their applications by allowing individuals to use the same login credentials or other personal identification information across security domains.
Federated Server	N/A	A federated server responds to requests from end users and client applications.
Federated System	N/A	A federated system is a special type of database management system. A federated system consists of a DB2 instance that operates as a federated server, a database that acts as the federated database, one or more data sources, and clients (users and applications) that access the database and data sources.
Fedora	NA	Fedora is a Red Hat Package Manager-based, general-purpose collection of software, including an operating system based on the Linux kernel.
Fee-for-Service*	FFS	FFS is the traditional method of reimbursing physicians, hospitals and other healthcare providers for their services.
Fetch Eligibility Information	N/A	The Fetch Eligibility Information Service allows a Web Broker to obtain Marketplace eligibility information from the FFM for a specified individual.
FICON	N/A	FICON is the IBM proprietary name for the ANSI FC-SB-3 Single-Byte Command Code Sets-3 Mapping Protocol for Fiber Channel protocol.
File Transfer Protocol Secure*	FTPS	FTPS is an extension of the commonly used File Transfer Protocol (FTP) that adds support for the Transport Layer Security (TLS) and the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) cryptographic protocols.
File Transfer Protocol*	FTP	An FTP is a protocol that allows users to copy files between their local system and any system they can reach on the network.
File-AID	N/A	File-AID is a program used to browse, edit, allocate, compare, copy, delete, and print files.
Filed Against Entity	FAE	An FAE is a covered person or company such as a health plan, healthcare clearinghouse, or healthcare provider against which a HIPAA-related complaint filing occurs.
Final Detailed Design Review	FDDR	An FDDR is the final, formal inspection of the system architecture of an automated system and its software.
Financial Accounting Control System	FACS	See HIGLAS.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Financial Information and Vouchering System	FIVS	FIVS is a vouchering system utilized by Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) to record data regarding labor costs associated with Case Reviews and Quality Improvement Initiatives to submit their monthly vouchers in support of the 11th SOW.
Financial Management Investment Board	FMIB	The FMIB oversees certain types of funding for CMS.
Financial Management Service	FMS	FMS is a bureau of the Department of the Treasury, providing central payment services to federal program agencies, operating the Federal Government collections and deposit systems, providing government-wide accounting and reporting services, and managing the collection of delinquent debt owed to the government.
Financial Measurement Baseline	FMB	The FMB establishes the baseline for financial planning and management of a project.
Financial Services Group	FSG	FSG is an oversight review group within OFM.
Financial Status Report	FSR	An FSR is a statement of expenditures sent to the sponsor of a contract.
Finger	N/A	Finger is a simple network protocol for the exchange of human-oriented status and user information.
Firewall*	N/A	A firewall is a part of a computer system or network that blocks unauthorized access while permitting authorized communications. It is a device or set of devices configured to permit or deny computer based applications based upon a set of rules and other criteria.
First Article Inspection	FAI	An FAI is a type of configuration management audit that examines the configuration item to verify that the related design documentation matches the design of the CI.
First DataBank	FDB	FDB is a publisher of pharmaceutical industry market information and information technology.
First In, First Out*	FIFO	FIFO is an approach to handling requests from queues in the order they arrive.
First Tier Entity	N/A	A first tier entity is any party that enters into a written arrangement with an MA organization or contract applicant to provide administrative services or healthcare services for a Medicare eligible individual.
Fiscal Intermediary Standard System	FISS	FISS ensures proper payment of medical insurance benefits to or on behalf of entitled beneficiaries.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Fiscal Intermediary*	FI	An FI is a private company that has a contract with Medicare to pay Part A and some Part B bills (e.g., bills from hospitals).
Fiscal Year*	FY	An FY (or financial year or budget year) is a period for calculating annual financial statements in businesses and other organizations.
Fistula First	N/A	Fistula First is the name given to the National Vascular Access Improvement Initiative. All 18 ESRD Networks are conducting this quality improvement project to promote the use of Arteriovenous Fistulas (AVFs) in suitable dialysis patients.
Fistula First Catheter Last	FFCL	FFCL is a coalition of vascular access experts and stakeholders who are committed to the development and implementation of sustainable system changes that support arteriovenous (AV) fistula placement in suitable hemodialysis patients, while reducing central venous catheter use.
FitNesse	N/A	FitNesse is a Web server, a wiki, and an automated testing tool for software.
Fix Pack*	N/A	A fix pack is an unscheduled release consisting of relatively few fixes, to address significant issues discovered between regularly scheduled releases.
Flash File*	N/A	A flash file is a streaming media format. This means that the animation begins to play before the whole file downloads. While the audience is viewing the file, the next sequence is downloading.
Flat File*	N/A	A flat file is a database that stores data in a plain text file. Each line of the text file holds one record, with fields separated by delimiters, such as commas or tabs.
Focused Medical Review	FMR	FMR is a pre-payment usage review process implemented by Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries to assess outpatient coverage and billing compliance with Medicare reimbursement regulations.
Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	FUH	FUH refers to the percentage of discharges for members 6 years of age and older who were hospitalized for treatment of selected mental health disorders and who had an outpatient visit, an intensive outpatient encounter or partial hospitalization with a mental health practitioner.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Food and Drug Administration	FDA	FDA is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation.
Foreground Security	N/A	Foreground Security is a consulting, training and services firm.
Foreign Key*	FK	The FK identifies a column or a set of columns in one table that refers to a set of columns in another table.
Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act	FOAA	The FOAA makes appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs.
Foreign Tape Media System	FTAPE	FTAPE is an automated system that tracks foreign media shipped from the CMS data center and stores information on data use agreements.
Form 1095 End-of-Year Information Return	N/A	Form 1095 End-of-Year Information Return is a form a Marketplace generates and submits at the end of the year to the IRS and to the tax filer.
Form CMS-20037	N/A	Form CMS-20037 is the application for access to CMS computer systems.
Form CMS-382	N/A	If an ESRD beneficiary chooses to participate in a self-dialysis training course and his or her physician certifies that it is reasonable to expect the beneficiary to complete the training program and self-dialyze on a regular basis, the beneficiary must fill out Form CMS-382 to choose either Method I or Method II dialysis. Once a beneficiary selects a method, the dialysis facility submits the Form CMS-382 to the appropriate fiscal intermediary (FI). The FI then enters the information from this form into the Common Working File (CWF).
Form I-20	N/A	Form I-20 (also known as the Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status-For Academic and Language Students) is a Department of Homeland Security form that colleges, universities, and vocational schools issue that provides supporting information on student F or M status.
Form I-327	N/A	Form I-327 is a reentry permit for a permanent resident alien who intends to remain abroad for more than a year.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Form I-551	N/A	Form I-551 is the official name of the Green Card, or Alien Registration Card. A valid Form I-551 verifies that a person has lawful admission to the U.S. for permanent residence.
Form I-571	N/A	Form I-571, or the Refugee Travel Document, is a booklet DHS issues to a refugee in the U.S., as a travel document in lieu of a passport.
Form I-766	N/A	Form I-766, or the Employment Authorization Document, is a document that gives a foreign alien permission to accept employment in the U. S.
Form I-864	N/A	Form I-864, or the Affidavit of Support, documents applicant available financial support to prove ability to live without concern of becoming reliant on U.S. government welfare.
Formal Inquiry	N/A	A formal inquiry is a request for CMS to review an ESRD facility's ESRD QIP score. A facility submits a formal inquiry to CMS if the facility believes the ESRD QIP score is incorrect. A facility may submit one formal inquiry per preview period.
Fraud Archive Reporting Service	FARS	FARS is a Web service that checks with Experian to determine if an applicant completed follow-up verification with Experian on the phone.
Fraud Investigation Database	FID	The FID tracks fraudulent Medicare cases.
Fraud Prevention System	FPS	The CMS FPS provides predictive screening of all Medicare fee-for-service claims before payment.
Free and Open Source Software*	FOSS	FOSS allows users to use, study, change, and improve its design through the availability of its source code.
Free Software Foundation	FSF	FSF is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating restrictions on copying, redistributing, understanding, and modifying computer programs.
FreeBSD	N/A	FreeBSD is a free UNIX-like operating system descended from UNIX via Berkeley Software Distribution.
Freedom of Information Act	FOIA	FOIA is a federal freedom of information law that allows for the full or partial disclosure of previously unreleased information and documents controlled by the government.



Term	Acronym	Definition
Freestanding Ambulatory Center	FAC	A FAC is a distinct entity that operates exclusively for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization and has an agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to participate in Medicare.
Frequently Asked Question*	FAQ	FAQs are commonly asked questions and answers pertaining to a particular topic.
Front-End*	N/A	A front-end application is one that application users interact with directly.
Full-Time Equivalent*	FTE	FTE is a unit to measure and compare employed persons who may work a different number of hours per week.
Fully Qualified Name*	FQN	An FQN is an unambiguous name that specifies which object, function, or variable a call refers to without regard to the context of the call.
Functional Configuration Audit	FCA	An FCA is an examination process to verify the functional characteristics of a software or hardware configuration.
Functional Requirement*	FR	An FR defines a function of a software system or its component. A function is described as a set of inputs, the behavior, and outputs
Functional Testing*	N/A	Functional testing is the process of testing to verify that the functions of a system are present as specified.
G-845 Form	N/A	The G-845 Form is a paper-based document verification request in the SAVE Program.
Galera Load Balancer	GLB	GLB is a fast, open source Transmission Control Protocol load balancer that uses multiple central processing unit cores.
Gantt Chart	N/A	A Gantt Chart is a type of bar chart that illustrates a project schedule.
Garbage In, Garbage Out*	GIGO	GIGO is a rule stating that the quality of the output is a function of the quality of the input; put garbage in and you get garbage out.
GE Segment	N/A	The GE segment is the functional group trailer segment of a set of X12 documents (transaction sets) of the same document type. The function of the GE segment is to indicate the end of a group of transaction sets in an interchange. The GE segment provides information about the number of functional groups in an interchange and the group control number.

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Geckoboard	N/A	A Geckoboard is a real-time status board for businesses that collects business information from many online services, summarizes it to distill the key messages, and displays it in a way that's easy to understand and interpret.
Geisinger Health System	GHS	GHS is a physician-led healthcare system.
General Dynamics Information Technology	GDIT	GDIT is a division of the General Dynamics Corporation, which acquired the ViPS Corporation in 2008, and has since integrated this organization. The official name of this sub-division is GDIT Healthcare.
General Purpose Front End	GPFE	The GPFE is the front-end application available to users of a system.
General Service Request	GSR	GSR is a term used in the Retiree Drug Subsidy program. It is a request made by one contractor to another for additional help and information.
General Services Administration	GSA	GSA is a central management agency that sets federal policy for federal procurement and real property management, and information resources management.
General Support System	GSS	A GSS is an interconnected set of information resources, under the same direct management control, which shares common functionality.
Generation Data Group	GDG	A GDG is a group of related files that a user may reference individually or as a group.
Generation Data Set	GDS	A GSD is a version of a z/OS data set that is stored as a member of a generation data group.
Generic Business Document	GBD	GBD is the name of a database, which Oracle hosts, that is responsible for storing transactions to display in the TM Web user interface.
Generic Product Indicator	GPI	A GPI indicates whether a drug is a brand name, generic, single-source, or multi-source drug.
Generic Routing Encapsulation	GRE	GRE is a tunneling protocol developed by Cisco Systems that can encapsulate a wide variety of network layer protocols inside virtual point-to-point links over an Internet Protocol network.
Gentoo Linux	N/A	Gentoo Linux is a computer operating system built on top of the Linux kernel and based on the Portage Package Management System.
Geographic Information System	GIS	A GIS is a system that captures, stores, manipulates, analyzes, manages, and presents all types of geographically referenced data.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Geography*	GEO	GEO is an abbreviation indicating geographical location.
GET	N/A	GET is a request-response method between a client and a server. GET requests data from a specified resource.
GetInsured	N/A	GetInsured is a company that assists individuals in shopping for health insurance.
Gigabit Ethernet	GbE	GbE is a term describing various technologies for transmitting Ethernet frames at a rate of a gigabit per second (1,000,000,000 bits per second).
Gigabyte*	GB	A GB is a unit of information equal to 1000 megabytes. GB is also plural for gigabytes.
Gigabytes*	GB	GB is the plural of gigabyte. A GB is a unit of information equal to 1000 megabytes. GB is also singular for gigabyte.
Gigahertz*	GHz	A GHz is a unit of frequency equal to one billion cycles per second.
Git	N/A	Git is a version control system (VCS) that is used for software development and other version control tasks. As a distributed revision control system it is aimed at speed, data integrity, and support for distributed, non-linear workflows.
GitHub	N/A	GitHub is a Web-based Git repository hosting service. It offers the distributed version control and source code management functionality of Git as well as additional features. It provides access control and collaboration features, such as bug tracking, feature requests, task management, and wikis for every project.
GitLab	N/A	GitLab is a Web-based Git repository manager with wiki and issue tracking features.
Glaucoma Screening*	GLAU	A GLAU helps find the eye disease glaucoma. Medicare covers this screening once every 12 months for people at high risk for glaucoma.
Gluster	Gluster	Gluster is a software company that provides an open source platform for scale-out public and Private Cloud storage.
Gluster File System	GlusterFS	GlusterFS is a scale-out network-attached storage file system. It has found applications including Cloud computing, streaming media services, and content delivery networks.
Glycated Hemoglobin	HbA1c	HbA1c is a form of hemoglobin that is measured primarily to identify the average plasma glucose concentration over prolonged periods of time.

Term	Acronym	Definition
GNU Compiler Collection	N/A	GCC is a compiler system produced by the GNU Project supporting various programming languages. It is a key component of the GNU toolchain and the standard compiler for most UNIX-like operating systems.
GNU Lesser General Public License	GNU LGPL	GNU LPGL, formerly the GNU Library General Public License, is a free software license published by the Free Software Foundation.
GNU Zipped Archive File	.gz	The GZ file format (.gz file extension) is an archival and compression format used by the GNU Zip compression tool included with most versions of Unix and Linux.
GNU's Not UNIX Lesser General Public License	GNU LGPL	LPGL, formerly the GNU Library General Public License, is a free software license published by the Free Software Foundation.
Go/No Go*	N/A	Go/No Go testing refers to a pass/fail test (or check) principle using two boundary conditions. The test passes only when the test meets the Go condition and fails when the test meets the No Go condition.
GoHealth	N/A	GoHealth is an online portal for finding health insurance.
Golden Image	N/A	A golden image is a template for a VM, virtual desktop, server, or hard disk drive. Other names for golden image are clone image, master image, or base image.
Good Health Systems	GHS	GHS, a privately held company, offers clinically driven, evidence-based pharmacy benefit services, clinical services, and secure data and storage services.
Google Appliance	N/A	Google Appliance is a rack-mounted device providing document indexing functionality that users can integrate into an intranet, document management system, or Web site using a Google search-like interface for end-user retrieval of results.
Google Chrome	N/A	Google Chrome is a freeware Web browser
GoToMeeting	N/A	GoToMeeting is a Web-hosted service is a remote meeting and desktop sharing software that enables the user to meet with other computer users, customers, clients, or colleagues via the Internet in real-time.
Governance Change Request	GCR	A GCR is a form used to submit requests for changes to the Governance Steering Committee.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Governance Entity of Jurisdiction	GEJ	A GEJ is an individual or group that owns a process, policy, or standard in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The GEJ is responsible for reviewing and approving artifacts that it submits to an oversight entity for final approval.
Government Accountability Office	GAO	GAO is the audit, evaluation, and investigative agency of the United States Congress.
Government Employee Health Association	GEHA	GEHA is a self-insured, not-for-profit association providing health and dental plans to federal employees and retirees and their families through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program.
Government Furnished Equipment*	GFE	GFE is equipment that is not the property of the contractor.
Government Furnished Information	GFI	GFI is information provided by the government to the contractor.
Government off-the-Shelf*	GOTS	GOTS is a term for software and hardware products typically developed by the technical staff of the government agency for the agency. Development is sometimes by an external entity, but with funding and specification from the agency.
Government Paperwork Elimination Act	GPEA	The GPEA requires that Federal agencies use electronic forms, electronic filing, and electronic signatures to conduct official business with the public by 2003.
Government Printing Office	GPO	The GPO is an agency of the legislative branch that provides printing and binding services for Congress and the departments and establishments of the Federal Government.
Government Task Leader	GTL	The GTL is a CMS technical representative responsible for monitoring contractor technical progress in accordance with the SOW.
Grade of Service	GOS	GOS is a measure of the probability of a user being unable to use a network because it is busy.
Graduate Medical Education	GME	GME refers to any type of formal medical education, usually hospital-sponsored or hospital-based training, pursued after receipt of the Medical Doctor, or Doctor of Osteopathy degree in the United States.
Graphical User Interface*	GUI	A GUI is a user interface based on graphics (icons, pictures, and menus) instead of text. The GUI uses a mouse as well as a keyboard as an input device.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Greenbone Security Assistant	N/A	The Greenbone Security Assistant is a Web client that works without any active content.
Greenwich Mean Time	GMT	GMT is the mean solar time of the meridian of Greenwich, used historically as the prime basis of standard time throughout the world.
Grep	N/A	Grep is a command-line utility for searching plain-text data sets for lines matching a regular expression.
Grepable	N/A	Grepable is the output of the Grep utility.
Gross Drug Cost Above Out Of Pocket Threshold	GDCA	GDCA represents the gross drug cost paid to the pharmacy above the out-of-pocket threshold for a given Prescription Drug Event for a covered drug.
Gross Drug Cost Below Out Of Pocket Threshold	GDCB	GDCB represents the gross drug cost paid to the pharmacy below the out-of-pocket threshold for a given Prescription Drug Event for a covered drug.
Gross Value Test	GVT	The GVT is part of the actuarial equivalence test. In the GVT, the expected amount of paid claims for the Medicare beneficiaries in a sponsor plan must be at least equal to the expected amount of paid claims for the same beneficiaries under defined standard Part D coverage.
Groundwork	N/A	Groundwork is an open platform for network, application, and Cloud monitoring.
Group Benefits Association	GBA	A GBA is an organization focusing on healthcare and other group benefits.
Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin	GHC-SCW	GHC-SCW is Wisconsin's health insurance marketplace.
Group Health Incorporated	GHI	GHI is an Emblem Health company providing health coverage and administrative services.
Group Health Organization	GHO	GHO is a field that indicates the Group Health Organization.
Group Health Plan	GHP	GHP is a health plan sponsored by an employer or employee organization that provides coverage to employees, former employees, and their families.
Group Policy Object	GPO	A GPO is a collection of settings that define what a system looks like and how it behaves for a defined group of users.
Group Practice Reporting Option	GPRO	GPRO is an option for physicians to participate in group reporting in the Physician Quality Reporting System.

Term	Acronym	Definition
GS Segment	N/A	A GS segment is the functional group header. The elements in the GS segment give information relating to the functional group, such as the codes identifying the sender and recipient, and the date and time of preparation.
Hadoop	N/A	Hadoop is an open source, Java-based programming framework that supports the processing and storage of extremely large data sets in a distributed computing environment.
Hang Up*	HUP	The HUP signal is, by convention, the way a terminal warns pending processes of logout.
Haploidentical*	N/A	Haploidentical refers to sharing a haplotype (i.e., having the same alleles at a set of closely linked genes on one chromosome).
Happy Path	N/A	A happy path is a default scenario that features no exceptional or error conditions.
Hardware Configuration Item	HWCI	An HWCI is a hardware component of a system, designated for configuration management to ensure configuration integrity.
Harkin Grantee Tracking	HGT	HGT, named for Senator Tom Harkin, refers to the collection, tracking, and reporting of administrative and monetary results of fraud and abuse complaints the Harkin Grantee State projects generate.
Harkin Grantee Tracking System	HGTS	HGTS allows the Medicare fiscal intermediaries and carriers to enter the administrative and monetary results of potential fraud and abuse complaints.
Hash Function*	N/A	A hash function is any algorithm or subroutine that maps large data sets of variable length to smaller data sets of a fixed length.
Hash Key*	N/A	A Hash Key is an index calculated by a given mathematical algorithm that is stored in and used to access data in a database.
hCentive	N/A	hCentive provides health insurance technology platform and solutions for Insurers, Organizations and State health insurance exchanges.
HCFA Common Procedure Code	HCPC	HCPC is a code that represents procedures, supplies, products and services which may be provided to Medicare beneficiaries and to individuals enrolled in private health insurance programs.

Term	Acronym	Definition
HCIS Sourcing to the IDR	HCIS IDR	This application replaces the HCIS Legacy and HCIS Mod applications.
HCQIS Enterprise Integrated Supplemental Testing	HEIST	HEIST is a CMS contract for providing performance testing and engineering services, while introducing and implementing performance testing practices across all applications, to increase the speed, quality, and value of code moving to production.
HCQIS Independent Verification and Validation	HIVVS	HIVVS is a phase of the Health Care Quality Information System in which testing of business requirements occurs.
HCQIS Integrated Testing Model	HITM	The HITM provides a comprehensive, HCQIS-specific, testing strategy through a set of well-defined testing policies to foster a consistent and thorough approach to the testing of HCQIS products throughout the entire systems development lifecycle.
HCQIS Testing Standard Operating Procedure	HTSOP	HTSOP is a step-by-step procedure for HCQIS testing that promotes uniformity in operations to help clarify and augment such operations.
Headquarters*	HQ	HQ is a center of operations or administration.
Health Account Joint Information	HAIJ	HAIJ is a CMS database containing national Medicare Part A and Part B Fee-for-Service claims.
Health Account Joint Information (HAJI) Warehouse	HADW	HADW is a legacy Healthcare Quality Information System (HCQIS) Medicare claims data repository.
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act	HCERA	The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law (P.L.) 111 - 52, 124 Stat. 1029) is a law enacted by Congress to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111 - 48).
Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010	N/A	The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub.L. 111–152, 124 Stat. 1029) is a law that was enacted by the 111th United States Congress, by means of the reconciliation process, in order to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub.L. 111–148) and signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 30, 2010.
Health Care Data Improvement Initiative	HCDII	HCDII is an initiative to transform Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' data environment from one focusing primarily on claims processing to one also focusing on state-of-the art data analysis and information sharing.
Health Care Delivery Program	HCDP	An HCDP is a method of providing basic health benefits (e.g., TRICARE).



Term	Acronym	Definition
Health Care Financing Administration	HCFA	HCFA is the previous name for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. See Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
Health Care Information System	HCIS	HCIS stores Medicare Part A (Inpatient, Skilled Nursing Facility, Home Health Agency (Part A & B) and Hospice) and Medicare Part B (Outpatient) information based on the type and State of the institutional provider. The Standard Analytical Files are the basis for HCIS data presentation.
Health Care Information System Integrated Data Repository	HCIS IDR	HCIS IDR replaces the HCIS Legacy and HCIS Mod applications.
Health Care Information System Legacy	HCIS Legacy	HCIS Legacy is the version of the system that uses National Claims History as its primary data source.
Health Care Information System Modernized	HCIS Mod	HCIS Mod is the version of the system that uses National Medicare Utilization Database as its primary data source.
Health Care Quality Analytics and Reporting	HCQAR	ISG analytics contractor responsible for Ad Hoc Reporting, Complex Data Analytic Services and Data Extraction Services to support Healthcare Quality Information Systems (HCQIS).
Health Care Quality Improvement System	HCQIS	HCQIS (also referred to as Quality Improvement and Evaluation System or QIES) consists of oversight and information mechanisms that monitor and report on the quality and effectiveness of care and services Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries receive.
Health Care Worker*	HCW	HCW is an individual who works in the field of health care.
Health Information Exchange	HIE	HIE allows doctors, nurses, pharmacists, other health care providers, and patients to access and securely share patient vital medical information electronically.
Health Information Privacy	N/A	The Office for Civil Rights enforces the HIPAA Privacy Rule, which protects the privacy of individually identifiable health information; the HIPAA Security Rule, which sets national standards for the security of electronic protected health information; and the confidentiality provisions of the Patient Safety Rule, which protects identifiable information in use to analyze patient safety events and improve patient safety.
Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act	HITECH Act	The HITECH Act is a law enacted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and addresses the privacy and security concerns associated with the electronic transmission of health information.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Health Information Trust Alliance Common Security Framework	HITRUST CSF	HITRUST, in collaboration with healthcare, technology and information security leaders, has established the CSF, a certifiable framework that can be used by any and all organizations that create, access, store or exchange personal health and financial information. The most widely adopted security control framework in the U.S. healthcare industry, the CSF includes a prescriptive set of controls and supporting requirements that clearly define how organizations meet the objectives of the framework.
Health Insurance Assistance Database	HIAD	HIAD is the primary tool through which the Office of Consumer Support Health Insurance Assistance Team tracks information for the purpose of oversight.
Health Insurance Claim Account Number*	HICAN	The HICAN is the account number on a health insurance claim.
Health Insurance Claim Number	HICN	CMS assigns an HICN number to each Medicare beneficiary. This claim number is for identification purposes when processing Medicare claims.
Health Insurance Claim Number Resolution Service	HRS	HRS is and updated name for the previous Beneficiary Identification Resolution Service.
Health Insurance Claim*	HIC	An HIC is a bill for healthcare services that healthcare providers turn in to the insurer.
Health Insurance Exchanges	HIX	HIX are new competitive health insurance markets that will operate through exchanges and provide millions of Americans with access to affordable coverage.
Health Insurance Marketplace	HIM	An HIM is a marketplace where individuals and small businesses can buy qualified health benefit plans. HIMs offer a choice of health plans that meet certain benefits and cost standards.
Health Insurance Master Accretion	HIMA	HIMA contains 100 percent of the information on all Medicare enrollees. This file contains person-level data with unique identifiers, demographic data, beneficiary name and address, and dates of entitlement. HIMA is updated daily.
Health Insurance Oversight System	HIOS	The HIOS allows the government to collect data from States, individuals, and small group market issuers, to aggregate with other data sources and publicize on a consumer-facing Website.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	HIPAA	Title I of HIPAA protects health insurance coverage for workers and their families when they change or lose their jobs. Title II of HIPAA, known as the Administrative Simplification provisions, requires the establishment of national standards for electronic healthcare transactions and national identifiers for providers, health insurance plans, and employers.
Health Insurance Prospective Payment System	HIPPS	HIPPS rate codes represent specific sets of patient characteristics (or case-mix groups) that determine payment under several prospective payment systems.
Health Level Seven	HL7	HL7 is a non-profit organization involved in the development of international healthcare informatics interoperability standards.
Health Level-7	HL7	HL7 refers to a set of international standards for transfer of clinical and administrative data between software applications used by various healthcare providers.
Health Maintenance Organization	HMO	An HMO is a type of Medicare managed care plan where a group of doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare providers agree to give healthcare to Medicare beneficiaries for a set amount of money from Medicare every month.
Health Outcome Survey	HOS	The Medicare HOS is the first patient-reported outcomes measure used in Medicare managed care. The goal of the Medicare HOS program is to gather valid and reliable clinically meaningful data that have many uses, such as for targeting quality improvement activities and resources; monitoring health plan performance and rewarding top-performing health plans; helping beneficiaries make informed health care choices; and advancing the science of functional health outcomes measurement.
Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set	HEDIS	HEDIS allows consumers to compare health plan performance to other plans and to national or regional benchmarks.
Health Plan Identifier*	HPID	An HPID is the identifier for a health plan.
Health Plan Management System	HPMS	HPMS is a Web-enabled information system that facilitates the numerous data collection and reporting activities mandated for Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D programs, and provides support for the ongoing operations of the plan enrollment and plan compliance business functions as well as for longer-term strategic planning and program analysis.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Health Plan Management System	HPMS	The HPMS collects and maintains information on Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare health plans, monitors and evaluates care and quality improvement, and provides guidance on policies and a research database.
Health Plan One	N/A	Health Plan One is an online health insurance broker for individual, family, self-employed, Medicare, and small group/business health insurance plans.
Health Professional Shortage Area	HPSA	HPSAs are geographic areas, or populations within geographic areas, that lack sufficient health care providers to meet the health care needs of the area or population.
Health Quality Measure Format	HQMF	HQMF is a standards-based representation of quality measures as electronic documents. It is developed by Health Level Seven International (HL7) and defines the information necessary to compute a quality measure and result value.
Health Resources & Services Administration	HRSA	HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving access to healthcare services for uninsured, isolated, or medically vulnerable people.
Health Risk Assessment Tool	HRAT	An HRAT is a comprehensive tool that gathers appropriate self-reported information to determine the need for additional services.
Health Services Advisory Group	HSAG	HSAG is a Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) that works with Medicare beneficiaries and their advocates to help them resolve complaints or appeals they have about the quality of care they receive from Medicare providers.
Healthcare and Education Reconciliation Act	HCERA	The HCERA of 2010 combines revised portions of the PPACA with the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which amends the Higher Education Act of 1965.
Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System	HCPCS	HCPCS is a set of healthcare procedure codes based on the American Medical Association's current procedural terminology (Commonly pronounced Hick-Picks).
Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project	HCUP	HCUP is a family of healthcare databases and related software tools and products from the United States that is developed through a Federal-State-Industry partnership and sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). HCUP provides access to health care databases for research and policy analysis.
Healthcare Cost Report Information System	HCRIS	HCRIS contains annual reports submitted by institutional providers to Medicare.

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Healthcare Data Improvement Initiative	HCDII	HCDII is an initiative to transform the CMS data environment from one focusing primarily on claims processing to one also focusing on state-of-the art data analysis and information sharing.
Healthcare Financing Administration	HCFA	HCFA is the previous name for CMS. See CMS.
Healthcare Information System	HCIS	HCIS stores Medicare Part A (Inpatient, Skilled Nursing Facility, Home Health Agency (Part A & B) and Hospice) and Medicare Part B (Outpatient) information based on the type and State of the institutional provider. Standard Analytical Files are the basis for HCIS data presentation.
Healthcare Information System Legacy	HCIS Legacy	HCIS Legacy is the version of the system that uses NCH as its primary data source.
Healthcare Information System Modernized	HCIS Mod	HCIS Mod is the version of the system that uses NMUD as its primary data source.
Healthcare Integrated General Ledger and Account System	HIGLAS	HIGLAS is the general ledger accounting system replacing the CAFM and FACS systems. This single, integrated, Internet-based accounting system collects standardized accounting data from Medicare contractors for Part A and Part B claims, processes Medicaid and CHIP grants, and performs internal administrative program accounting.
Healthcare Personnel*	HCP	HCP are individuals who have special education in health care and who are directly related to the provision of health care services. HCP includes all paid and unpaid persons working in healthcare settings.
Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code	HPTC	The HPTC code divides healthcare providers into hierarchical groupings by type, classification, and specialization, and assigns a code to each grouping
Healthcare Quality Information System	HCQIS	HCQIS (also referred to as Quality Improvement and Evaluation System) consists of oversight and information mechanisms that monitor and report on the quality and effectiveness of care and services Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries receive.
Healthcare Quality Information Systems (HCQIS) Infrastructure and Data Center Support	HIDS	HIDS is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services initiative to support CMS quality improvement programs.
Healthcare-Associated Infection	HAI	HAI is a measure that shows how often patients in a particular hospital contract certain infections during the course of their medical treatment, when compared to like hospitals.

Term	Acronym	Definition
HealthPlanOne	N/A	HealthPlanOne is an online health insurance broker for individual, family, self-employed, Medicare, and small group/business health insurance plans.
Hearing Carry Over	HCO	HCO allows a person who is Speech-Disabled and can hear to use one's hearing while sending responses to a person who is Hearing via the HCO user's typed text. The operator voices the HCO user's typed messages, and then the HCO users picks up the handset and listens to the other voice user's response.
Hearing Officer Case Tracker	HOCTS	HOCTS is a system for recording provider appeals.
Hearing Officer Case Tracker System	HOCTS	HOCTS is a system for recording provider appeals.
Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning	HVAC	HVAC is a general industry term encompassing a variety of home comfort equipment to include air conditioners, furnaces, thermostats, filters, ductwork, and filters.
Help Desk Analyst*	HDA	An HDA provides technical support for any aspect of an information systems department, including computer hardware, operating systems, applications, and networks.
Help Desk*	HD	An HD provides technical support for any aspect of an information systems department, including computer hardware, operating systems, applications, and networks.
Helpdesk	HD	An HD provides technical support for any aspect of an information systems department, including computer hardware, operating systems, applications, and networks.
Helpdesk Analyst	HDA	An HDA provides technical support for any aspect of an information systems department, including computer hardware, operating systems, applications, and networks.
Hematocrit*	N/A	Hematocrit is the ratio of the volume of red blood cells to the total volume of blood.
Hemodialysis*	HD	HD is a procedure for removing metabolic waste products or toxic substances from the bloodstream by dialysis.
Hemoglobin*	Hgb	Hgb is a red protein responsible for transporting oxygen in the blood of vertebrates. Its molecule comprises four subunits, each containing an iron atom bound to a heme group.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Hepatitis B Surface Antibody	Anti-HBs	Anti-HBs is an antibody to the surface antigen of the hepatitis B virus. It indicates either active immunity to the hepatitis B virus as a result of prior infection or passive immunity from the presence of hepatitis B immunoglobulin in the blood. It may also be an immune response triggered as the result of having received vaccination against the hepatitis B virus.
Hertz*	Hz	Hz is the International System of Units (SI) unit of frequency defined as the number of cycles per second of a periodic phenomenon.
HETS 270/271	N/A	HETS 270/271 is an extranet-based X12N 270/271 Eligibility System for high volume providers who frequently check Medicare eligibility.
HETS User Interface	HETS UI	HETS UI is an Internet-based UI system for providers who check Medicare eligibility infrequently.
Hewlett Packard	HP	HP is an American information technology corporation headquartered in Palo Alto, California, USA.
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services	HP Enterprise Services	HP Enterprise Services, (formerly Electronic Data Systems) is the global business and technology services division of Hewlett Packard's Enterprise Business strategic business unit.
Hewlett-Packard	HP	HP is an American information technology corporation.
Hewlett-Packard Application Lifecycle Management	HP ALM	HP ALM is a set of software products designed for accelerating the delivery of secure, reliable modern applications. It is a combination of a common platform, several key applications and a dashboard targeted at managing the core lifecycle of applications.
Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Services	HP Enterprise Services	HP Enterprise Services, (formerly Electronic Data Systems or EDS) is the global business and technology services division of the Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Business strategic business unit.
Hewlett-Packard Fortify	HP Fortify	HP Fortify software provides solutions for fixing and preventing security vulnerabilities in applications,
Hewlett-Packard UNIX	HP-UX	HP-UX is Hewlett-Packard's proprietary implementation of the UNIX operating system.
Hibernate	N/A	Hibernate is a popular, open-source persistence engine that provides a simple, yet powerful, alternative to standard entity beans.

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Hierarchical Condition Categories	HCC	HCC is a model to adjust capitation payments to private health care plans for the health expenditure risk of their enrollees.
Hierarchical File System	HFS	HFS is a file system developed by Apple Inc. for use in computer systems running Mac OS.
Hierarchical Storage Manager	HSM	HSM is a data storage technique that automatically moves data between high-cost and low-cost storage media.
High Availability	HA	HA is a system design approach and associated service implementation that ensures a prearranged level of operational performance is met during a contractual measurement period.
High Severity Level	N/A	Vulnerabilities that score in the high range are usually difficult to exploit; exploitation does not result in elevated privileges; exploitation does not result in a significant loss.
High-Availability Data Replication	HDR	HDR copies data to a database server on another computer.
High-Density Lipoprotein*	HDL	HDL is a lipoprotein of blood plasma that is composed of a high proportion of protein with little triglyceride and cholesterol and that is correlated with reduced risk of atherosclerosis. It is also called good cholesterol.
High-Level Technical Design	HLTD	The HLTD provides an analysis of a proposed system that bridges the gap between user operational needs and developer technical alternatives at a high level.
Highmark	N/A	Highmark is a not-for-profit healthcare company.
HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System	HETS	HETS allows the release of eligibility data to Medicare providers, suppliers, or their authorized billing agents for the purpose of preparing an accurate Medicare claim, determining beneficiary liability, or determining eligibility for specific services.
HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System 270/271	HETS 270/271	HETS 270/271 is an extranet-based X12N 270/271 Eligibility System for high volume providers who frequently check Medicare eligibility.
HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System Data Access Services	HETS DAS	The HETS DAS module is the back-end component for both the HETS 270/271 application module and the HETS UI application module. The DAS component provides data to these application modules and is in the Data Zone of the CMS HETS three-tier zone architecture.



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HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System Provider Graphical User Interface	HPG	The HPG is an application that assists clearinghouses in validating Medicare Legacy Provider and NPI numbers. HPG currently requires extranet connectivity to CMSNet.
HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System User Interface	HETS UI	HETS UI is an Internet-based UI system for providers who check Medicare eligibility infrequently.
HIPAA Information Tracking System	HITS	HITS is a system of records that stores the results of the Office of E-Health Standards regional investigations, determines if violations did occur as charged in the original complaint, investigates complaints that appear to be in violation of the Transactions and Code Sets, Security, and Unique Identifier provisions of HIPAA, refers violations to law enforcement activities as necessary, and maintains and retrieves records of the results of the complaint investigations.
HIPAA Privacy Rule	N/A	The HIPAA Privacy Rule establishes national standards to protect individual medical records and other individual health information.
HIPAA X12N 835 Form	N/A	This form is the industry standard for sending electronic remittance advice data.
History of Coverage	HOC	HOC refers to the coverage history of a specific item.
Home Equity Line of Credit	HELOC	An HELOC allows a homeowner to borrow against the equity in the homeowner home with specific limits and terms.
Home Health Agency*	HHA	An HHA is public agency or private organization, or subdivision of such agency or organization that provides skilled nursing services and at least one other therapeutic service in the residence of the client.
Home Health Episode History	HHEH	HHEH is the common working file transaction identifier for the national HH PPS episode history file the Medicare Intermediary Manual describes
Home Health Prospective Payment System	HH PPS	Under the HH PPS, Medicare pays HHAs a predetermined base payment and adjusts the payment for the health condition and care needs of the beneficiary. The payment also adjusts for the geographic differences in wages for HHAs across the country.
Home Health Resource Group	HHRG	HHRG is a Medicare Part A case-mix classification in which Patient characteristics and health status information are obtained from special assessment in conjunction with projected therapy use during a 60-day episode are used to determine Medicare reimbursement.

Term	Acronym	Definition
HornetQ	N/A	HornetQ is an open-source, asynchronous messaging project from JBoss.
Hospice*	N/A	Hospice is inpatient or outpatient supportive care given to a terminally ill client and the family. The focus of this care is to enable the client to remain in the familiar surroundings of their home for as long as they can.
Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems	HCAHPS	The HCAHPS survey is the first national, standardized, publicly reported survey of patients' perspectives of hospital care. Also referred to as CAHPS Hospital Survey.
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Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting	HIQR	Hospital IQR is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) program that gives hospitals a financial incentive to report the quality of their services. The program provides CMS with data to help consumers make more informed decisions about their health care.
Hospital Inpatient Value Incentives, and Quality Reporting	VIQR	VIQR is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) effort to provide outreach and education regarding Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (HIQR).
Hospital Insurance	HI	HI refers to Medicare Part A, which covers hospital services, including semi-private rooms, meals, general nursing, drugs as part of your inpatient treatment, and other hospital services and supplies.
Hospital Outpatient Quality Data Reporting Program	HOP QDRP	HOP QDRP is a quality data reporting program for hospitals to submit standardized measures for the assessment of hospital outpatient care.
Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting	HOQR	Hospital OQR is a pay for quality data reporting program implemented by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for outpatient hospital services.
Hospital Quality Reporting	HQR	HQR is a quality improvement program in which facilities submit quality measures to CMS.
Hospital Quality Reporting Program Support	HQRPS	HQRPS is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contract involving the Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) Reduction Program and Hospital Readmission Reduction Program (HRRP).

Term	Acronym	Definition
Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program	HRRP	HRRP requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to reduce payments to IPPS hospitals with excess readmissions, effective for discharges beginning on October 1, 2012.
Hospital Reporting Extract	HRE	A file containing a complete audit history snapshot of each provider in QIES and the related provider historical data from NPICS and PECOS. It also contains data from NPICS and PECOS that are in the requested categories (Hospital, ESRD, ASC, PRTF), but not found in QIES.
Hospital Value-Based Purchasing	HVBP	The HVBP Program is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services initiative that rewards acute-care hospitals with incentive payments for the quality of care they provide to people with Medicare.
Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program	HACRP	HACRP is program required by Section 3008 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) to provide an incentive for hospitals to reduce HACs.
Hospital-Acquired Condition*	HAC	HAC is an undesirable situation or condition that affects a patient and that arose during a stay in a hospital or medical facility.
Hospital-Specific Report	HSR	A HSR is a report that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides to a hospital. The report contains hospital data and results, along with state and national results. HSRs are available to hospital staff who are registered QualityNet users and who are registered for access to the Portal.
Host-Based Intrusion Detection Systems	HIDS	HIDS is an intrusion detection system that monitors and analyzes the internals of a computing system, as well as the network packets on its network interfaces.
Host-based Security*	N/A	Host-Based Security is the technique of securing an individual system from attack and is operating system and version dependent.
Hot Patient	N/A	Hot Patient refers to the process by which CROWNWeb informs REMIS about a patient-related change.
Hotfix	HF	An HF is a single, cumulative package that includes one or more files that are used to address a problem in a software product.
Household Income*	HHI	HHI is a measure of the combined incomes of all people sharing a particular household or place of residence.

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HP Quality Center/Application Lifecycle Management	HP Quality Center/ALM	HP Quality Center/ALM is a set of software products designed for accelerating the delivery of secure, reliable modern applications. It is a combination of a common platform, several key applications, and a dashboard targeted at managing the core lifecycle of applications.
HP Unified Functional Testing	HP UFT	HP UFT provides functional and regression test automation for software applications and environments.
HSE Legacy Warehouse	SDDW	SDDW is the data warehouse used for collection, storage, processing, and reporting of the Inpatient (IP) and Ambulatory Surgical Center Outpatient/Part B (ASC OP/PTB) claims data received from CMS. The information is used by the Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) for ad hoc research and analysis requests for their assigned states and by the Case Review Information System (CRIS) product for medical case reviews. SDDW is also known as the "Administrative Warehouse - Health Service Encounter" (HSE).
Hub/Tivoli Enterprise Monitoring Server	Hub/TEMS	Hub/TEMS is the center of Tivoli Management Services. Hub/TEMS collects and controls alerts received from agents, and collects their performance and availability data. Hub/TEMS also manages the connection status of the agents.
Hudson	N/A	Hudson is a build tool that monitors executions of repeated jobs, such as building a software project.
Human Interface Device*	HID	An HID is a type of computer device that interacts directly with, and most often takes input from, humans and may deliver output to humans.
Human Leukocyte Antigen*	HLA	The HLA system is the locus of genes that encode for proteins on the surface of cells that are responsible for regulation of the immune system in humans.
Human Resources*	HR	HR is the group dealing with the management of people employed within the organization.
Human-Centered Design*	HCD	HCD is a design and management framework that develops solutions to problems by involving the human perspective in all steps of the problem-solving process.
Hypercalcemia*	N/A	Hypercalcemia is an abnormally high level of calcium in the blood, usually more than 10.5 milligrams per deciliter of blood.
Hypertext Markup Language*	HTML	HTML is the predominant markup language for Web pages that provides a means to create structured documents by denoting structural semantics for text such as headings, paragraphs, lists etc.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure*	HTTPS	HTTPS combines HTTP with the secure socket layer/transport layer security to provide encrypted communication and secure identification of a network server.
Hypertext Transfer Protocol*	HTTP	HTTP transfers hypertext requests and information between servers and browsers.
Hystrix	N/A	Hystrix is a latency and fault tolerance library designed to isolate points of access to remote systems, services, and third-party libraries; stop cascading failure; and enable resilience in complex distributed systems where failure is inevitable.
I-94 Number	N/A	The I-94 number, or admission number, is an 11-digit number on the Arrival-Departure Record (Form I-94 or Form I-94A).
IBM	N/A	IBM (previously known as International Business Machines) is a multinational computer, technology, and IT consulting corporation.
IBM HTTP Server	IHS	IHS is a Web server based on the Apache HTTP Server.
IBM Initiate Master Data Engine	MDE	The MDE comprises the database, business rules, and linkage logic (algorithms) that support required functions in modules and applications of all IBM Initiate Master Data Service application service requests.
IBM Tivoli Composite Application Management	ITCAM	ITCAM assists in optimizing IT infrastructure performance and availability, helping control hardware, software and labor costs by tracking and improving server utilization.
IBM Tivoli Monitoring	ITM	ITM automates monitoring of essential system resources to detect bottlenecks and potential problems.
Identification and Authentication	IA	IA is the process of verifying the identity of a user, process, or device, using specific credentials (e.g., passwords, tokens, biometrics), as a prerequisite for granting access to resources in an IT system.
Identifier*	ID	An ID is a unique identifying set of characters assigned to a person or persons to ensure privacy and security on a computer system or network.
Identity and Access Management	IAM	IAM is the security discipline that enables the right individuals to access the right resources at the right times for the right reasons.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Identity Management	IDM	IDM describes the management of individual principals, their authentication, authorization, and privileges within or across system and enterprise boundaries, with the goal of increasing security and productivity, while decreasing cost, downtime, and repetitive tasks.
Identity Provider	IdP	An IdP is responsible for issuing identification information for all providers looking to interact with a system; this is achieved via an authentication module which verifies a security token as an alternative to explicitly authenticating a user within a security realm.
Identity Service Engine	ISE	ISE is a network administration product that enables the creation and enforcement of security and access policies for endpoint devices connected to the company's routers and switches. The purpose is to simplify identity management across diverse devices and applications.
IDL Solutions	N/A	IDL Solutions provides information technology services, including application development services, business process management, Web design and marketing, and Enterprise network and infrastructure management solutions
IEA Segment	N/A	An IEA segment is the interchange control trailer of a set of X12 functional groups whose function is to indicate the end of an interchange. The elements in the IEA segment provide information about the number of functional groups included in the interchange and the interchange control reference number.
Image Copy	I/C	I/C is an International Business Machines application providing high speed database copy and recovery features for the rapid backup and recovery of database data sets.
Image Storage and Retrieval System	ISRS	An ISRS is a network with a built-in user interface that facilitates the creation, searching, and modification of stored data.
Immigration and Nationality Act	INA	The INA is the basic body of immigration law.
Immigration Status Verifier	ISV	An ISV works to verify applicant status when traditional, electronic methods do not provide verification.
Impact*	N/A	Impact is the outcome or effect of an exploited vulnerability, sometimes referred to as loss category or undesirable outcome, of which there are four major categories: Denial of Service, Denial of Use, Destruction/Modification, and Disclosure.

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Impact/Severity Level*	N/A	Reported impact/severity levels established for the project are indicated as either high/severe, moderate/serious, or low/insignificant. The three levels are defined as High/Severe - High level incidents will be fixed and promoted in the same release; Moderate/Serious - Medium level incidents will be promoted in the upcoming releases; and Low/Insignificant - Low level incidents will be promoted in the future releases.
Impediment*	N/A	An Impediment is anything that prevents a person from performing work as efficiently as possible.
Imperva	N/A	Imperva provides business security solutions that protect critical applications and data from theft, insider abuse, and fraud, and streamlines regulatory compliance.
Implementation Environment	IMP	IMP is the environment where integration testing and assurance of components occurs.
Implementation Guide	IG	An IG is a document that explains the proper use of a standard for a specific business purpose.
Implementation Phase	N/A	The Implementation Phase is when appropriate project personnel move the automated system/application or other information technology solution from development status to production status.
Implementation Plan	IP	An IP is a detailed project management tool for a specific policy measure or package of measures that assists agencies in managing and monitoring implementation effectively.
Implementation Readiness Review	IRR	The IRR ensures that the information technology solution or automated system/application developed is ready for implementation and installation/configuration in the Production Environment.
Implementation Testing*	N/A	Implementation testing is testing a product, service, or system (or portion or set thereof) from end-to-end. This includes all phases of testing.
IMS Connect	N/A	IMS Connect provides access to information management systems (IMS) transactions using TCP/IP. This model uses the IMS message queue for processing data.
In-Center Hemodialysis	ICH	ICH is the most common type of dialysis. Patients receiving ICH visit a dialysis center to receive treatment.
Incentive Reward Program Tracking System	IRP	The IRP Tracking System maintains and tracks IRP data.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Incident Resolution and Prevention	IRP	IRP is a CMMI process area that ensures timely and effective resolution of service incidents, and prevention of service incidents as appropriate.
Incident Response Plan	IRP	The IRP defines what constitutes a security incident and outlines the incident response phases. The IRP defines areas of responsibility and establishes procedures for handling various security incidents.
Incident Response*	IR	An IR is an organized, in-house maintained, management driven capability to provide accelerated problem notification, damage control, and problem correction services in the event of computer related emergencies such as virus infestations or hacker break-ins.
Incremental Load*	N/A	An incremental load is any activity that moves data from a source after the first time load occurs. This can include new instances of data (adds), changes to existing instances (updates) or removal of existing data (deletes) to ensure desired consistency with the source system.
Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity*	IDIQ	An IDIQ is a type of contract that provides for an indefinite quantity of supplies or services during a fixed period.
Independence at Home	IAH	IAH is a medical practice comprised of an individual physician or nurse practitioner, or group of physicians and nurse practitioners, that provides care as part of a team that includes physicians, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, and other health and social services staff as appropriate, who have experience providing home-based primary care to applicable beneficiaries, make in-home visits, and are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to carry out plans of care that are tailored to the individual beneficiary's chronic conditions.
Independent Computing Architecture	ICA	ICA is a protocol for a Citrix-designed application server system that lays down a specification for passing data between a server and clients.
Independent Verification & Validation	IV&V	IV & V is the process of an independent entity checking that a product, service, or system meets specifications and that it fulfills its intended purpose. Verification refers to doing the thing right (following required processes and procedures); validation refers to doing the right thing (meeting the customer needs).
Independent, Negotiable, Valuable, Estimable, Small Testable Principle	INVEST Principle	INVEST is a reminder mnemonic for characteristics of a good quality User Story.



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Indian Health Service	IHS	HIS is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, and is responsible for providing Federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives.
Indirect Medical Education	IME	IME refers to the additional percentage paid to an approved teaching hospital for each case paid through IPPS.
Individual Taxpayer Identification Number	ITIN	An ITIN is a tax processing number the Internal Revenue Service issues.
Individually Identifiable Information*	IIF	IIF is a subset of health information, including demographic information.
Individuals Authorized Access to CMS Computer Services	IACS	IACS is the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services enterprise Identity Management and Authentication system that implements the security requirements of Federal legislation, Federal standards, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services policy.
Individuals Authorized Access to the CMS Computer Services	IACS	IACS is the CMS Enterprise Identity Management and Authentication system that implements the security requirements of federal legislation, federal standards, and CMS policy.
Infiniband	N/A	Infiniband is a switched-fabric communications link that high-performance computing and Enterprise data centers use.
Infinicenter	N/A	The Terremark Infinicenter allows customers to dynamically provision servers from a pre-allocated pool of dedicated computing resources.
Infinistrucre	N/A	Terremark Infinistrucre is a next generation utility computing platform powered by Enterprise computing and storage systems, industry leading network technology, and virtualized resource management.
Informatica	N/A	Informatica is a widely used extraction, transform, and load tool for extracting source data and loading it into the target after applying the required transformation.
Informatica Big Data Edition	Informatica BDE	Informatica BDE is a collection of data sets so large and complex that it becomes difficult to process using on-hand database management tools or traditional data processing applications.
Information and Communication Technology	ICT	ICT consists of information technology and other equipment, systems, technologies, or processes, for which the principal function is the creation, manipulation, storage, display, receipt, or transmission of electronic data and information, as well as any associated content.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Information Asset*	N/A	An Information Asset is a definable piece of information, stored in any manner recognized as valuable to the organization.
Information Exchange Package	IEP	An IEP, or data exchange, is a description of specific information a sender and receiver exchange.
Information Exchange Package Documentation	IEPD	An IEPD contains data describing the structure, content, and other artifacts of the Information Exchange. An IEPD supports a specific set of business requirements in an operational setting.
Information File*	INF File	An INF file is a plain-text file that Microsoft Windows uses for installation of software and drivers.
Information Map	IM	An Information Map is a semantic layer built on top of the database. It is designed by functionality and subject area, and is built by the development team and used by the end user community. Data sources for Information Maps include Teradata virtual data marts, Statistical Analysis System Datasets, and Online Analytical Processing Cubes.
Information Map Studio	IMS	IMS is a client application that helps with building mappings from a data source to a ready-to-use structure available for Web reports, OLAP Cubes, etc.
Information Receiver	N/A	An information receiver is the entity that asks the questions in a 270 transaction. The information receiver typically is the medical service provider (e.g., physician, hospital, laboratory, etc.).
Information Resource*	N/A	An information resource may be a Web page, image, video, or other piece of content.
Information Resources Management	IRM	The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) IRM establishes the policies and procedures that are to be followed to assure that the Department's information technology (IT) resources are appropriately protected when authorizing remote access of HHS automated information and systems.
Information Security Contingency Plan	ISCP	The ISCP describes the strategy for ensuring system recovery in accordance with stated recovery time and recovery point objectives.
Information Security Incident Response Team	ISIRT	An ISIRT is responsible for an entity response to any information security incidents that occur.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Information Security Risk Assessment	ISRA	The ISRA contains a list of system threats and vulnerabilities, an evaluation of current system security controls and their resulting risk levels, and any recommended safeguards to reduce the system risk exposure.
Information Security Staff	ISS	ISS is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).
Information Security Standards	ISS	ISS are written standards that apply to the security of the information systems in use and data that the system(s) processes.
Information Security*	IS	IS is an all-encompassing term that refers to the security of the information systems in use and data that the system(s) process.
Information Services Design & Development Group	ISDDG	ISDDG is a group within the CMS Office of Information Services.
Information Services Modernization Group	ISMG	ISMG of OIS manages all aspects of the Information Services Modernization Program with OIS components, CMS organizational components, Medicare contractors, and System Maintainers.
Information Source*	N/A	The information source (typically the insurer or payer) is the entity that answers the questions asked in the 270 transaction and maintains information regarding patient coverage.
Information System Security Officer	ISSO	An ISSO is an individual assigned responsibility by the senior agency information security officer, authorizing official, management official, or information system owner for maintaining the appropriate operational security posture for an information system or program.
Information Systems	IS	IS is any combination of information technology and humans activities that support operations, management, and decision making.
Information Systems Group	ISG	ISG is a group within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ). The ISG mission is to architect, build, and support innovative health care IT systems that focus on optimizing CCSQ quality programs.
Information Systems Security and Privacy Policy	IS2P2	ISP2 is a CMS policy that defines the framework under which CMS protects and controls access to CMS information and information systems.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Information Systems Security Officer	ISSO	The ISSO is the primary point of contact for security issues.
Information Technology	IT	IT is the branch of engineering that deals with the use of computers and telecommunications to retrieve, store, and transmit information.
Information Technology Architecture	ITA	ITA is the process of developing methodical information technology specifications, models, and guidelines, using a variety of Information Technology notations.
Information Technology Architecture Planning Staff	ITAPS	ITAPS of OIS establishes and administers an EA governance structure within CMS that provides for ongoing collaborative decision-making between senior business and technical leadership.
Information Technology Contingency Plan	ITCP	The ITCP addresses CMS mission critical applications/systems as well as IT infrastructure. The ITCP describes the strategy for ensuring system recovery in accordance with stated recovery time and recovery point objectives.
Information Technology Division	ITD	This is the division within the organization responsible for information technology.
Information Technology Industry Council	ITI	ITI is a Washington D.C. based trade association that represents companies from the information and communications technology (ICT) industry.
Information Technology Infrastructure Library	ITIL	ITIL is a set of practices for IT service management (ITSM) that focuses on aligning IT services with the needs of business.
Information Technology Investment Review Board	ITIRB	The CMS ITIRB provides business-driven leadership to CMS IT operations and development to ensure that CMS IT resources deploy efficiently to meet short-, medium-, and long-term business demands.
Information Technology Management Reform Act	ITMRA	See Clinger-Cohen Act.
Information Technology Project Management	ITPM	ITPM organizes people and resources to deliver IT products or services.
Information Technology/Operations	IT/OPS	IT/OPS is a group that handles RDS development issues, manages the RDS Websites, and provides assistance with technical issues.
InfoSphere	N/A	InfoSphere is a product line from IBM.
InfoSphere Replication Server	QREP	QREP is a change data capture technology used to capture and publish database log events.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Infrastructure Testing*	N/A	Infrastructure Testing assesses the interfaces and interoperability of new or modified infrastructure with other infrastructure and system components, such as databases, hardware, software, or communication devices.
Infrastructure-as-a-Service	IaaS	IaaS delivers computer infrastructure, typically a platform virtualization environment, as a service.
Initial Load*	N/A	The initial load is the first time data from a source is inserted into a system of reference.
Initial Preventive Physical Examination	IPPE	An IPPE is an exam that Medicare covers yearly for new and current recipients.
Initial Program Load	IPL	An IPL is the process of loading the operating system into computer memory.
Initiate	N/A	Initiate is an IBM product, specifically built for the healthcare industry that accurately matches and links patient identities to create a single view.
Initiate Beneficiary Hub	N/A	The Initiate Beneficiary Hub is an Initiate Hub instantiated within the CMS WMDM environment to perform Entity resolution across beneficiaries
Initiate Inspector	N/A	IBM Initiate Inspector is a tool that allows Data Stewards to inspect data, visualize relationships, and collaborates to resolve issues.
Initiate Provider Hub	N/A	The Initiate Provider Hub is an Initiate Hub instantiated within the CMS WMDM environment to perform Entity resolution across providers.
Initiation Phase	N/A	The Initiation Phase occurs within the IT Investment Selection Phase and Pre-Project Phase. Business process improvement activities, changes in business functions, advances in information technology, or external sources, such as public law or the public may trigger this phase.
Inline Frame*	IFrame	IFrame is an element of Web design that allows a visual HTML Browser window to be split into segments, each of which can show a different document. This can lower bandwidth use, as repeating parts of a layout can be used in one frame, while variable content is displayed in another.
Innosoft	N/A	Innosoft is a company that provides information technology and business consulting services for government agencies and commercial firms.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Innovation and Planning Iteration*	IP	The innovation and planning (IP) Iteration occurs every program increment (PI) and serves multiple purposes. It acts as an estimating buffer for meeting PI objectives and provides dedicated time for innovation, continuing education, PI planning, and inspect and adapt (I&A) events.
Innovation Business Support Group	IBSG	IBSG is a group within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Enterprise Management.
Inpatient Diagnosis and Procedure	IP Diagnosis and Procedure	An IP Diagnosis and Procedure is an MSIS data mart that includes quarterly and annual demographic data for the beneficiary.
Inpatient Prospective Payment System	IPPS	IPPS is Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) system of payment for the operating costs of acute care hospital inpatient stays under Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) based on prospectively set rates.
Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Quality Reporting	IPFQR	The IPFQR Program is a pay-for-reporting program established by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). IPFs are subject to a reduction of two percentage points in their annual payment update for failure to meet administrative and data reporting requirements on specified quality measures.
Inpatient Psychiatric Facility	IPF	An IPF is a facility that provides inpatient psychiatric services for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness on a 24-hour basis, by or under the supervision of a physician.
Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System	IPF PPS	IPF PPS is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) per diem prospective payment system implemented for inpatient psychiatric services that are furnished in a psychiatric hospital, units in an acute care hospitals, or a critical access hospital.
Inpatient Quality Reporting Support Contractor	IQRSC	IQRSC refers to a contractor that supports Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) Inpatient Quality Reporting with claims data and analytics.
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility	IRF	IRF is an inpatient rehabilitation hospital or part of a rehabilitation hospital, which provides an intensive rehabilitation program to inpatients. IRF provides skilled nursing care to inpatients on a 24-hour basis, under the supervision of a doctor and a registered professional nurse.
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Quality Reporting Program	IRF QRP	The IRF QRP creates IRF quality reporting requirements, as mandated by Section 3004(a) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010.

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Inpatient*	IP	An IP is a patient admitted to a hospital or clinic for treatment that requires at least one overnight stay.
Input/Output*	I/O	I/O is communication between an information-processing system and a human or another information-processing system.
INS Segment	N/A	AN INS segment is the insured indicator segment.
Inspect & Adapt*	I&E	I&A is a significant event, held at the end of each program increment (PI), where the current state of the solution is demonstrated and evaluated by the train. Teams then reflect and identify improvement backlog items via a structured, problem-solving workshop.
Inspection Qualification Method	N/A	The Inspection Qualification Method is one of four methods in software requirements analysis and states that formal examination determines compliance with requirements.
Inspector General	IG	An IG is an investigative official in a civil or military organization.
InstallShield MultiPlatform	ISMP	ISMP is a graphical build environment tool for application developers who package products for installation on multiple platforms.
Institute Additional Verification	IAV	IAV is a response that the System Alien Verification for Entitlements Program can return to individuals seeking immigration status information to determine applicant eligibility for public benefits.
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	IEEE	IEEE is an international non-profit, professional organization for the advancement of technology related to electricity.
Integrated Baseline Review	IBR	An IBR is a joint customer/contractor activity in which both parties walk through and assess the performance measurement baseline. The IBR is a continual evaluation that occurs as changes to the baseline occur (modifications, restructuring, etc.).
Integrated Data Repository	IDR	The IDR is a single source database system containing CMS beneficiary, claim, and provider data
Integrated Development Environment	IDE	IDE, also known as integrated design environment or integrated debugging environment, is a software application that provides comprehensive facilities to computer programmers for software development.
Integrated Facility for Linux	IFL	IFL is an IBM mainframe processor dedicated to running the Linux operating system.

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Integrated Lights-Out	iLO	iLO is an embedded server management technology.
Integrated Master Plan	IMP	An IMP is an event-based plan consisting of a hierarchy of program events with specific accomplishments supporting each event and each accomplishment associated with specific criteria a team must satisfy for its completion.
Integrated Master Schedule	IMS	An IMS is an integrated, networked schedule containing all the detailed, discrete work packages and planning packages (or lower level tasks or activities) necessary to support the events, accomplishments, and criteria of the Integrated Master Plan (if applicable).
Integrated Object Model	IOM	IOM in SAS Integration Technologies provides distributed object interfaces to base SAS software features such as the procedural scripting language, data, file system, results content, and formatting services.
Integrated Project Team	IPT	IPTs are cross-functional teams for the specific purpose of delivering a product for an external or internal customer.
Integrated Test Facility	ITF	An ITF is a type of test of control that requires using a fictitious entity and entering fictitious transactions for that entity with the regular transactions, and then comparing the result with the expected output.
Integrated User Interface	IUI	An IUI presents a single integrated view of beneficiary information. It enhances the quality and accuracy of the information displayed and provides Plans with critical beneficiary information necessary to conduct business in a more timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner.
Integrated User Interface Production Database	IUIP Database	The IUIP database stores Medicare eligibility data in the Production Environment.
Integrated User Interface Test Database	IUIT Database	The IUIT database stores Medicare eligibility data in the Validation Environment.
Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise	IHE	IHE is an initiative by healthcare professionals and industry to improve the way computer systems in healthcare share information.
Integration Composite Application Network	ICAN	ICAN is a comprehensive product suite that contains all elements to develop, manage, and deploy composite applications and complex integration projects.
Integration Definition for Information Modeling	IDEF1X	IDEF1X is a data modeling language for the development of semantic data models.
Integration Environment	INT	INT is the environment where integration of all components is tested and assured.



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Integration Glass	N/A	Integration Glass is a portal-presented user interface and a single window through which users may see and access information and applications from multiple sources based on individual user role and permission.
Integration Test Summary Report	INT TSR	The INT TSR is a draft TSR that contains the results of a release integration test and contributes to the final TSR.
Integration Testing*	N/A	This is the phase in software testing where the team combines and tests individual software modules as a group. It occurs after unit testing and before validation testing. Integration testing takes as its unit-tested modules as input, groups them in larger aggregates, applies tests defined in an integration test plan to those aggregates, and delivers the integrated system ready for system testing as the output.
Integrity	N/A	Integrity ensures protection against unauthorized modification or destruction of information. It refers to a State in which information remains unaltered from the point of production by a source, during transmission, storage, and eventual receipt by the destination.
Intelligence Cube	I-Cube	I-Cubes are in-memory caches the Intelligence Server stores. While accessing an I-Cube, users easily add or remove report objects (such as attributes and metrics), add new metric calculations, and filter their view of the data, all in an ad hoc fashion with speed-of-thought response times.
Intelligence Quotient	IQ	IQ is a number representing a person's reasoning ability (measured using problem-solving tests) as compared to the statistical norm or average.
IntelliMatch	N/A	IntelliMatch is an application that manages the real-time, automated, generic reconciliation and exception processing.
Inter/Intra-agency Agreement*	IA	In IA is a written contract in which the Federal agency agrees to provide to, purchase from, or exchange with another Federal agency, services (including data), supplies or equipment. Inter-agency agreements are between at least one component with the Department of Health and Human Services and another Federal agency or component.
Interactive Output Facility	IOF	IOF is a z/OS productivity tool that runs in the JES2, TSO, and CICS environments on IBM mainframe computers.
Interactive System Productivity Facility	ISPF	ISPF is a menu-driven, full-screen interface to the most commonly accessed TSO features. It includes facilities to edit, browse, and manage data and programs.

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Interactive Voice Response*	IVR	IVR is a technology that allows a computer to detect voice and DTMF keypad inputs.
Interchange Control Envelope	N/A	The Interchange Control Envelope consists of two segments: ISA, or header segment and IEA, or envelope trailer segment. There is a relationship between these two segments and the segments contain information to link them together.
Interchange*	N/A	An interchange is a smallest unit of exchanged data between two parties. A received or sent file may contain one or more interchanges, but from an EDI point of view each of these interchanges processes separately
Interconnection Security Agreement	ISA	An ISA establishes procedures for cooperation and coordination between the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and a non-CMS organization regarding the development, management, operation, and security of a connection between a CMS Network, and the non-CMS organization network.
Interface Control Agreement	ICA	An ICA details the services available from a specific Web service.
Interface Control Document	ICD	The ICD describes system interface characteristics, subsystems, hardware configuration items, computer software configuration items (CSCIs), manual operations, and other system components.
Interim Central Repository	ICR	The ICR is a data repository intended to provide a short-term solution that enables Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services SSPs to share information on Beneficiaries and Providers to prevent participation overlaps and duplicate payments. The ICR will eventually be subsumed into and superseded by the Enterprise Data Services Contract Master Data Management system.
Intermediary Control Number	ICN	An ICN is used to track claims.
Intermediate Care Facility	ICF	An ICF is a health care facility for individuals who are disabled, elderly, or nonacutely ill, usually providing less intensive care than that offered at a hospital or skilled nursing facility.
Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis*	IPD	IPD is an older form of peritoneal dialysis in which dialysis solution is infused into the peritoneal cavity, allowed to equilibrate for 10 to 20 minutes, and then drained out.
Internal Change Control Board	ICCB	The ICCB is a Maricom group that reviews and approves Project Management Plans.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Internal Configuration Control Board	ICCB	The ICCB has decision-making authority over changes to QSSI internal documents.
Internal Prospective Payment System	IPPS	IPPS (or PPS) refers to Section 1886(d) of the Social Security Act (the Act) that sets forth a system of payment for the operating costs of acute care hospital inpatient stays under Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) based on prospectively set rates.
Internal Revenue Manual	IRM	The IRM is the single, official compilation of policies, delegated authorities, procedures, instructions, and guidelines relating to the organization, functions, administration, and operations of the IRS. Twenty-two of its parts are available to the public.
Internal Revenue Service	IRS	The IRS is the U.S. government agency responsible for tax collection and tax law enforcement.
Internal Risk*	N/A	Internal risks are those that arise from events taking place within an organization and are within the control of Integrated Project Teams.
International Business Machines	IBM	IBM is a multinational computer, technology, and information technology consulting corporation.
International Classification of Diseases	ICD	The ICD is the international standard diagnostic for classifying diseases and other health problems for health management and clinical use.
International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification	ICD-9-CM	ICD-9-CM is an adaption created by the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and used in assigning diagnostic and procedure codes associated with inpatient, outpatient, and physician office utilization in the United States.
International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification	ICD-10-CM	ICD-10-CM is a system physicians and other healthcare providers use to classify and code all diagnoses, symptoms, and procedures recorded in conjunction with hospital care in the United States.
International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Procedure Coding System	ICD-10-PCS	ICD-10-PCS is an international system of medical classification used for procedural codes that track various health interventions taken by medical professionals.
International Classification of Diseases-10	ICD-10	ICD-10 is a classification system allowing more than 155,000 different codes and permitting tracking of many new diagnoses and procedures, a significant expansion on the 17,000 codes available in ICD-9.

Term	Acronym	Definition
International Organization for Standardization	ISO	ISO is an international standard-setting body composed of representatives from various national standards organizations.
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 27000-Series.	ISO27k	The ISO/IEC 27000-series (also known as the 'ISMS Family of Standards' or 'ISO27k' for short) comprises information security standards published jointly by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).
Internet	N/A	The Internet is a global system of interconnected computer networks that use TCP/IP to serve billions of users worldwide.
Internet Authentication Service	IAS	IAS is a component of Windows Server operating systems that provides centralized user authentication, authorization, and accounting.
Internet Content Adaptation Protocol	ICAP	ICAP is a lightweight protocol for executing a remote procedure call on HTTP messages.
Internet Download Manager	IDM	IDM is a shareware download manager and accelerator tool for managing Internet browser downloads.
Internet Engineering Task Force	IEFT	The IEFT develops and promotes internet standards, cooperating closely with the W3C and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and dealing with the standards of the Internet protocol suite.
Internet Explorer	IE	IE is the most widely used Web browser on the Internet.
Internet Information Services	IIS	IIS, formerly called Internet Information Servers, is a set of Internet-based services for servers created by Microsoft for use with Microsoft Windows.
Internet of Things	IoT	IoT is a network of physical devices that connect to the Internet and potentially to each other through Web-based wireless services.
Internet Protocol	IP	IP is a protocol for communicating data across a packet-switched Internetwork using the Internet Protocol Suite, also referred to as TCP/IP.
Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System	iQIES	iQIES is an Internet-facing system that will replace the legacy system QIES. It supports the Survey & Cert program, quality initiatives for provider settings, and aids in managing payment for services to beneficiaries and fraud and abuse efforts.

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Internet Service Provider	ISP	An ISP is an organization that provides services for accessing, using, or participating in the Internet. Internet service providers may be organized in various forms, such as commercial, community-owned, non-profit, or otherwise privately owned.
Interrupt Request	IRQ	IRQ is the name of a logic signal directed to a specific processor input port, which causes the processor to suspend normal instruction execution temporarily and to start executing an interrupt handler routine.
intranet	N/A	An intranet is a computer network that uses Internet Protocol technology to securely share any part of an organization's information or network operating system.
Intravenous	IV	IV means existing or taking place within, or administered into, a vein or veins.
Intravenous Push	IVP	IVP is a means of delivering extra medication through an intravenous line over a short period of time.
Intrinsically Governmental Risk	N/A	An intrinsically governmental risk is one that is solely within the control of Federal Government and that contractors cannot initiate, transfer, or manage.
Intrusion Detection System	IDS	An IDS is a device (or application) that monitors network and/or system activities for malicious activities or policy violations and produces reports to a Management Station.
Intrusion Detection*	N/A	Intrusion detection refers to the process of identifying attempts to penetrate a system and gain unauthorized access.
Intrusion Prevention System	IPS	An IPS is a network security device that monitors network and/or system activities for malicious or unwanted behavior and can react, in real-time, to block or prevent those activities.
Investigational Device Exemptions	IDE	An IDE allows the investigational device to be used in a clinical study in order to collect safety and effectiveness data.
Investment & System Life Cycle	ILC	The CMS integrated information technology ILC Framework is a comprehensive set of policies, processes, procedures, standards, artifacts, reviews, and resources that provide guidance for information technology, investment, and system life cycle management.

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Investment Selection Review	ISR	An ISR takes place during the Concept Phase by the Information Technology Investment Review Board. It is a formal inspection of a proposed information technology project to determine if it is sound, viable, and worthy of funding, support and inclusion in the organization's information technology Investment Portfolio.
IOIx	N/A	IOIx, or IOIx Software, is a company that is leveraging the changing landscape in the health insurance industry to provide services for insurance brokers.
iostat	N/A	iostat command is a command to monitor system input/output device loading by observing the time devices are active in relation to their average transfer rates.
IP Network Multipathing	IPMP	IPMP is a facility provided by Solaris to provide fault-tolerance and load spreading for network interface cards (NICs). With IPMP, two or more NICs are dedicated for each network to which the host connects. Each interface is assigned a static test IP address, which is used to assess the operational state of the interface.
iPad	N/A	An iPad is a line of tablet computers that Apple designs, develops, and markets, primarily as a platform for audio-visual media including books, periodicals, movies, music, games, apps and Web content. Its size and weight fall between those of contemporary smartphones and laptop computers.
iPhone	N/A	The iPhone is a line of Internet- and multimedia-enabled smartphones that Apple Computer, Inc. markets.
iPod	N/A	iPod is a line of portable media players that Apple Computer, Inc. creates and markets.
Iron Key	N/A	Iron Key is a free version of Silver Key, a program for creating self-extracting encrypted files for safe transmission over the Internet.
Iron Mountain	N/A	Iron Mountain is a company that offers records management, information destruction, and data backup services to customers throughout North America, Europe, Latin America, and Asia.

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ISA Segment	N/A	The ISA segment is the interchange control header for the X12 document and contains sender and recipient information for a set of X12 documents. The interchange header is the outermost layer of the EDI envelope.
Ischemic Vascular Disease	IVD	IVD is a condition in which a waxy substance called plaque builds up inside blood vessels, and restricts the normal flow of blood.
ISG Governance Board	IGB	IGB is a governance body in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ), Information Systems Group (ISG).
Issue-Tracker	N/A	Issue-Tracker is a support issue tracking system. The system is user friendly and uses a simple modular application programming interface (API) to make addition of new modules or features very easy.
IT Capital Planning Group	ICAP	ICAP is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Office of Information Technology.
IT Service Management	ITSM	ITSM refers to the entirety of activities - directed by policies, organized and structured in processes and supporting procedures - that are performed by an organization to plan, design, deliver, operate and control information technology (IT) services offered to customers.
Iteration Execution*	N/A	Iteration execution is how Agile teams manage their work throughout the Iteration timebox, resulting in a high-quality, working, tested system increment.
Iteration Goals*	N/A	Iteration goals are a high-level summary of the business and technical goals that the Agile team agrees to accomplish in an Iteration. They are vital to coordinating an agile release train (ART) as a self-organizing, self-managing team of teams.
Iteration Planning*	N/A	Iteration planning is an event where all team members determine how much of the team backlog they can commit to delivering during an upcoming iteration. The team summarizes the work as a set of committed iteration goals.
Iteration Retrospective*	N/A	The iteration retrospective is a regular meeting where Agile team members discuss the results of the Iteration, review their practices, and identify ways to improve.
Iteration Review*	N/A	The iteration review is a cadence-based event, where each team inspects the increment at the end of every Iteration to assess progress, and then adjusts its backlog for the next iteration.

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Iteration*	N/A	Iterations are the basic building block of Agile development. Each iteration is a standard, fixed-length timebox, where Agile teams deliver incremental value in the form of working, tested software and systems. The recommended duration of the timebox is two weeks. However, one to four weeks is acceptable, depending on the business context.
iText	N/A	iText is an open source library for creating and manipulating portable document files (PDFs) in Java.
IT-Grundschutz	N/A	IT-Grundschutz is German for IT baseline protection. This is the standard security measure for typical IT objects.
J2EE Connector	J2C	The J2C architecture provides a Java technology solution to the problem of connectivity between the many application servers and today's Enterprise information systems.
J2EE Connector Architecture	JCA	JCA is a Java-based technology solution for connecting application servers and Enterprise information systems as part of Enterprise application integration solutions.
Jakarta Project	N/A	See Apache Jakarta.
Jasmine	N/A	Jasmine is an open source testing framework for JavaScript. It aims to run on any JavaScript-enabled platform, to not intrude on the application, and to have easy-to-read syntax.
Jasypt	N/A	Jasypt is a Java library which allows the developer to add basic encryption capabilities to his/her projects with minimum effort, and without the need of having deep knowledge on how cryptography works.
Java	N/A	Java is a programming language expressly designed for use in the distributed environment of the Internet.
Java API for XML-based Remote Procedure Call	JAX-RPC	JAX-RPC allows a Java application to invoke a Java-based Web service with a known description while remaining consistent with its WSDL description. JAX-RPC is one of the Java XML programming APIs.
Java API for XML-Based Web Services	JAX-WS	JAX-WS is a Java programming language API for creating web services.
Java Architecture for XML Binding	JAXB	JAXB allows Java developers to map Java classes to XML representations.
Java Archive	JAR	JAR aggregates many files into one.



Term	Acronym	Definition
Java Archive File	JAR File	The JAR file (.jar) is an archive file format typically used to aggregate many Java class files and associated metadata and resources (text, images and so on) into one file to distribute application software or libraries on the Java platform.
Java Authentication and Authorization Service	JAAS	JAAS is a Java security framework for user-centric security to augment the Java code-based security.
Java BluePrints	N/A	Java BluePrints is Sun Microsystems' best practices for enterprise Java development.
Java Boss	JBoss	JBoss is a free software/open-source JavaEE-based application server. An important distinction for this class of software is that it not only implements a server that runs on Java, but it actually implements the JavaEE part of Java. Because it is Java-based, the JBoss application server operates cross-platform: usable on any operating system that supports Java.
Java Boss A-MQ	JBoss A-MQ	JBoss A-MQ is a high performance, flexible, cost-effective messaging platform that delivers information safely and reliably with a small footprint.
Java Composite Application Platform Suite	JCAPS	JCAPS is a standards-based, extensible software suite from Sun Microsystems used in the development of software infrastructure upon adoption of a service-oriented architecture approach.
Java Database Connectivity	JDBC	JDBC is an API for the Java programming language that defines how a client may access a database.
Java Development Kit	JDK	JDK is a software development environment for writing applets and application in Java.
Java Enterprise Edition	Java EE	Java EE is Oracle's enterprise Java computing platform. The platform provides an API and runtime environment for developing and running enterprise software, including network and web services, and other large-scale, multi-tiered, scalable, reliable, and secure network applications
Java Management Extensions	JMX	JMX is a set of specifications for application and network management in the J2EE development and application environment.
Java Message Service	JMS	JMS is an API that provides reliable, asynchronous communication between applications in a distributed computing environment.
Java Naming and Directory Interface	JNDI	JNDI is a Java API for a directory service that allows Java software clients to discover and look up data and objects via a name.

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Java Native Interface	JNI	JNI is a programming framework that enables Java code running in a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) to call, and to be called[1] by, native applications (programs specific to a hardware and operating system platform) and libraries written in other languages such as C, C++ and assembly.
Java Persistence API	JPA	JPA is a Java programming language framework managing relational data in applications using Java Platform, Standard Edition and Java Platform, Enterprise Edition.
Java Platform, Enterprise Edition	Java EE	Java EE (beginning with version 5) is a Java platform for the mainframe-scale computing typical of large Enterprises. The platform was Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition, or J2EE until the name change to Java EE in version 5.
Java Platform, Standard Edition	Java SE	Java SE is the core Java programming platform.
Java Runtime Environment	JRE	JRE is a programming language for Web pages.
Java Server Pages	JSP	JSP is a Java technology that helps software developers serve dynamically generated Web pages based on HTML, XML, or other document types.
Java Server Pages Standard Tag Library	JSTL	JSTL is a component of the Java EE Web application development platform. It extends the JSP specification by adding a tag library of JSP tags for common tasks, such as XML data processing, conditional execution, loops, and internationalization.
Java Unit	JUnit	JUnit is a unit-testing framework for the Java programming language.
Java Virtual Machine	JVM	JVM enables a set of computer software programs and data structures to use a virtual machine model for the execution of other computer programs and scripts.
Java Visual Virtual Machine	Java VisualVM	Java VisualVM is a tool that provides a visual interface for viewing detailed information about Java applications while they are running on a JVM.
Java/R Interface	JRI	JRI allows R to run inside Java applications as a single thread. It loads the R dynamic library into Java and provides Java API-to-R functionality. JRI is the inverse of rJava, which is an R-to-Java interface.
Java-Based Document Object Model	JDOM	JDOM is an open-source Java-based document object model for XML designed specifically for the Java platform to take advantage of its language features.

Term	Acronym	Definition
JavaMail	N/A	JavaMail is a Java API used to receive and send e-mail via Simple Mail Transfer Protocol, Post Office Protocol 3 and Internet Message Access Protocol.
Javamelody	N/A	Javamelody is an open source application to monitor Java or Java EE
JavaScript	N/A	JavaScript is a prototype-based scripting language that is dynamic, weakly typed, and has first-class functions. It is a multi-paradigm language, supporting object-oriented, imperative, and functional programming styles.
JavaScript Object Notation	JSON	JSON is a lightweight data interchange format.
JavaServer Faces	JSF	JSF is a Java specification for building component-based user interfaces for Web applications.
Jazz	N/A	Jazz is an extensible technology platform that helps teams integrate tasks across the software life cycle.
JBoss Enterprise Webserver	N/A	JBoss Enterprise Webserver includes Apache Web Server and Apache Tomcat for building, deploying, and maintaining web applications and large-scale websites. JBoss Enterprise Web Server uses open source technologies.
JBoss Migration Solution	JBMS	JBMS comprises three key components: Migration Assessment and Workshop, a consultative service that helps the customer develop a clear migration strategy and scope the level of effort and associated costs the project requires; Migration Toolkit, a transformation-engine software that automates migration tasks to achieve consistent and repeatable results; and Knowledge Base, a collection of blueprints and artifacts from the Enterprises previous migration tasks that can be used to facilitate successive migrations.
JBoss Operations Network	JON	JON is free software/open-source Java EE-based network management software.
JCL Procedure	PROC	JCL Procedures (commonly called PROCs) consist of pre-written JCL for steps, or groups of steps, inserted into a job. Use PROCs for repeating steps that occur several times in one job, or in several different jobs. They save programmer time and reduce the risk of errors.
JDeveloper	N/A	JDeveloper is a freeware Integrated Development Environment supplied by Oracle Corporation. JDeveloper covers the full development life cycle from design through coding, debugging, optimization, and profiling to deploying.

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Jenkins	NA	Jenkins is an open-source, continuous integration tool written in Java.
Jenkins Continuous Integration	Jenkins CI	Jenkins CI is an open-source, continuous integration tool written in Java.
Jenkins Pipeline	N/A	Jenkins Pipeline is a suite of plugins that supports implementing and integrating continuous delivery pipelines into Jenkins.
JES2	N/A	JES2 is a job entry system that reads jobs into the system, converts them to internal machine-readable form, selects them for processing, processes their output, and purges them from the system.
JGroups	N/A	JGroups is a reliable multicast system written in the Java language.
JIRA	N/A	JIRA is a proprietary Enterprise software product, developed by Atlassian, commonly used for bug tracking, issue tracking, and project management.
Jira Query Language	JQL	JQL enables users to search for information in Jira.
Job Access with Speech	JAWS	JAWS is a screen reader, a software program for visually impaired users.
Job Control Language	JCL	JCL is a scripting language used on IBM mainframe operating systems to instruct the system on how to run a batch job or start a subsystem.
Job Control Language Procedure	JCL PROC	JCL PROCs consist of pre-written JCL for steps, or groups of steps, inserted into a job. Use PROCs for repeating steps that occur several times in one job, or in several different jobs. They save programmer time and reduce the risk of errors.
Jobstream*	N/A	A jobstream (or job stream or simply job) is the sequence of job control language statements and data (called instream data) that comprises a single unit of work for an operating system
Joint Application Development*	JAD	JAD is a methodology that involves the client or end user in the design and development of an application, through a succession of collaborative workshops called JAD sessions.
Joint Contractor Management Team	JCMT	A JCMT is a group of representatives from the outgoing contractor and the incoming contractor charged with overseeing the successful transition of a contract.

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Joint Operating Agreement*	JOA	A JOA is a written agreement between two or more entities describing the tasks each performs in carrying out a process or program.
Joint Photographic Experts Group	JPEG	JPEG is a commonly used method of lossy compression for digital photography (an image). The degree of compression is adjustable, allowing a selectable tradeoff between storage size and image quality.
Joint Signature Memorandum	JSM	A JSM is a memorandum signed by multiple components of CMS to instruct intermediaries and Medicare contractors on various changes in policy or to issue implementing instructions.
jQuery	N/A	jQuery is a cross-browser JavaScript library that simplifies the client-side scripting of HTML.
Jumpstation	N/A	A jumpstation is a site on the World Wide Web containing a collection of hypertext links, usually to pages on a particular topic.
Junior	JR	JR is a general name suffix that indicates a male child with the same name as his father.
Just-in-Time Requirements	N/A	Just-in-Time Requirements define only what is needed for the current iteration and only to the level of detail required for the team to deliver the item.
Just-in-Time*	JIT	JIT, also known as dynamic translation, is a method to improve the runtime performance of computer programs.
Kaiser Permanente	N/A	Kaiser Permanente is an integrated, managed-care consortium.
Kanban*	N/A	Kanban is a visual system for managing work as it moves through a process. Kanban visualizes both the process (the workflow) and the actual work passing through that process. The goal of kanban is to identify potential bottlenecks in your process and fix them so work can flow through it cost-effectively at an optimal speed or throughput.
Karmasphere	N/A	Karmasphere, open and based on Apache Hadoop standards, leverages existing analytic skills, integrates with traditional BI and existing applications, and supports leading Hadoop distributions.
Key Performance Indicator*	KPI	A KPI is a measure reflecting how an organization is doing in a specific aspect of its performance.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code	HMAC	HMAC is a specific type of message authentication code (MAC) involving a cryptographic hash function in combination with a secret cryptographic key.
KeyStore	N/A	A KeyStore is a repository of security certificates, either authorization certificates or public key certificates.
Kidney Care Quality Alliance	KCQA	KCQA contributes to the quality of kidney care by addressing performance measurement, public reporting, and pay-for-performance reporting. Since that time, KCQA works closely with the National Quality Forum (NQF) to submit proposed measures for quality improvement.
Kidney Data Dictionary	KDD	KDD provides formatting and acceptable range information for each data element in CROWNWeb.
Kidney Dietitian	N/A	Kidney Dietitians specialize and work in renal nutrition.
Kilobyte*	KB	A KB is a multiple of a byte for digital information storage or transmission.
Kilobytes*	KB	KB is plural for kilobyte. KB is a multiple of a byte for digital information storage or transmission.
Kilowatt*	kW	A kW is a unit of power equal to 1,000 watts.
Knowledge Base*	KB	KB is a special kind of database for knowledge management, providing the means for the computerized collection,
Knowledge-Based Authentication	KBA	KBA is a method to authenticate an individual based on knowledge of personal information, substantiated by a real-time interactive question and answer process.
Known Issue*	KI	A known issue is a documented defect or problem in the Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) program. HQR program managers (PgMs) prepare KI documents for posting to QualityNet.
Korn shell	ksh	The ksh is a UNIX shell that is backwards compatible with the Bourne shell and includes many features of the C shell as well, such as a command history.
Lab Data	N/A	Lab Data refers to the Lab Data Collection Project, which focuses on three areas of care: adequacy of dialysis, anemia management, and bone disease management.
Large Dialysis Organization	LDO	LDOs are organizations with more than 200 dialysis facilities.
Large Object*	LOB	LOB refers to the binary large object (BLOB), character large object (CLOB), or database character large object (DBCLOB) data type.

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Latency*	N/A	Latency describes the difference in data that is the result of processing timing between two objects. Low latency would represent the shortest possible time, high latency would be a long gap between the two object updates.
Lawful Permanent Resident	LPR	An LPR is a foreign national with the legal right to reside in the U.S. permanently, and eventually (if the foreign national so chooses) apply to naturalize as a citizen.
Layer 7	N/A	Layer 7 Technologies helps organizations securely integrate applications across hybrid Enterprise spanning partners, mobile, cloud and outside developer communities.
Lean Business Case*	LBC	An LBC is an artifact prescribed by Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) that captures the results from analysis done in the analysis phase of the kanban process. Ultimately, it is used to make a go/no-go decision for a portfolio epic or a solution epic.
Lean Client*	N/A	See Thin Client.
Lean Improvement Opportunity*	LIO	The lean process is about smooth process flows, doing only those activities that add customer value and eliminating activities that do not. LIOs refer to situations in which the Lean process offers improvements.
Lean Management Operating System	LMOS	LMOS is defined as how the Information Systems Group (ISG) delivers strategy deployment and daily continuous improvement and integrates current process improvement tools (Fed Biz Lean, Kaizen, Kanban) with the management system to support a community of problem solvers through coaching, leader standard work, visual management, and data driven strategic alignment.
Lean Portfolio Management*	LPM	The LPM function has the highest level of decision-making and financial accountability for the products and Solutions in a Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) portfolio.
Lean User Experience*	Lean UX	Lean UX design is a mindset, culture, and a process that embraces Lean-Agile methods. It implements functionality in minimum viable increments and determines success by measuring results against a benefit hypothesis.
Lean-Agile Mindset*	N/A	The lean-agile mindset is the combination of beliefs, assumptions, and actions of SAFe leaders and practitioners who embrace the concepts of the Agile Manifesto and Lean thinking. It's the personal, intellectual, and leadership foundation for adopting and applying SAFe principles and practices.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Lean-Agile Principles*	N/A	Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) is based on nine immutable, underlying lean-agile principles. These tenets and economic concepts inspire and inform the roles and practices of SAFe.
Learning Management System	LMS	An LMS is a software application for the administration, documentation, tracking, reporting and delivery of online education courses or training programs.
Leg 1	N/A	Leg 1 represents the data flow from the Requestor (Marketplaces (FFM, SBM), Medicaid, CHIP, and the BHP (where applicable)) to the federal DSH.
Leg 2	N/A	Leg 2 represents the data flow from the federal DSH to Trusted Data Sources (DHS, IRS, SSA, Peace Corps, VA, TRICARE, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, BHP, and OPM).
Leg 3	N/A	Leg 3 represents the flow of data from Trusted Data Sources (DHS, IRS, SSA, Peace Corps, VA, TRICARE, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, BHP, and OPM) to the federal DSH.
Leg 4	N/A	Leg 4 represents the flow of data from the federal DSH to the Requestor (Marketplaces (FFM, SBM), Medicaid, CHIP, and the BHP (where applicable)).
Leidos	N/A	Leidos, previously known as Science Applications International Corporation or SAIC, is an American company that provides scientific, engineering, systems integration, and technical services.
Lesser General Public License	LGPL	LGPL is a free software license published by the Free Software Foundation (FSF). The license allows developers and companies to use and integrate LGPL software into their own software without being required to release the source code of their own software-parts.
Level of Assurance*	LOA	LOA refers to four levels of e-authentication (Levels 1 to 4) in terms of the consequences of the authentication errors and misuse of credentials. Level 1 is the lowest assurance and Level 4 is the highest.
Level of Effort*	LOE	LOE is a project activity that supports other work activities or the entire project effort.
Licensed Practical Nurse	LPN	LPNs are nurses who have passed the educational requirements to obtain their license; with the next step in their profession being a Registered Nurse (RN). LPNs are generally found working under a doctor's or RN's supervision in a variety of hospitals or clinics, and are currently found providing home health care, and practicing in long-term nursing care facilities.



Term	Acronym	Definition
Licensed Vocational Nurse	LVN	LVNs are nurses who have passed the individual state's educational requirements to gain a license, and have their next professional step as that of an RN. LVNs perform their nursing duties in various hospitals, long-term nursing facilities, convalescent homes, physician's offices, and surgical centers. They perform many similar duties to RNs.
Liferay	N/A	Liferay Portal is a free and open-source Enterprise portal written in Java and distributed under the GNU Lesser General Public License.
Lifetime Reserve Days	LRD	LRDs are additional days that Medicare will pay for when a beneficiary is in a hospital for more than 90 days.
Lights-Out Management	LOM	LOM, or out-of-band management, involves the use of a dedicated management channel for device maintenance. It allows a system administrator to monitor and manage servers and other network equipment by remote control regardless of whether the machine is on.
Lightweight Directory Access Protocol*	LDAP	LDAP is an application protocol for querying and modifying data using directory services running over TCP/IP.
Lightweight Third-Party Authentication	LTPA	LTPA is an authentication technology used in IBM WebSphere and Lotus Domino products. When accessing web servers that use the LTPA technology it is possible for a web user to re-use their login across physical servers.
Likelihood*	N/A	Likelihood refers to the determined frequency with which a party is likely to exploit a vulnerability. This relates to the stringency of existing controls and the probability that circumvention of some countermeasures may occur.
Likert Scale	N/A	A Likert scale is a psychometric scale commonly used in questionnaires, and is the most widely used scale in survey research.
Limited Data Set*	LDS	An LDS is an alternative to using fully de-identified information. HIPAA makes provisions for the creation of an LDS that requires the removal of 16 direct identifiers, but allows for the inclusion of dates, geographic location (not as specific as street address), and any other code or characteristic not explicitly excluded.
Limited Liability Corporation	LLC	An LLC is a flexible form of Enterprise that blends elements of partnership and corporate structures. It is a legal form of company that provides limited liability to its owners in the vast majority of U.S. jurisdictions.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Limited Liability Partnership	LLP	An LLP is a type of partnership that protects individual partners from personal liability for negligent acts committed by other partners and employees not under their direct control.
Line Item Date of Service	LIDOS	LIDOS is a field indicating the date of service on a claim for Medicare service.
Line of Business*	LOB	A line of business is a general term which often refers to a set of one or more highly related products which service a particular customer transaction or business need.
Links of SSA and CMS Data	LOD	The primary purpose of the LOD is to collect and maintain information to conduct research, perform policy analysis, and improve program management for populations served by both SSA and CMS.
Linux	N/A	Linux is an open-source version of the UNIX operating system.
Lipid Profile*	N/A	Lipid Profile or Lipid Panel is a panel of blood tests that serves as an initial broad medical screening tool for abnormalities in lipids, such as cholesterol and triglycerides.
Liquibase	N/A	Liquibase is an open source database-independent library for tracking, managing and applying database schema changes.
Livelink	N/A	Livelink is an electronic, Web-based document management system.
Living Related Donor*	LRD	An LRD is a blood relative who donates one of his or her kidneys to a family member.
Living Unrelated Donor*	LUD	An LUD is a spouse, friend, or co-worker who would donate a kidney to a potential recipient.
LMI	N/A	LMI is not-for-profit organization that serves federal agencies and provides services in logistics, acquisition and financial management, infrastructure management, information management, organizational improvement, and policy and program support.
Load Balancer*	N/A	A load balancer is a device that acts as a reverse proxy and distributes network or application traffic across a number of servers.
LOAD REPLACE	N/A	In LOAD REPLACE, newly loaded rows replace all existing rows of all tables in the tablespace, not just those of the table you are loading.

Term	Acronym	Definition
LOAD RESUME	N/A	LOAD RESUME inserts only new rows, keeps existing rows, and has two options: NO/YES.
Load Sharing Facility*	LSF	LSF is enterprise-class software that distributes work across existing heterogeneous IT resources creating a shared, scalable, and fault-tolerant infrastructure.
Load Testing*	N/A	Load Testing is the process of putting demand on a system or device and measuring its response. Load testing is performed to determine a system's behavior under both normal and anticipated peak load conditions.
LoadRunner	N/A	LoadRunner is an automated performance and test automation product from Hewlett Packard for examining system behavior and performance, while generating actual load.
loadUI	N/A	loadUI is an open source and free load testing software, targeted mainly at web services.
Local Area Network*	LAN	A LAN is a group of computer workstations connected to one or more common servers for the sharing of files, printing services, and Internet access.
Local Database Administrator*	LDBA	An LDBA is the day-to-day operational support person responsible for activities necessary to implement and maintain the database for a project.
Local Traffic Manager*	LTM	An LTM manages routing of traffic from one external virtual Internet Protocol address to multiple local servers.
Lockheed Martin	LM	LM is a U.S. aerospace, defense, security, and advanced technology company with worldwide interests.
Log4j	N/A	Log4j is a Java-based logging utility that helps the programmer output log statements to a variety of output targets
LogCapture Utility	N/A	The LogCapture Utility facilitates independent testing and verification by logging inbound and outbound Web service data elements.
Logging and Tracking ID	L&T ID	The L&T Identifier is used to manage, in the APS extract files, interactions in the context of a single Provider Enrollment.
Logging*	N/A	Logging is the process of storing information about events that occur on the firewall or network.
Logical Class Model*	LCM	An LCM, or logical model, is a static view of the objects and classes that make up the design/analysis space.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Logical Data Model*	LDM	An LDM is a representation of an organization's data, organized in terms, entities, and relationships. It is independent of any particular data management technology.
Logical Data Node Structure	LDNS	An LDNS is simply a container for a value, plus a pointer to a next node.
Logical Partition*	LPAR	An LPAR is an isolated computing domain with its own resources (processor, memory, and I/O interfaces) and operating system instance.
Logical Record Length*	LRECL	LRECL is the maximum length of a line (record) in a file. For line data reports that contain fixed length records, the LRECL is the number of bytes required to store any record in the file.
Logical Unit Number*	LUN	A LUN is a number used to identify a logical unit, which is a device addressed by the Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) protocol or protocols which encapsulate SCSI.
Logical Volume Manager*	LVM	The LVM is a widely used technique for deploying logical rather than physical storage.
Logistics Management Institute	LMI	LMI is a not-for-profit organization that provides strategic consulting services to civil, defense, and homeland security agencies of the U.S. Government.
LogMiner	N/A	LogMiner is a part of Oracle Enterprise and is a comprehensive relational interface to redo log files.
LoJack for Laptops	N/A	LoJack for laptops is a software-based theft recovery service. It tracks, locates, locks, deletes, and/or recovers stolen computers.
Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program	LTCH QRP	The LTCH QRP, mandated by Section 3004(a) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, creates LTCH quality reporting requirements.
Long-Term Care Hospital*	LTCH	LTCHs treat patients with multi-comorbidities requiring long-stay hospital-level care. For Medicare payment purposes, they are generally defined as having an average inpatient length of stay (LOS) greater than 25 days.
Long-Term Care Tracking System	LTC	The LTC is a compilation of each CMS region's nursing home enforcement case files.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Long-term Care*	LTC	LTC is a variety of services that help meet both the medical and non-medical needs of people with a chronic illness or disability who cannot care for themselves for long periods.
Lossy Compression*	N/A	Lossy compression is a data encoding method that compresses data by discarding (losing) some of it. The procedure aims to minimize the amount of data that a computer must hold, handle, or transmit.
Lost to Follow-Up*	LTFU	LTFU refers to patients who at one point in time were actively participating in a clinical research trial, but have become lost (either by error in a computer tracking system or by being unreachable) at the point of follow-up in the trial.
Low Severity Level*	N/A	Vulnerabilities in the Low range typically have very little impact on an organization's business. Exploitation of such vulnerabilities usually requires local or physical system access.
Low Utilization Payment Adjustment	LUPA	The proposed home health prospective payment system has a LUPA for beneficiaries whose episodes during a 60-day period consist of four or fewer visits.
Low-Density Lipoprotein*	LDL	LDL is a lipoprotein of blood plasma that is composed of a moderate proportion of protein with little triglyceride and a high proportion of cholesterol and that is associated with increased probability of developing atherosclerosis. It is also called bad cholesterol.
Low-Income Cost Sharing Subsidy Amount	LICS	LICS refers to Medicare's subsidy of cost-sharing liability of qualifying low-income beneficiaries at the point of sale.
Low-Income Patient*	LIP	Under the IRF PPS, facilities receive additional payment amounts to account for the cost of furnishing care to LIPs. This is done by making adjustments to the prospective payment rate.
Low-Income Subsidy*	LIS	LIS is available under the Medicare Modernization Act for extra help (a subsidy) with prescription drug costs for eligible individuals whose income and resources are limited.
MAGic	N/A	MAGic is a screen-magnifying tool commonly used in tandem with JAWS.
MagicDraw	N/A	MagicDraw is a visual UML, SysML, BPMN, and UPDM modeling tool with team collaboration support.

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Magneto-Optical Disc	MO Disc	An MO disc is a rewritable, optical disc used in combination with magnetic technology.
Maintenance of Certification	MOC	MOC is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services program designed to help physicians keep abreast of advances in their fields, develop better practice systems, and demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning.
Maintenance*	MA	MA refers to the activities that ensure the continued availability of hardware and software.
Major Application*	MA	An MA is an application that requires special attention due to the risk and magnitude of the harm resulting from the loss, misuse, or unauthorized access to or modification of information in the application.
Major Defect*	N/A	A major defect affects critical functionality and is likely to result in failure, or to reduce materially the usability of the service for its intended purpose. A workaround exists, but quick implementation is not possible.
Major Diagnostic Category	MDC	MDC codes, like Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG) codes, are a claims and administrative data element in the United States medical care reimbursement system. DRG codes are mapped, or grouped, into MDC codes.
Managed Care Organization	MCO	An MCO attempts to reduce the cost of providing health benefits and improve the quality of care for organizations that use those techniques or provide them as services to other organizations.
Managed Care Systems	MCS	MCS are healthcare organizations that are responsible for providing medical services through health plan agreements or health benefit programs.
Managed Fee-for-Service	MFFS	The MFFS model is one way that States can better align the financing of Medicare and Medicaid. It enables a State and CMS enter into an agreement by which the State would be eligible to benefit from savings resulting from initiatives designed to improve quality and reduce costs for both Medicare and Medicaid.
Managed File Transfer*	MFT	MFT enables Enterprises to manage and control the critical information flows that run their dynamic business networks.
Managed Security Service Provider	MSSP	An MSSP is a company to which network security services have been outsourced.
Management and Program Analysis	MPA	MPA refers to the management and analysis of a project or program.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Management Information Integrated Repository	MIIR	The MIIR is the data source that receives data through MARx plus the external source of enrollment for FEHB Retiree Drug Coverage, TRICARE Retiree Coverage, Veteran Coverage, Indian Health Services Coverage, Active Workers with Medicare Secondary Payer Coverage, Other Retiree Coverage, and State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program Coverage.
Management Information System	MIS	An MIS is a system or process that provides information needed to manage organizations effectively.
Management Objective*	MO	MOs establish the responsibilities of a group or organization.
Manatt Health Solutions	MHS	MHS is an interdisciplinary policy and business advisory division of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips. MHS professionals provide counsel on healthcare coverage and access, healthcare information technology, healthcare financing and reimbursement, and healthcare restructuring.
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips	N/A	Manatt, Phelps & Phillips is a law firm with a health solutions division, Manatt Health Solutions.
Mandrake	N/A	Mandrake is a Linux distribution system that uses the Red Hat Package Manager.
Man-in-the-Middle*	MITM	A MITM attack, also known as a bucket brigade attack, is a form of active eavesdropping in which the attacker makes independent connections with the victims and relays messages between them, making them believe that they are talking directly to each other over a private connection, when in fact the entire conversation is controlled by the attacker.
ManTech	N/A	ManTech provides technology solutions in information systems, environment, telecommunications, defense, and aeronautics.
Mantrap	N/A	A mantrap is a physical security device or construction that entraps a human.
MapInfo	N/A	MapInfo is a location intelligence company.
MapX	N/A	MapX is an ActiveX component that enables developers to add mapping functionality to applications.
Marketplace	N/A	A Marketplace is a transparent and competitive insurance marketplace where individuals and small businesses can buy qualified health benefit plans. Marketplaces offer a choice of health plans that meet certain benefits and cost standards.

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Marketplace Operations Coordination Center	MOCC	The MOCC serves Marketplace team members by providing operational updates, business and technical solutions, and a forum for centralizing issue identification, reporting, and escalation.
Marketplace Testing Support Team	MTST	MTST is an integrated testing support function that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) employs to provide testing for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace application components and services.
MarkLogic	N/A	MarkLogic provides information infrastructure software to the media, government, software, financial services, healthcare, and other industries.
MarkLogic Content Pump	N/A	MarkLogic Content Pump is an open-source, Java-based command-line tool (mlcp) for importing, exporting, and copying data to or from MarkLogic databases.
Married Filing Jointly*	MFJ	MFJ is a filing status for married couples that have wed before the end of the tax year. When filing under the married filing jointly status, couples can record their respective incomes, exemptions and deductions on the same tax return.
Married Filing Separately*	MFS	MFJ is a filing status for married couples who choose to record their respective incomes, exemptions, and deductions on separate tax returns. In most cases, married filing jointly offers the most tax savings, especially when the spouses have different income levels. However, there is a potential tax advantage to filing separately when one spouse has significant medical expenses or miscellaneous itemized deductions.
Master Beneficiary Summary File	MBSF	MBSF is a data source that includes beneficiary enrollment information for Medicare Parts A and B; includes Medicare Advantage (Part C); and includes the Prescription Drug Program (Part D) plan enrollment information.
Master Data Environment	MDE	The MDE is comprised of the IBM Initiate database, business rules, and linkage logic used to support MDM technology.
Master Data Management	MDM	An MDM system focuses on eliminating redundancy, inconsistency, and fragmentation by having a single, synchronized, comprehensive source of authoritative data for data domains.
Master Data Services	MDS	MDS is the IBM Initiate set of master data management software tools used to create MDM solutions.



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Master Domain Manager	MDM	An MDM communicates with the workstations in its domain and with the subordinate domain managers.
Master Drug Database	MDDDB	MDDDB is maintained by Medi-Span, which is a provider of prescription drug information and drug interactions databases for thousands of health care professionals worldwide. The company provides drug information solutions and drug interactions database products for clinical decision support.
Master Earnings File	MEF	The MEF is the administrative file SSA uses to determine individual eligibility for Social Security benefits and the amount of benefits paid.
Master File*	N/A	A master file is a collection of records pertaining to one of the main subjects of an information system, such as customers, employees, products, and vendors. Master files contain descriptive data, such as name and address, as well as summary information, such as amount due and year-to-date sales.
Master Index	N/A	IBM's Initiate product for identity resolution.
Master Patient Index	MPI	The MPI is a database that maintains a unique index (or identifier) for every patient registered at a healthcare organization.
Match Manager Subsystem	MMS	The MMS manages the communication with and the execution of the compare records processes supported by IntelliMatch. The MMS is responsible for all of the activities that take place around the matching process for National Provider Identifier Crosswalk System.
Materialized Query Table	MQT	In a database management system following the relational model, a view is a virtual table representing the result of a database query. Whenever an ordinary view's table is queried or updated, the DBMS converts these into queries or updates against the underlying base tables.
Mathematica	N/A	Mathematica is a computational software program for use in scientific, engineering, and mathematical fields and other areas of technical computing.
Mathematica Policy Research (MPR)	MPR	MPR is a policy research organization that conducts program evaluation, policy research and interpretation, survey design and data collection, and performance measurement and data management.

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Maturity Level 1*	ML1	ML1 indicates processes that are typically undocumented and in a State of dynamic change, tending to be driven in an ad hoc, uncontrolled and reactive manner by users or events. This provides a chaotic or unstable environment for the processes.
Maturity Level 2*	ML2	ML2 indicates that some processes are repeatable, possibly with consistent results. Process discipline is unlikely to be rigorous, but where it exists, it may help to ensure maintenance of existing processes during times of stress.
Maturity Level 3*	ML3	ML3 indicates sets of defined and documented standard processes that are subject to some degree of improvement over time. These standard processes are in place (i.e., they are the AS-IS processes) and used to establish consistency of process performance across the organization.
Maturity Level 4*	ML4	ML4 characteristically presents processes that, when using process metrics, management can effectively control the AS-IS process (e.g., software development). In particular, management can identify ways to adjust and adapt the process to particular projects without measurable losses of quality or deviations from specifications. Process capability begins with this level.
Maturity Level 5*	ML5	ML5 focuses on continually improving process performance through incremental and innovative technological changes/improvements.
Maturity Level*	ML	ML is the degree of process improvement across a predefined set of process areas in which a project attains all goals within the set.
Maven	N/A	Maven is a build automation tool typically used for Java projects.
MBean	N/A	An MBean consists of an MBean interface and a class. The MBean interface lists the methods for all exposed attributes and operations. The class implements this interface and provides the functionality of the instrumented resource.
MD5 Message-Digest Algorithm	MD5	The MD5 Message-Digest Algorithm is a widely used cryptographic hash function that produces a 128-bit (16-byte) hash value.

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MDM Integration Form	MIF	The MIF provides authorized employees and contractors at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services a standard tool to provide MDM integration information. This form is used to gather general intake information that will be expanded upon throughout the integration of an application to use MDM services.
MDM Integration Life Cycle for Vertical Applications	MILCV	The MILCV serves as an integration guide to all stakeholders involved in integrating an application with CMS MDM.
Meaningful Use	MU	MU is the set of standards that CMS defines as incentive programs that govern the use of electronic health records and allow eligible providers and hospitals to earn incentive payments by meeting specific criteria.
Meaningful Use*	N/A	Meaningful Use is using certified electronic health record (EHR) technology to improve quality, safety, efficiency, and reduce health disparities; engage patients and family; improve care coordination, and population: and public health.
Measure Applicability Validation	MAV	MAV is a process applied as part of the Physicians Quality reporting System Program to individual eligible professionals or group practices that report less than nine measures, or nine or more measures with less than three National Quality Strategy domains to determine if there were related measures that may have been reported.
Measurement and Analysis Plan	MAP	MA involves gathering quantitative data about products, processes, and projects and analyzing that data to influence actions and plans.
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Media Protection*	MP	MP is the formal, documented procedures to facilitate the implementation of a media protection policy and associated media protection controls.
Mediation*	N/A	Mediation is a method of conflict resolution between beneficiaries and providers regarding quality of care concerns. A professional mediator facilitates a meeting between the two parties to promote reconciliation, settlement, or compromise.
Medicaid	N/A	Medicaid is the federal system of health insurance for people requiring financial assistance.

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Medicaid Information Technology Architecture	MITA	MITA is a national framework that supports improved systems development and healthcare management for the Medicaid Enterprise.
Medicaid Management Information System	MMIS	The MMIS is an integrated group of procedures and computer processing operations (subsystems) that include Title XIX control and administrative costs; service to recipients, providers, and inquiries; operations of claims control and computer capabilities; and management reporting for planning and control.
Medicaid Statistical Information System	MSIS	MSIS is a CMS system that collects, manages, analyzes, and disseminates information on eligible recipients, beneficiaries, utilization, and payment for services covered by State Medicaid programs.
Medical Doctor	MD	An MD is a licensed physician who is a graduate of an accredited medical school and practices allopathic medicine.
Medical Geographical Classification Review Board	MGCRB	The MGCRB decides on requests of Prospective Payment System (PPS) hospitals for reclassification to another area (urban or in some cases rural) for the purposes of receiving a higher wage index.
Medical Group Management Association	MGMA	MGMA is an organization for professionals in group practice medical management.
Medical Management Professionals	MMP	MMP, Inc. is a provider of physician billing services and flexible practice management solutions for hospital-based doctors and medical practices.
Medical Record Number	MRN	The patient MRN is an identifier HIPAA covers.
Medical Review	MR	MR is the review of claims to determine whether services provided are medically reasonable and necessary, as well as to follow-up on the effectiveness of previous corrective actions.
Medical Review Board	MRB	MRB is a 21-member voluntary, interdisciplinary advisory body appointed by the Board of Directors of the Network that represents the diverse geographic areas and the various ESRD-related disciplines. MRB assures, through the application of suitable procedures of health care review, that the care ESRD patients within the Network receive is maintained at an optimal achievable level of quality.
Medicare	N/A	Medicare is the federal system of health insurance for people over 65 years of age and for certain younger people with disabilities.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)	MACRA	MACRA repeals the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) methodology for updates to the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) and replaces it with a new approach to payment called the Quality Payment Program that rewards the delivery of high-quality patient care through two avenues: Advanced Alternative Payment Models (Advanced APMs) and the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for eligible clinicians or groups under the PFS.
Medicare Actuarial Data System	MADS	MADS is a system that sets Part A deductible and Part B premium rates. It produces a set of tables used by the actuary for setting these rates. Currently, MADS has two aspects: institutional and physician supplier. This system is undergoing modernization.
Medicare Administrative Contractor	MAC	Jurisdictional MACs administer Medicare claims under CMS direction.
Medicare Advantage	MA	Medicare beneficiaries have the option to receive their Medicare benefits through private health insurance plans, instead of through the original Medicare plan (Parts A and B). These programs are Medicare+Choice or Medicare Part C plans.
Medicare Advantage Disenrollment Period	MADP	The MADP runs from January 1 to February 14 each year, starting in January 2011. The MADP allows a person to disenroll from a Medicare Advantage plan and return to original Medicare. However, it does not allow someone to switch from one MA plan to another. Nor, if one is in original Medicare, does it allow that person to join an MA plan. If someone wants to disenroll from an MAPD plan and return to original Medicare during the MADP starting 2011, the user must do so during a special enrollment period to join a Part D plan. This replaces the former Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period, which ran from January 1 to March 31 of each year.
Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan	MAPD Plan	The MAPD plan is a Medicare drug plan offered through a Medicare Advantage plan that offers Medicare prescription drug coverage.
Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug System	MARx	MARx is an enrollment and payment system for Parts C and D claims.

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Medicare Advantage Qualifying Payment Arrangement Incentive Data	MAQI	MAQI is data that supports the MAQI Demonstration which tests whether providing exclusions from the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) reporting requirements, payment adjustments, and performance feedback (collectively, the “MIPS exclusions”) for individual eligible clinicians who participate to a sufficient degree in certain payment arrangements with Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) (combined with participation, if any, in Advanced Alternative Payment Models (Advanced APMs) with Medicare Fee-for-Service (“FFS”)) will increase or maintain eligible clinician participation in payment arrangements with MAOs that are similar to Advanced APMs, and change the manner in which those clinicians deliver care.
Medicare Advantage Reporting System	MARS	MARS is a system of IMs, OLAP Cubes and Web reports that analyzes Part A and B claim payments, Member Year enrollment numbers and per capita calculations down to the county for a particular calendar year.
Medicare Appeals System	MAS	MAS is a unified case tracking system that facilitates maintenance and transfer of case specific data with regard to fee-for-service and managed care appeals throughout the four levels of the appeals process.
Medicare Beneficiary Database	MBD	MBD provides CMS with a singular, authoritative, database of comprehensive data on individuals in Medicare program to support ongoing and expanded program administration, service delivery modalities, and payment coverage options.
Medicare Beneficiary Database Suite of Systems	MBDSS	The MBDSS is a collection of individual applications and services that provide a single, Enterprise-wide authoritative source for Medicare beneficiary demographic data to support the collection and maintenance of Medicare beneficiary information.
Medicare Beneficiary Identifier	MBI	The MBI is a randomly-generated 11-character identifier (ID) that will replace the SSN-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) on new Medicare cards. The MBI will be used for Medicare transactions like billing, eligibility status, and claim status.
Medicare Benefits Notices	MBN	The primary purpose of this system of records is to provide an explanation of Medicare claims processed and to advise beneficiaries of supplemental insurance, deductible status, appeals information, and general Medicare information.
Medicare Claims System	MCS	MCS is a Medicare Part B shared claims processing system that HP Enterprise Services maintains.

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Medicare Coordinated Care Demonstration	MCCD	The MCCD is a CMS pilot project developed to test whether care coordination programs can be applied in Medicare fee-for-service settings, and whether such practices can reduce the number of hospitalizations, improve health status and reduce health care costs.
Medicare Customer Assistance Regarding Eligibility Help Desk	MCARE Help Desk	The MCARE Help Desk is a single point of contact for all submitters facing inquiries regarding the HETS eligibility systems.
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Medicare Data Communications Network	MDCN	See CMSNet.
Medicare Database	MDB	The MDB provides information on beneficiary enrollment and demographic characteristics of Medicare beneficiaries.
Medicare Electronic Data Interchange System	MEDIS	MEDIS automates the transfer of data in the national HIPAA standard formats, following specific data content rules between a healthcare provider and Medicare, or between Medicare and another healthcare plan.
Medicare Eligibility Integration Contractor	MEIC	MEIC manages the implementation of a standard, centralized Medicare Eligibility inquiry function fully compliant with the X12N 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response Transaction Set Implementation Guide.
Medicare Exclusion Database	MED	MED is a system that replaces CMS's Publication 69, which is a monthly Medicare and Medicaid report that contains information on all exclusions and reinstatement actions in Medicare, Medicaid, and other federal healthcare programs.
Medicare Fee for Service Analysis	MFSSA	MFSSA allows a project to use FFS claims to identify patterns of care for select counties and ZIP codes, with the assumption that if those patterns hold true for FFS they will be fairly accurate to apply towards MA.
Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act	MIPPA	In 2008, Congress passed MIPPA, which reduced government subsidies to Medicare Advantage plans, improved benefits for mental health, and averted a 10.6 percent cut in fees to physicians who treat Medicare patients, helping to preserve beneficiary access to doctors and other practitioners.

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Medicare Inpatient Hospital Dashboard	N/A	The Medicare Inpatient Hospital Dashboard offers statistical views of the IPPS data as it relates to claims payment and volume as collected by CMS. Future releases may contain additional CMS Program data.
Medicare Integrity Program	MIP	MIP is the first comprehensive federal strategy to prevent and reduce provider fraud, waste, and abuse.
Medicare Learning Network	MLN	The MLN provides a variety of training and educational materials that break down Medicare policy into plain language. The MLN delivers planned and coordinated provider education through the various mechanisms such as National Educational Articles, Brochures, Fact Sheets, Web-Based Training Courses, Videos, and Podcasts.
Medicare Medicaid Coordination Office	MMCO	The MMCO serves people who receive are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid, Medicare-Medicaid enrollees, also known as dual eligibles. Their goal is to make sure Medicare-Medicaid enrollees have full access to seamless, high quality health care and to make the system as cost-effective as possible.
Medicare Modernization Act	MMA	The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (also called the Medicare Modernization Act or MMA) is a federal law of the U.S., enacted in 2003.
Medicare Part A	N/A	Medicare Part A is the part of Medicare that covers hospice care, home healthcare, skilled nursing facilities, and inpatient hospital stays.
Medicare Part B	N/A	Medicare Part B is the part of Medicare that covers doctors' services, outpatient hospital care, and other medical services that Part A does not cover such as physical and occupational therapy. Other examples include X-rays, medical equipment, or limited ambulance service.
Medicare Part C	N/A	Medicare Part C is open to most people who have Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B plans. It provides medical and other benefits. Health plan companies approved by the Federal Government provide these benefits. The coverage is through Medicare Advantage plans.
Medicare Part D	N/A	Medicare Part D is a federal program to subsidize the costs of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries in the U.S.
Medicare Physician Fee Schedule	MPFS	The MPFS lists the more than 7,400 unique covered services and their payment rates.



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Medicare Plan Payment Group	MPPG	MPPG is a division within CMS that develops and improves all bidding and payment policies related to the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit and the Medicare Advantage program for the individual and employer sponsored group market.
Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act	MMA	The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (also called the Medicare Modernization Act or MMA) is a federal law of the U.S.
Medicare Program Integrity Group	MPIG	MPIG provides the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services with increased resources to prevent, identify, and recover inappropriate Medicaid payments.
Medicare Provider Analysis & Review	MEDPAR	MEDPAR is the source for developing the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services payment policy, published in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Annual Statistical Supplement.
Medicare Provider Analysis & Review File	MEDPAR File	The MEDPAR file is the source for developing the CMS payment policy, published in the CMS Annual Statistical Supplement.
Medicare Quality Assurance	MQA	MQA is the CMS program for maintaining quality assurance in the Medicare program.
Medicare Remit Easy Print	MREP	MREP gives suppliers a tool to view and print an 835 in a readable paper format, locally on the computer.
Medicare Secondary Payer	MSP	MSP refers to those situations in which Medicare does not have primary responsibility for paying the medical expenses of a Medicare beneficiary because the beneficiary is entitled to other coverage that should pay primary health benefits.
Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor	MSPRC	The MSPRC is the national MSP recovery contractor. All functions and workloads related to MSP post-payment recoveries are the responsibility of the MSPRC.
Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group	MS-DRG	MS-DRG reflects the re-sequenced grouping of Diagnosis-Related Groups by CMS.
Medicare Shared Savings Program	MSSP	See SSP.
Medicare Status Code	MSC	MSC indicates the reason for a beneficiary's entitlement to Medicare benefits.

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Medicare Summary Notice	MSN	An MSN is a notice or statement listing the services or items received by a beneficiary in original Medicare. The MSN provides information about the healthcare provider who provided the service or item and what was paid. People enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans do not receive an MSN but may receive an Explanation of Benefits from the MA plan.
Medicare Utilization Data Collection & Access Systems	MUDCAS	MUDCAS comprises multiple systems, including the Data Extract System, Data Agreement and Data Shipping, Healthcare Information System, Incurred But Not Reported, Medicare Actuarial Data System, Monthly Bill and Payment Record Processing, Medicare Provider Analysis and Review, the National Claims History, National Medicare Utilization Database, and PBA, which is replacing the Part B Extract Summary System.
Medicare Virtual Data Mart	MDCR VDM	The MDCR VDM is a virtual data mart in the CMS Integrated Data Repository.
Medication Adherence Report	MA Report	The MA Report evaluates and assesses beneficiary adherence to a prescribed medication regimen in COPR.
Medication Persistence Report	MP Report	The MP Report evaluates and assesses beneficiary persistence to a prescribed medication regimen in COPR.
Medigap	N/A	Medigap, formally Medicare supplement insurance, is a Medigap policy that supplements original Medicare by paying some or all Medicare deductibles and coinsurance, depending on which plan the beneficiary buys.
Medium Severity Level*	N/A	See Moderate Severity Level.
Megabyte*	MB	An MB is a unit of measurement of computer memory and means one million bytes of information
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Megahertz*	MHz	MHz is 1000000 of the oscillations per second; it serves as unit of measure of the frequency.
Memorandum of Understanding*	MOU	An MOU is a document describing a bilateral or multilateral agreement between parties. It expresses a convergence of will between the parties, indicating an intended common line of action.

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Merit-Based Incentive Payment System	MIPS	MIPS is part of the new Quality Payment Program under Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and combines requirements previously included in three separate programs administered by CMS: the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, and the Value-Based Payment Modifier.
Message Broker	MB	An MB is an intermediary program that translates the language of a system from one internationally recognized language to another by way of a telecommunications medium.
Message Digest	N/A	A message digest is a secure, one-way hash function that takes arbitrary-sized data and outputs a fixed-length hash value.
Message Queue	MQ	MQ is a software-engineering component used for interprocess communication, or for inter-thread communication within the same process. They use a queue for messaging – the passing of control or of content.
Message Transmission Optimization Mechanism	MTOM	MTOM is the World Wide Web Consortium message transmission optimization mechanism, a method of efficiently sending binary data to and from Web services.
Message-Driven Bean	MDB	An MDB is a component of the Enterprise JavaBean 2.0 specification, and is simply a JMS message consumer that a client cannot directly access.
MetaCluster Distributed Checkpoint Restart	MDCR	The MDCR coordinates the checking and restarting of jobs.
Metadata Catalog*	MC	A metadata catalog is a set of relational tables that contain information about how to convert data from non-relational to relational formats. The data server accesses the information stored in these catalogs.
Metadata*	N/A	Metadata is data that describes other data and serves as an informative label.
Metatable*	N/A	A metatable is the section of a database or other data holding structure that holds data that acts as source code or metadata.
Metropolitan Statistical Area	MSA	An MSA is a geographical region with a relatively high population density at its core and close economic ties throughout the area.

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MGCOMPSEV	N/A	MGCOMPSEV provides Oracle database solutions, software installation and configuration, database monitoring and administration to government and commercial agencies.
Micro-Frame Program Manager	MPM	MPM is an earned value management system cost engine that maintains integrated resource/cost and schedule data for one or more programs.
Microsoft	MS	MS is a multinational computer technology corporation that develops, manufactures, licenses, and supports a wide range of software products for computing devices.
Microsoft Data Access Component	MDAC	MDAC is a framework of interrelated Microsoft technologies that allows programmers a uniform and comprehensive way of developing applications that can access almost any data store.
Microsoft Jet Database Engine	N/A	The Microsoft Jet Database Engine is a database engine on which several Microsoft products have been built. A database engine is the underlying component of a database.
Microsoft Security Development Lifecycle	Microsoft SDL	Microsoft SDL is a software development process used and proposed by Microsoft to reduce software maintenance costs and increase reliability of software concerning software security related bugs.
MicroStrategy	N/A	MicroStrategy is a BI, Enterprise reporting, and OLAP software vendor. MicroStrategy software allows reporting and analysis of data stored in a relational database, multidimensional database, or flat data file.
Middleware*	N/A	Middleware is computer software that connects software components or some people and their applications.
Millions of Instructions per Second*	MIPS	MIPS is a measure of a computer's processing speed for comparing performance between processors made from a similar architecture.
Millisecond*	ms	A ms is a thousandth of a second.
Milliseconds*	ms	Ms is plural for millisecond, which is a thousandth of a second.
Mind Map*	N/A	A mind map is a diagram that visually outlines information. A mind map often radiates around a single word or text, placed in the center, to which the creator adds associated ideas, words, and concepts. Major categories radiate from a central node, and lesser categories are sub-branches of larger branches. Categories can represent words, ideas, tasks, or other items related to a central key word or idea.

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Minimal Essential Coverage	MEC	MEC is the type of coverage an individual must have to meet the individual responsibility requirement under the Affordable Care Act. This includes individual market policies, job-based coverage, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and certain other coverage.
Minimum Data Set	MDS	MDS is a core set of screening, clinical, and functional status elements, including common definitions and coding categories that form the foundation of the comprehensive assessment for all residents of long-term care facilities certified to participate in Medicare and Medicaid.
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Minimum Viable Product*	MVP	MVP is the version of a new product which allows a team to collect the maximum amount of validated learning about customers with the least effort.
Minor Defect*	N/A	A minor defect affects minor functionality and is not likely to reduce the usability of the service for its intended purpose. A minor defect does not result in test case failure.
Mistaken Payment Recovery Tracking System	MPaRTS	The MPaRTS is a CMS tracking system that tracks and reports mistaken payments.
Mitel	N/A	Mitel Networks is a company providing unified communications solutions for business.
MITRE	N/A	MITRE is a non-profit organization that manages federally funded research and development centers supporting government agencies.
Mock	N/A	Mocking is a form of testing that involves verifying behavior by checking which methods a program calls during a test. Like stubbing, it involves replacing methods with fake versions, but it also means setting expectations that the program must call those methods.
Model Output File*	MOF	A MOF contains a series of flags indicating which demographic factors (age, sex and entitlements for Medicaid and disability) and disease factors (HCCs and disease interactions) are used to calculate the risk score for each non-hospice beneficiary enrolled in the plan.
Model Output Report*	MOR	A MOR is a CMS-generated report with information about Medicare Parts C and D.

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Model View Controller*	MVC	MVC is an architecture where all requests to a site route via a controller program to the appropriate (template) view on the data and business model. Defined interfaces/APIs keep these three aspects separate (decoupled), defining their interaction.
Model-Based Systems Engineering	MBSE	MBSE is the practice of developing a set of related system models that help define, design, and document a system under development. These models provide an efficient way to explore, update, and communicate system aspects to stakeholders, while significantly reducing or eliminating dependence on traditional documents.
Moderate Severity Level*	N/A	Vulnerabilities that score in the Moderate, or Medium, range usually have the following characteristics: denial of service vulnerabilities that are difficult to set up, exploits that require an attacker to reside on the same local network as the victim, vulnerabilities that affect only nonstandard configurations or obscure applications, vulnerabilities that require the attacker to manipulate individual victims via social engineering tactics, and vulnerabilities where exploitation provides only very limited access.
Modified Adjusted Gross Income*	MAGI	MAGI means adjusted gross income increased by any amount excluded from gross income under Section 911 of the Internal Revenue Manual, and any amount of interest received or accrued by the taxpayer during the taxable year in which the taxpayer is exempt from tax.
ModSecurity	N/A	ModSecurity supplies an array of request filtering and security features to the Apache HTTP Server, Internet Information Services (IIS), and Nginx. ModSecurity is a Web application layer firewall. ModSecurity is free software released under Apache license 2.0
Monthly Benefit Credited	MBC	MBC is the amount payable by SSA after reduction for age and lower dollar rounding.
Monthly Program Review	MPR	An MPR provides a forum for reviewing a project's status in terms of cost, schedule, and other applicable factors.
Monthly Status Report	MSR	The MSR reports a project's variances in cost and schedule and other applicable status information.
Mortice Kern System	MKS	MKS is a multinational independent software vendor focused on the Enterprise Application Life cycle Management market with its process centric MKS Integrity platform.

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Mozilla Firefox	N/A	Mozilla Firefox is a free and open-source Web browser.
MPEG-1 Audio Layer-3	MP3	MP3 is a standard technology and format for compressing a sound sequence into a very small file (about one-twelfth the size of the original file) while preserving the original level of sound quality when it is played.
mpstat	N/A	mpstat is computer command-line software used in UNIX or UNIX-type operating systems to report processor-related statistics. In computer monitoring, it diagnoses problems or builds statistics on CPU usage.
Msort	N/A	Msort is a program for sorting text files. It applies to linguistic databases.
Multi-Carrier System	MCS	MCS is the system that Medicare carriers use to process Part B claims for physician care and other outpatient services to avoid duplicate payments when performing a full claim adjustment.
Multicast	N/A	Multicast transmission is the delivery of a message or information to a group of destination computers simultaneously in a single transmission from the source.
Multicultural Healthcare	MHC	MHC refers to healthcare that addresses the needs of multiple cultures.
Multidimensional Insurance Data Analytics System	MIDAS	MIDAS centralizes and consolidates business logic into a metadata repository required to report and manage performance of the ACA.
Multifactor Authentication*	MFA	MFA is a security system that implements more than one form of authentication to verify the legitimacy of a transaction. The goal of MFA is to create a layered defense and make it more difficult for an unauthorized person to access a computer system or network.
Multi-payer Advanced Primary Care Practice	MAPCP	The MAPCP Demonstration is an initiative in which Medicare will join Medicaid and private insurers in state-based efforts to improve the delivery of primary care and lower health care costs.
Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration	MAPCP	MAPCP is a state-led multi-payer reform initiative that was designed by States to make advanced primary care practices more broadly available.

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Multiple Virtual Storage*	MVS	MVS is an IBM batch operating system capable of managing several batch processes in a single virtual machine.
Multiprotocol Label Switching*	MPLS	MPLS is a mechanism in high-performance telecommunications networks that directs and carries data from one network node to the next with the help of labels.
Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension	MIME	MIME is an Internet standard that extends the format of e-mail to support the text in character sets other than ASCII, non-text attachments, message bodies with multiple parts, and header information in non-ASCII character sets.
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Mutual Med	N/A	Mutual Med is a company that distributes insurance.
MySQL	N/A	MySQL is an open source relational database management system.
Nagios	N/A	Nagios is an open source computer system monitoring, network monitoring, and infrastructure monitoring software application.
Nagios Remote Plugin Executor	NRPE	NRPE is a Nagios agent that allows remote systems monitoring using scripts hosted on the remote systems. It allows for monitoring resources such as disk usage, system load, or number of users currently logged in.
Namespace*	N/A	A namespace is an abstract container or environment created to hold a logical grouping of unique identifiers or symbols (i.e., names).
National Archives and Records Administration	NARA	NARA is the independent agency that oversees management of Federal Government records including presidential libraries and historic collections.
National Association of Boards of Pharmacy	NABP	NABP is an impartial professional organization that supports the state boards of pharmacy in creating uniform regulations to protect public health.
National Association of Insurance Commissioners	NAIC	The NAIC is a national organization of the 50 State insurance commissioners for exchanging ideas, information, and coordinating regulatory activities. NAIC has no legal power but exerts a strong influence through its recommendations.
National Capital Region	NCR	NCR refers to the region surrounding the capital of the U.S.



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National Claims History	NCH	NCH is a CMS data reporting system that combines both Part A and Part B claims in a common file.
National Committee for Quality Assurance	NCQA	The NCQA is a non-profit organization that works to improve patient care quality and health plan performance in partnership with managed care plans, purchasers, consumers, and the public sector
National Coordinating Center	NCC	The NCC supports and coordinates national activities such as developing and distributing technical and educational materials to members of the End-Stage Renal Disease community, including providers and new dialysis patients.
National Correct Coding Initiative	NCCI	NCCI is a CMS initiative to promote national correct coding methodologies and to control improper coding leading to inappropriate payment in Part B claims.
National Council for Prescription Drug Programs	NCPDP	NCPDP is a non-profit, ANSI-accredited, standards development organization representing virtually every sector of the pharmacy services industry. It creates and promotes the transfer of data related to medications, supplies, and services within the healthcare system through the development of standards and industry guidance.
National Drug Code	NDC	The NDC is a code set that identifies the vendor (manufacturer), product and package size of all drugs and biologics recognized by the FDA.
National Drug Data File	NDDF	NDDF provides prices, descriptions, and collateral clinical information on drugs approved by the US FDA, plus commonly used over-the-counter drugs, herbal remedies, nutraceuticals, and dietary supplements.
National Enrollment Data Store	NEDS	NEDS receives data from State-Based Marketplaces and the Federally Facilitated Marketplace and stores all data except enveloping information.
National Fraud Prevention Project/Program	NFPP	The NFPP provides state-of-the-art fraud fighting analytic tools to help CMS predict and prevent potentially wasteful, abusive or fraudulent payments before they occur.
National government Services	NGS	NGS provides customized, health, information technology solutions for Federal Government agencies.
National Healthcare Safety Network	NHSN	NHSN is a voluntary, secure, Internet-based surveillance system that integrates and expands legacy patient and healthcare personnel safety surveillance systems managed by the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) at CDC.

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National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual	NISPOM	NISPOM establishes the standard procedures and requirements for all government contractors concerning classified information.
National Information Exchange Model	NIEM	NIEM is an XML-based information exchange framework from the U.S. NIEM represents a collaborative partnership of agencies and organizations across all levels of government (federal, State, tribal, and local) and private industry.
National Institute of Standards and Technology	NIST	NIST is the federal technology agency that works with industry to develop and apply technology, measurements, and standards.
National Institutes of Health	NIH	NIH is an agency in HHS whose mission is to employ science in the pursuit of knowledge to improve human health; it is the principal biomedical research agency of the Federal Government
National Kidney Foundation	NKF	NKF is a major voluntary health organization in the United States. Its mission is to prevent kidney and urinary tract disease, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of organs for transplantation.
National Language Support Runtime Library	NLSRTL	NLS RTL provides a comprehensive suite of language-independent functions that perform proper text and character processing and language-convention manipulations.
National Level Repository	NLR	The NLR is a CMS data repository that supports the administration and incentive payment disbursements of Medicare and Medicaid programs to medical professionals, hospitals, and other organizations.
National Library of Medicine	NLM	The NLM is a library and information resource center that is part of the National Institutes of Health. It collects, organizes, and makes available biomedical science information to investigators, educators, and practitioners, and carries out programs to strengthen medical library services in the U.S.
National Median Rate	NMR	NMR is the national TPS rate.
National Medicare Banking Contractor	NMBC	The NMBC provides reimbursement to MACs to cover all costs incurred in the administration of the Medicare program and for the payment of all checks, electronic funds, and transfer items presented to the bank for covered Medicare services.
National Medicare Utilization Database	NMUD	NMUD is a relational database built in DB2 that houses the NCH claims from 1997 through the present.

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National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative	NNHQC	NNHQC is an effort led by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs) launched in April 2015 with the mission to improve care for the 1.4 million nursing home residents across the country.
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	NOAA	NOAA is a federal agency focused on the condition of the oceans and the atmosphere.
National Plan and Provider Enumeration System	NPPES	NPPES is the administrative system for supporting a national plan and provider registry. This is a comprehensive uniform system for identifying and uniquely enumerating healthcare providers and plans at the national level.
National Provider Call	NPC	NPC is a conference call during which Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services subject matter experts use Webcast presentations to cover changes to the Medicare program and include question and answer sessions.
National Provider Identifier	NPI	An NPI is a unique 10-digit identification number issued to healthcare providers in the U.S. by CMS. Covered healthcare providers and all health plans and healthcare clearinghouses must use the NPI in the administrative and financial transactions adopted under HIPAA.
National Provider Identifier Crosswalk System	NPICS	NPICS cross-refers providers identified by National Provider Identifiers to provider records linked to other identifiers and housed in the Medicare claims processing systems.
National Provider System	NPS	The primary purpose of this system of records is to collect the information needed to uniquely identify an individual healthcare provider, to assign an NPI to that healthcare provider, to maintain and update the information about the healthcare providers, and to disseminate healthcare provider information in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act.07/28/1998.
National Quality Forum	NQF	NQF is a United States-based non-profit membership organization that promotes patient protections and healthcare quality through measurement and public reporting.
National Renal Administrators Association	NRAA	NRAA supports freestanding and hospital-based dialysis providers through ongoing educational opportunities and lobbying efforts in Congress and at Medicare.

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National Security Agency	NSA	NSA is a cryptologic intelligence agency of the U.S. Department of Defense responsible for the collection and analysis of foreign communications and foreign signals intelligence, as well as protecting U.S. government communications and information systems, which involves information security and cryptanalysis/cryptography.
National Supplier Clearinghouse	NSC	The NSC is a contracted CMS function with responsibility for managing the assignment and maintenance of Medicare Supplier Numbers to the home medical equipment industry.
National Uniform Billing Committee	NUBC	The NUBC is the governing body for forms and codes in medical claims billing for institutional providers such as hospitals.
National Uniform Claims Committee	NUCC	The NUCC is responsible for developing a standardized data set for use by the non-institutional healthcare community in transmitting claim and encounter information to and from all third-party payers.
Nationwide Health Information Network	NHIN	An NHIN infrastructure connects local and regional networks to provide access to all medical history for a patient nationwide.
Nationwide Health Information Network Exchange	NwHIN Exchange	See eHealth Exchange.
Nephrologist*	N/A	Nephrologists deal with the diagnosis and management of kidney disease.
Net 8	N/A	Net 8 (beginning with version 8) is Oracle's client/server middleware product that offers transparent connection from client tools to the database or from one database to another. This was previously known as SQL*Net until the name change to Net 8 in version 8.
Net Value Test	NVT	The NVT is part of the actuarial equivalence test. The NVT takes into account the employer financing of the coverage.
NetApp	N/A	NetApp, Inc., formerly Network Appliance, Inc., is an American multinational computer storage and data management company.
NetBackup	N/A	NetBackup is an Enterprise level heterogeneous backup and recovery suite. It provides cross-platform backup functionality to a large variety of Windows, UNIX, and Linux operating systems.
Netcool	N/A	Netcool provides centralized access to Netcool and third-party interfaces for simplified administration and control.

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Netcool/OMNibus	N/A	Netcool/OMNibus delivers near-real time, consolidated event management across business infrastructure, data centers, complex networks, and IT domains.
Netflix	N/A	Netflix is a DVD rental and Internet-based video-on-demand service.
NetIQ	N/A	NetIQ is an American systems and security management software company.
NetIQ AppManager	N/A	The NetIQ AppManager provides application and system monitoring and management solutions to support uninterrupted delivery of IT services.
NetIQ Security Manager	N/A	NetIQ Security Manager is a comprehensive, security incident management organization.
Netman	N/A	Netman is a high-security, user-friendly remote control software.
netstat	N/A	netstat is a command-line tool that displays network connections (both incoming and outgoing), routing tables, and a number of network interface (network interface controller or software-defined network interface) and network protocol statistics.
Network Access Control*	NAC	NAC is an approach to computer network security that attempts to unify endpoint security technology (such as antivirus, host intrusion prevention, and vulnerability assessment), user or system authentication and network security enforcement.
Network Access Point*	NAP	A NAP is a centralized point that manages the exchange or sharing of Internet traffic.
Network Administrator*	NA	A network administrator, network analyst or network engineer is a person responsible for the maintenance of computer hardware and software that comprises a computer network. This normally includes deploying, configuring, maintaining, and monitoring active network equipment.
Network Analyst*	NA	A network administrator, network analyst or network engineer is a person responsible for the maintenance of computer hardware and software that comprises a computer network. This normally includes deploying, configuring, maintaining, and monitoring active network equipment.

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Network Automation*	NWA	NWA comprises the methodologies, processes, and technologies needed to help large organizations and enterprises automate the configuration and management of network devices, including hubs, routers and switches. Network automation helps an organization improve network service availability.
Network Data Management Protocol	NDMP	NDMP is an open protocol that controls data backup and recovery communications between primary and secondary storage in a heterogeneous network environment.
Network Data Mover	NDM	NDM is a file transfer product commonly employed to transfer files between mainframe computers, and midrange computers.
Network Engineer	N/A	A network administrator, network analyst or network engineer is a person responsible for the maintenance of computer hardware and software that comprises a computer network. This normally includes deploying, configuring, maintaining, and monitoring active network equipment.
Network File System	NFS	NFS is a distributed file system protocol that allows a user on a client computer to access files over a network in a manner similar to how the user accesses local storage.
Network Interface Card	NIC	An NIC is a hardware device that handles an interface to a computer network and allows a network-capable device to access that network.
Network Mapper	Nmap	Nmap is a security scanner that discovers the host and services on a computer network, thus creating a map of the network.
Network Operations Center	NOC	An NOC is one or more locations where control of a computer, television broadcast, or telecommunications network occurs.
Network Service Vendor	NSV	NSV is a software that provides connectivity to Medicare contractors systems through a CMS approved reseller.
Network Time Protocol	NTP	NTP is a networking protocol for clock synchronization between computer systems, over packet-switched, variable-latency data networks.
Network Vulnerability Test	NVT	An NVT tests a network for specific vulnerabilities.
New Feature Request	NFR	An NFR is a request for a new feature on an existing system.

Term	Acronym	Definition
New Relic	N/A	New Relic is a software analytics company. New Relic also refers to the New Relic monitoring tool.
New Technology File System	NTFS	NTFS is the standard file system of Windows NT.
Next Generation Desktop	NGD	The NGD application accesses CMS data systems to answer Medicare inquiries on enrollment, claims, healthcare options, preventive services, and prescription drug benefits.
Next Phase Solutions and Services	N/A	Next Phase Solutions and Services provides scientific, engineering, technology, and management services to State, federal, commercial, and non-profit sectors.
Nexus	N/A	Nexus is a Maven repository manager.
NGINX	N/A	NGINX is a Web server. It can act as a reverse proxy server for HTTP, HTTPS, SMTP, POP3, and IMAP protocols, as well as a load balancer and an HTTP cache.
Nigel's Performance Monitor	nmon	nmon is a system monitor tool for the AIX and Linux operating systems.
Nillable	N/A	Nillable specifies whether someone can assign an explicit null value to the element. True enables an instance of the element to have the null attribute set to true. The null attribute is defined as part of the XML Schema namespace for instances. Default is false
NIST Special Publication 800-53	NIST SP800-53	NIST SP 800-53, "Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations," and catalogs security controls for all U.S. federal information systems except those related to national security. It is published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which is a non-regulatory agency of the United States Department of Commerce.
No Data Reported	NDR	NDR is the code the Hub returns for an applicant that does not provide a QHP designation in the monthly OPM Status File. NDR indicates the applicant is not eligible and not enrolled.
No Hang Up	Nohup	Nohup is a POSIX command to ignore the hang up signal, enabling the command to keep running after the user who issues the command logs out.
Noblis	N/A	Noblis is a nonprofit research corporation that performs scientific research and engineering with clients in the federal, State, and private sectors.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Node	N/A	Nodes denote a focus on a specific entity within a data model.
Nonce	N/A	A nonce is an arbitrary number used only once in a cryptographic communication.
Non-Conformance*	N/A	Non-conformance is non-fulfillment of specified requirements.
Non-Disclosure Agreement*	NDA	An NDA is a legal contract between at least two parties that outlines confidential material, knowledge, or information the parties wish to share, but wish to restrict access to or by third parties.
Nonfunctional Requirement*	NR	An NR is a requirement that specifies criteria used to judge the operation of a system, rather than specific behaviors.
Non-governmental Organization*	NGO	An NGO is a legally constituted organization that natural or legal persons create that operates independently from any form of government.
Non-identifiable Files*	N/A	Non-identifiable Files are aggregated data, that for most instances, the Privacy Act does not cover as there is no beneficiary- or physician-level data in these files. Some of the files are summaries of information found in the Research Identifiable Files and some contain information that no other source provides.
Non-Participating Assignment	NPA	NPA indicates a provider/supplier who does not accept assignment in the Medicare program.
Non-Participating Non-Assignment	NPNA	NPNA indicates non-Medicare coverage for a non-participating physician, supplier, or program on an assignment.
Non-Partitioned Secondary Index	NPSI	An NPSI is any index that is not a partitioning index or a partitioned index. An NPSI has one index space that contains keys for the rows of all partitions of the tablespace.
Non-Physician Practitioner	non-PH	Non-PHs include nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants who practice either in collaboration with or under the supervision of a physician. States are responsible for licensing and for setting the scopes of practice for all three specialties. Medicare Part B provides reimbursement for services they provide.
Non-Software Configuration Manager	NSW Configuration Manager	The NSW Configuration Manager manages non-software configuration items.



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Normalized Protein Catabolic Rate	nPCR	nPCR is a formula commonly used to assess dietary protein intake in dialysis patients, as a means toward determining nutritional adequacy.
Northrop Grumman	NG	NG is an American global aerospace and defense technology company formed by the 1994 purchase of Grumman by Northrop.
NoSQL	N/A	A NoSQL database provides a mechanism for data storage and retrieval. It is modeled in means other than the tabular relations used in relational databases.
Not Applicable*	N/A	N/A is a commonly used abbreviation in the English language for the lack of data in a form or table field, or a document because it does not apply to the situation.
Not System Related*	NSR	NSR indicates entries that are not system related.
NPICS IntelliMatch Database	NPIIMP	The NPIIMP is one of the National Provider Identifier Crosswalk System databases that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Enterprise Data Group manages.
NPICS Production Database	NPICSP	The NPICSP is one of the National Provider Identifier Crosswalk System databases that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Enterprise Data Group manages.
NPM	N/A	NPM is the default package manager for the JavaScript runtime environment Node.js.
NT LAN Manager Version 2	NTLMv2	NTLMv2, a Windows product, enhances NTLM security by hardening the protocol against many spoofing attacks, and adding the ability for a server to authenticate to the client.
Numerical Identification System	Numident	Numident is the Social Security Administration computer database file of an abstract of the information in an application for a Social Security Number (Form SS-5). It contains the name of the applicant, place and date of birth, and other information. The Numident file contains all Social Security numbers since first issue in 1936.
Nurse Practitioner	NP	An NP is an advanced practice registered nurse with graduate-level education.
Nursing Home Compare	NHC	NHC allows members of the public to find and compare nursing homes certified by Medicare and Medicaid. The website contains quality of resident care and staffing information for more than 15,000 nursing homes around the country.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Nursing Home Quality Initiative	NHQI	The NHQI website provides consumer and provider information regarding the quality of care in nursing homes. NHQI discusses quality measures that are shown at the Nursing Home Compare website ( <a href="http://medicare.gov">medicare.gov</a> ), which allows consumers, providers, states, and researchers to compare information on nursing homes.
OAuth	N/A	OAuth provides clients secure delegated access to server resources on behalf of a resource owner. It specifies a process for resource owners to authorize third-party access to server resources without sharing credentials.
Object Identifier*	OBID	An OBID is an identifier to use when naming an object such as a value, variable, function, or data structure.
Object-Oriented Analysis and Design	OOAD	OOAD is a software engineering approach that models a system as a group of interacting objects.
Object-Oriented Programming*	OOP	OOP is a programming language model organized around objects rather than actions, and data rather than logic.
Object-Relational Mapping*	ORM	ORM is a programming technique for converting data between incompatible type systems in object-oriented programming languages. This creates a virtual object database that can be used from within the programming language.
Object-Relational Mapping*	ORM	ORM in computer science is a programming technique for converting data between incompatible type systems in object-oriented programming languages.
Obligation to Accept As Full*	OTAF	OTAF is the code used to indicate that the provider was obligated to accept as full payment the amount received from the primary (or secondary) payer.
Occupational Therapy*	OT	OT promotes health by enabling people to perform meaningful and purposeful occupations.
Offboarding*	N/A	Offboarding refers to the information system processes surrounding the removal of an identity for an employee who leaves the organization. The term also describes the restriction of certain access rights when an employee changes roles within the organization.
Office for Civil Rights	OCR	The OCR is responsible for administering and enforcing the HIPAA and Security and Privacy Rule and the Breach Notification requirements of the HITECH Act.
Office for Civil Rights Headquarters	OCR HQ	This is the headquarters for OCR.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Office of Acquisition and Grants Management	OAGM	OAGM serves as the head of contracting activity for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
Office of Audit Services	OAS	The OIG's OAS provides all auditing services for HHS, either by conducting audits with its own audit resources or by overseeing audit work done by others. Audits examine the performance of HHS programs and/or its grantees and contractors in carrying out their respective responsibilities and provide independent assessments of HHS programs and operations in order to reduce waste, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy and efficiency throughout the department.
Office of Beneficiary Information Services	OBIS	See Office of External Affairs & Beneficiary Services.
Office of Clinical Standards and Quality	OCSQ	OCSQ serves as the focal point for all quality, clinical, medical science issues, survey and certification, and policies for CMS programs.
Office of Communications	OC	OC is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight	OCIIO	OCIIO is responsible for ensuring compliance with ACA insurance market rules, such as the prohibitions on rescissions and on pre-existing condition exclusions for children. It oversees the medical-loss ratio rules and assists States in reviewing insurance rates. It provides guidance and oversight for the State-based insurance exchanges. It also administers the temporary high-risk pool program and the early retiree reinsurance program, and compiles and maintains data for an Internet portal providing information on insurance options.
Office of Counsel to the Inspector General	OCIG	OCIG provides general legal services to OIG, rendering advice and opinions on HHS programs and operations and providing all legal support in OIG's internal operations. The OCIG imposes program exclusions and civil monetary penalties on healthcare providers and litigates those actions within the department. The OCIG also represents OIG in the global settlement of cases arising under the Civil False Claims Act, develops and monitors corporate integrity agreements, develops compliance program guidelines, renders advisory opinions on OIG sanctions to the healthcare community, and issues fraud alerts and other industry guidance.
Office of E-Health Standards and Services	OESS	OESS (previously the Office of HIPAA Standards or OHS), is an office within CMS responsible for HIPAA TCS and unique identifiers enforcement.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Office of Enterprise Management	OEM	OEM serves as the primary resource for expertise on project management and integration within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
Office of Evaluations and Inspections	OEI	The OIG's OEI conducts short-term management and program evaluations (called inspections) that focus on issues of concern to the department, the congress, and the public. The findings and recommendations in the inspections reports generate rapid, accurate, and up-to-date information on the efficiency, vulnerability, and effectiveness of departmental programs.
Office of External Affairs & Beneficiary Services	OEA	OEA provides consultation and support for CMS components in achieving strategic communication objectives. It encompasses the former Office of External Affairs and Office of Beneficiary Information Services.
Office of Financial Management	OFM	The CMS OFM manages program budget and resource accounting, developing, presenting, executing, and reconciling of the CMS appropriated budget.
Office of HIPAA Standards	OHS	See OESS.
Office of Information Services	OIS	OIS plans, organizes, and coordinates the activities required to maintain an agency-wide Information Resources Management program.
Office of Information Technology	OIT	OIT is a combination of the former CMS Office of Enterprise Information (OEI) and the Office of Technology Solutions (OTS). OIT is responsible for enterprise development and integration of programs to support agency-wide operations.
Office of Investigations	OI	The OI conducts criminal, civil, and administrative investigations of allegations of wrongdoing in HHS programs or to HHS beneficiaries and of unjust enrichment by providers. The investigative efforts of OI lead to criminal convictions, administrative sanctions, or civil monetary penalties. The OI also oversees State Medicaid fraud control units, which investigate and prosecute fraud and patient abuse in the Medicaid program.
Office of Legislation	OL	OL is a component of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
Office of Management and Budget	OMB	The OMB assists the President in overseeing the preparation of the federal budget and supervises its administration in Executive Branch agencies.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Office of Operations Management	OOM	OOM prepares and presents recommendations to the Administrator, Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer and other high-level CMS and Department officials on planning, leadership, implementation and policy issues concerning modifications to existing and proposed operating policies that will improve the administration and operations of programs and the Agency as a whole.
Office of Personnel Management	OPM	OPM is an independent agency of the U.S. government that manages the civil service of the Federal Government.
Office of Policy	OP	Op provides on demand statistical and analytic support for CMS policy research.
Office of Research, Development, and Information	ORDI	The ORDI is responsible for CMS demonstration projects such as the ongoing acute care episode bundling demonstration and the physician group practice demonstration. ORDI oversees new payment and delivery demonstration projects authorized by the ACA, such as bundling and the medical home.
Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs	OSORA	OSORA manages the CMS decision-making and regulatory processes.
Office of Strategic Planning	OSP	OSP is a research arm of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that performs and supports research and evaluations of demonstrations to develop and implement new health care financing policies and to provide information on the impact of CMS programs.
Office of Support Services and Operations	OSSO	OSSO is a component of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
Office of Technology Solutions	OTS	OTS plans, organizes, and coordinates the activities required to maintain an agency-wide Information Resources Management program.
Office of the Actuary	OACT	The OACT is responsible for the CMS actuarial program and analysis of healthcare financing issues.
Office of the Administrator	OA	OA directs the planning, coordination, and implementation of programs under Titles XI, XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act and related statutes, as amended, and directs the development of effective relationships between these programs and private and federally supported health-related programs.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer	OCIO	OCIO leads the development and implementation of an Enterprise information technology infrastructure across HHS.
Office of the Chief Information Security Officer	OCISO	OCISO is an office with the CMS Office of Information Services.
Office of the General Counsel	OGC	The OGC is the legal team for the Department of Health and Human Services that provides representation and legal advice on national issues.
Office of the Inspector General	OIG	The OIG is an HHS agency that protects the integrity of HHS programs as well as the health and welfare of the beneficiaries of those programs. It performs nationwide audits and reports recommendations to the Secretary and to Congress.
Office of the National Coordinator	ONC	ONC is the principal federal entity charged with coordination of nationwide efforts to implement and use the most advanced health information technology and the electronic exchange of health information. The position of National Coordinator was created in 2004, through an Executive Order, and legislatively mandated in the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH Act) of 2009.
Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology	ONC	ONC is the principal federal entity charged with coordination of nationwide efforts to implement and use the most advanced health information technology and the electronic exchange of health information.
Old Age & Survivors Insurance	OASI	The OASI trust fund provides the Social Security Administration automatic spending authority to pay monthly benefits to retired-worker (old-age) beneficiaries and their spouses and children and to survivors of deceased insured workers.
OMEGAMON	N/A	IBM OMEGAMON is a software bundle of various performance monitors.
ON-Bar	N/A	ON-Bar are emergency boot files that contain information necessary to perform a cold restore. These files update after every backup.
Onboarding*	N/S	Onboarding is the addition of a new employee to an organization's information system(s). This term also applies when an employee changes roles within the organization and receives new or expanded access privileges.

Term	Acronym	Definition
One PI	N/A	The One PI system is a single source of information for all Centers for Medicare & Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse activities. The system provides streamlined, centralized access and analysis for standardized Medicaid data across multiple states, integrated with data from Medicare Parts A, B, and D.
One-Time Password*	OTP	An OTP is a password that is valid for only one login session or transaction.
Online Access Request System	OARS	OARS is a Web-based process for requesting access to administrative data in systems and applications.
Online Analytical Processing	OLAP	OLAP is a quick answer approach to multi-dimensional analytical queries. OLAP is part of the broader category of business intelligence, which also encompasses relational reporting and data mining.
Online Survey, Certification, and Reporting	OSCAR	OSCAR is a data network maintained CMS in cooperation with the State long-term care surveying agencies. OSCAR is a compilation of all the data elements collected by surveyors during the inspection survey conducted at nursing facilities for the purpose of certification for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.
Online Transaction Processing	OLTP	OLTP is a class of information systems that facilitate and manage transaction-oriented applications, typically for data entry and retrieval transaction processing.
Online Transaction Processing PECOS database	OLTP	OLTP PECOS database refers to the PECOS production database.
Online Transactional Process	OLTP	OLTP refers to the number and barcode listed on data tapes.
Open Conditional Content Access Management	OCCAM	OCCAM is an encryption-based, open technology standard for use in protecting digital content from unauthorized copying, distribution, and playback. It protects content during transmission and storage in any public, private, or home network.
Open Database Connectivity*	ODBC	ODBC is a standard API for accessing data in both relational and non-relational database management systems.
Open Multiple Virtual Storage*	OMVS	OMVS is an open IBM operating system.
Open Secure Shell	OpenSSH	OpenSSH is a set of computer programs providing encrypted communication sessions over a computer network using the SSH protocol.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Open Source Software*	OSS	OSS is computer software with its source code made available with a license in which the copyright holder provides the rights to study, change, and distribute the software to anyone and for any purpose.
Open Systems Interconnection	OSI	OSI is a conceptual model that characterizes and standardizes the internal functions of a communication system by partitioning it into abstraction layers.
Open Virtual Memory System	OpenVMS	OpenVMS (previously VAX-11/VMS, VAX/VMS, or (informally) VMS) is a high-end computer server operating system that runs on VAX, Alpha, and Itanium-based families of computers. Contrary to its name, OpenVMS source is not open.
Open Virtualization Appliance	OVA	An OVA is a tar archive file with the OVF directory inside.
Open Virtualization Format	OVF	OVF is an open standard for packaging and distributing virtual appliances, or more generally software, to run in virtual machines.
Open Vulnerability Assessment System	OpenVAS	OpenVAS is a framework of several services and tools offering a comprehensive and powerful vulnerability scanning and vulnerability management solution.
Open Web Application Security Project	OWASP	OWASP is an open-source application security project.
OpenSCAP	N/A	OpenSCAP provides tools to assist administrators and auditors with assessment, measurement, and enforcement of security baselines.
OpenSSO	N/A	OpenSSO is an open source access management and federation server platform.
Opera	N/A	Opera is a Web browser and Internet suite.
Opera Solutions	N/A	Opera Solutions, LLC is a technology and analytics company mainly focused on capturing profit growth opportunities emerging from big data.
Operating Division	OPDIV	An OPDIV is a major organizational component of the Department of Health and Human Services. An OPDIV is equivalent to a federal agency and includes the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.



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Operating Expenses	OpEx	OpEx (and Capital Expenses (CapEx)) describe Lean-Agile financial accounting practices in a Value Stream budget. In some cases, CapEx may include capitalized labor associated with the development of intangible assets—such as software, intellectual property, and patents.
Operating Rules	N/A	Operating Rules for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act transactions are the necessary business rules and guidelines for the electronic exchange of information that are not defined by a standard or its implementation specifications. The rules cover information such as eligibility for a health plan, health claim status, electronic funds transfer, and health care payment and remittance advice.
Operating System*	OS	An OS is an interface between the hardware and a user that is responsible for the management and coordination of activities, and the sharing of the resources of a computer; it acts as a host for computing applications run on the machine.
Operational Data Source*	ODS	An ODS is an informational database that typically stores detailed data about business events in order to support operational reporting needs and to act as a staging area for data warehouses and data marts used for data analysis.
Operational Readiness Review	ORR	The ORR is a formal inspection conducted to determine if the final IT solution or automated system/ application that has been developed or acquired, tested, and implemented is ready for release into the Production Environment for sustained operations and maintenance support.
Operational Testing*	N/A	Operational testing occurs in the Production Environment and is the final step in the testing process.
Operations	OPS	OPS is the division of an organization that carries out the major planning and operating functions.
Operations & Maintenance	O&M	O&M refers to the phase of a project or system that performs operations and maintenance.
Operations & Maintenance Manual	OMM	The OMM guides those who maintain, support, and/or use the system in a day-to-day operations environment.
Operations & Maintenance Phase	O&M Phase	During the O&M Phase, the Product Owner releases the certified and accredited system into the full-scale Production Environment for sustained use and operations/maintenance support.

Term	Acronym	Definition
OPNET	N/A	OPNET is a software business that provides performance management for computer networks and applications.
Opportunity*	N/A	An opportunity is a risk with positive benefits.
Optim	N/A	Optim software provides an array of database management features.
Optimized Three-Zone Architecture	OTZA	OTZA is a CMS network architecture that provides a single, secure environment for all CMS applications.
Oracle	N/A	Oracle is a relational database management system produced and marketed by Oracle Corporation.
Oracle Access Manager	OAM	OAM is the Oracle strategic solution for access management and Web single sign-on.
Oracle Audit Vault	OAV	See Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall (OAVDF).
Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall	OAVDF	OAVDF provides a line of defense for databases and consolidates audit data from databases, operating systems, and directories.
Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition	OBIEE	OBIEE is a comprehensive business intelligence platform that delivers a full range of capabilities - including interactive dashboards, ad hoc queries, notifications and alerts, enterprise and financial reporting, scorecard and strategy management, business process invocation, search and collaboration, mobile, integrated systems management, etc.
Oracle Configuration Manager	OCM	OCM is used to collect client configuration information and upload it to the Oracle repository.
Oracle Data Guard	N/A	Oracle Data Guard forms an extension to the Oracle Relational Database Management System. It aids in establishing and maintaining secondary standby databases as alternative/supplementary repositories to production primary databases.
Oracle Directory Server Enterprise Edition	ODSEE	ODSEE is a directory server that provides core directory service with embedded database, directory proxy, active directory synchronization, and a Web administration console.
Oracle Enterprise Manager	OEM	OEM products provide comprehensive solutions for testing, deploying, operating, monitoring, diagnosing, and resolving information technology problems.
Oracle Enterprise Repository	OER	OER is a service-oriented architecture (SOA) repository that provides a common communication channel for the automated exchange of metadata and information.

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Oracle Flashback	N/A	Oracle Flashback technology is a group of Oracle database features that enable users to view past states of database objects or to return database objects to a previous state without using point-in-time media recovery.
Oracle Fusion Middleware	OFM	OFM provides software for the development, deployment, and management of service-oriented architecture (SOA). It includes what Oracle calls hot-pluggable architecture, designed to facilitate integration with existing applications and systems from other software vendors.
Oracle GoldenGate	N/A	Oracle GoldenGate is a comprehensive software package for real-time data integration and replication in heterogeneous IT environments.
Oracle Grid Infrastructure	N/A	Oracle Grid Infrastructure is the Oracle software that provides system support for an Oracle database including volume management, file system, and automatic restart capabilities.
Oracle HTTP Server	OHS	OHS is a Web server based on the Apache HTTP Server. OHS is a Web tier component of Oracle Fusion Middleware.
Oracle Identity Federation	N/A	Oracle Identity Federation enables companies to provide services and share identity information across their respective security domains. End-users do not need to log in again to access a remote entity where business is conducted. Users authenticate at their local sites, and the federation mechanism enables this information to be shared. Enterprises do not need to manage the identities of users who are already known to a partner organization.
Oracle Identity Federation	OIF	OIF is an enterprise-level solution for secure identity information exchange between partners.
Oracle Medicare Beneficiary Database Warehouse	OMBDW	OMBDW offers an environment in which to build, manage, and maintain data integration processes in business intelligence systems.
Oracle Real Application Clusters	Oracle RAC	Oracle RAC is a clustered version of the Oracle Database based on a comprehensive high availability (HA) stack that can be used as the foundation of a database cloud system, as well as a shared infrastructure, ensuring HA, scalability, and agility for any application.
Oracle Service Bus	OSB	OSB converts complex, point-to-point application integration into a simplified, agile, and reusable shared service application infrastructure.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Oracle SQL Developer	N/A	Oracle SQL Developer is an Integrated development environment for working with structured query language in Oracle databases.
Oracle Unified Directory	OUD	OUD is a unified directory services solution with storage, synchronization, proxy, and virtualization.
Oracle Virtual Directory	OVD	OVD is a directory virtualization solution that combines information from multiple LDAP directories and presents them as a single directory and single schema.
Oral	PO	PO means by mouth or by way of mouth.
Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network	OPTN	OPTN is the unified transplant network established by the United States Congress under the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984. The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), based in Richmond, Virginia, administers the OPTN under contract with the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
Organization Beneficiary*	OB	Identifies the relationship between an Organization and Beneficiary.
Organization*	ORG	An ORG is a unit of people, systematically structured and managed to meet a need or to pursue collective goals on a continuing basis.
Organizational Breakdown Structure	OBS	An OBS is a global hierarchy that represents different levels of responsibilities within a project or Enterprise.
Organizational Process Asset*	OPA	An OPA is an organizational asset that contributes to project success. An OPA may be an informal plan, a policy, a procedure, or guidelines.
Organizational Process Definition*	OPD	The OPD ensures development and maintenance of a usable set of software process assets that improve process performance across the projects and provide a basis for cumulative, long-term benefits to the organization.
Organizational Training*	OT	OT is training that supports an organization's business objectives and meets the training needs that are common across projects.
Other Coverage/No Coverage (Drug)	N/A	Other Coverage/No Coverage (Drug) is a classification for beneficiaries who chose not to participate in Medicare Part D. These beneficiaries could have separate drug coverage (i.e. Tricare, Veteran's Administration (VA), Retirement Drug Plans, Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB), Working Aged/Disabled), or no drug coverage at all.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Other Direct Cost*	ODC	An ODC is a cost that can be attributed directly to a single contract. Examples include supplies, rent, computers, consultants, and travel.
Outlier*	N/A	Outlier refers to Medicare Part A cases that are particularly costly.
Outlook Web Access	OWA	OWA is a full-featured, Web-based email client with the look and feel of the Outlook client. With OWA, users can access their mailboxes from any Internet connection regardless of whether or not the computer is equipped with Outlook.
Outpatient Imaging Efficiency	OIE	OIE is a measure that shows how often a hospital provides specific imaging tests for Medicare beneficiaries under circumstances where the imaging may not be medically appropriate. Lower percentages suggest more efficient use of medical imaging.
Outpatient Physical Therapy/Speech Pathology	OPT/SP	General information and Certification data specific to Outpatient Physical Therapy/Speech Pathology providers.
Outpatient Prospective Payment System	OPPS	OPPS has been used by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services since 2000 for hospital outpatient services under Medicare.
Outpatient Prospective Payment System	OPPS	OPPS is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) payment system that pays for designated outpatient services and certain Medicare costs.
Outpatient Report	OPR	The OPR is a type of report that the Health Care Information System produces.
Outpatient*	OP	An OP is a non -admitted patient cared for outside the facility, as in a doctor's office, clinic, or day surgery center.
Output Delivery System	ODS	ODS is an extendable system that delivers output in a variety of formats, such as SAS datasets, listing files, PDF or HTML.
Outreach, Communications, and Training	OCT	OCT supports the EQRS and ESRD Programs with end user training.
Over the counter*	OTC	OTC drugs are medicines sold directly to a consumer without a prescription from a health care professional, as compared to prescription drugs, which may be sold only to consumers possessing a valid prescription.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Overutilization by Drug Dosage Report	OuDD Report	The OuDD Report evaluates utilization management activities by analysis of PDE claims with potentially high dosages in COPR.
Overview Document	N/A	An Overview Document is a high-level description of an application, feature, hardware, or system.
Oxygen XML Editor	N/A	The Oxygen XML Editor (styled <oxygen/>) is a multi-platform XML editor, XSLT/XQuery debugger and profiler with Unicode support.
PACE Computer Solutions	N/A	PACE Computer Solutions is an information technology consulting services and systems integration firm.
Page Set Identifier	PSID	A PSID identifies page sets used to store most messages and object definitions.
Palmetto	N/A	Palmetto Group Benefits Association (GBA) administers Medicare health insurance for CMS throughout the U.S. and its territories. Palmetto GBA is a wholly owned subsidiary of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina.
Palmetto government Benefits Administrators	PGBA	PGBA is Humana Military's claims processing partner in the South Region. PGBA is a fiscal intermediary for the military's TRICARE health benefits program and is one of the largest subsidiaries of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina.
Pandion	N/A	Pandion is an instant messaging client for XMPP.
Pan-Tilt-Zoom	PTZ	PTZ refers to the capability of a camera to perform remote directional and zoom control.
Paperwork Reduction Act	N/A	The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law No. 96-511, 94 Statute 2812 (Dec. 11, 1980), codified in part at Subchapter I of Chapter 35 of Title 44 of the United States Code, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 through 44 U.S.C. § 3521, is a United States federal law enacted in 1980 that gave authority over the collection of certain information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
Parallel Testing*	N/A	This is testing a new version (or an alternate data processing system) with the same source data in use in another system (or previous version). The other system is the standard of comparison.
Parameter*	PARAM	A PARAM is a special kind of variable, used in a subroutine to refer to one of the pieces of data provided as input to the subroutine.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Part B Analytics and Reports	PBA or PBAR	PBAR is a replacement and upgrade of the existing BESS. It allows the for a full calendar year on a quarterly basis of data summarized from the 100% NCH data stored in the IDR for all users to view utilization profiles
Part B Extract and Summary System	BESS	BESS is a file-based system that provides access to summarized Part B Carrier and DMERC claims data via mainframe predefined and ad hoc generated reports
Part D Workgroup	PDAT	The Part D Workgroup is a group within CMS that focuses on Part D data.
Partial Conformance	N/A	Partial conformance is a partial, but not full, fulfillment of specified requirements.
Partial Episode Payment	PEP	A PEP is a type of Medicare home health episode payment.
Partition-by-Growth	PBG	The PBG feature allows creation of a tablespace whose size can increase to accommodate data growth.
Partitioned Data Set Extended	PDSE	PDSE is a data set type that is managed by Data Facility Storage Management System.
Partitioned Dataset	PDS	A PDS is a dataset containing multiple members, each of which holds a separate sub-data set, similar to a directory in other types of file systems.
Partner Management Framework	PMF	PMF is a framework used to resolve the endpoint details for a particular data source/destination.
Parts C & D Actuarial Group	PDAG	PDAG is a sub-component of the Office of the Actuary.
Parts C and D Actuarial Group	PCDAG	Under the direction of OACT, the PCDAG is involved in implementing the new Medicare prescription drug benefit and the Medicare Advantage program.
Pass/Fail Statement*	N/A	A pass/fail statement is a testable statement that describes how to know if a requirement is met.
Patient Attributes and Related Treatment	PART	PART data is a set of patient personal information and treatment history obtained from data entered on the Admit/Discharge, Patient Attributes, and Dialysis Treatment Information pages in CROWNWeb.

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Patient Care Technician*	PCT	PCTs tend to ill and injured individuals under the supervision of doctors, nurses, and medical professionals. Their duties include taking vital signs, collecting specimens, performing catheterization, and assisting patients with eating, personal hygiene and grooming. They also take notes and make assessments on their care. PCTs often work in hospitals, clinics, or rehabilitation facilities.
Patient Liability Reduction Due to Other Payer Amount	PLRO	PLRO is the amount by which patient liability is reduced due to payment by other payers that are not True Out-of-Pocket eligible.
Patient List Report	N/A	A Patient List Report is an annual document ESRD QIP produces for each facility. The Patient List Report lists the patients the ESRD QIP system used to calculate the facility Total Performance Score (TPS).
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	PPACA	The PPACA (also ACA) reforms certain aspects of the private health insurance industry and public health insurance programs, including increasing insurance coverage of pre-existing conditions and expanding access to insurance to Americans, while mandating an increase in total national medical expenditures.
Patient Safety	PS	PS is a Department of Health and Human Services domain for health care quality improvement.
Patient Safety Confidentiality	N/A	Patient Safety Confidentiality ensures a framework by which hospitals, doctors, and other healthcare providers may voluntarily report information to PSOs, on a privileged and confidential basis, for the aggregation and analysis of patient safety events.
Patient Safety Indicator	PSI	PSIs are a set of indicators providing information on potential for hospital complications and adverse events following surgeries, procedures, and childbirth.
Patient Safety Organization	PSO	A PSO is an entity or a component of another organization (component organization listed by AHRQ based upon a self-attestation by the entity or component organization that it meets certain criteria established in the Patient Safety Rule.
Patient Safety Work Product	PSWP	PSWP is the information protected by the privilege and confidentiality protections of the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule.



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Patterns of Care Analytics Reporting	POCAR	POCAR project identifies current providers, both of the facility/hospital type (Part A) and of the physician type (Part B), of a specific set of services to determine the pattern of care for Medicare beneficiaries seeking those services.
Payment Reduction Percentage File	PRPF	The PRPF is an Excel file that lists ESRD facilities and corresponding payment reduction percentages. CMS sends this file to the Center for Medicare (CM) Quality Improvement Group (QIG) to implement payment reductions after ESRD QIP scores are finalized.
Payment Year*	PY	For ESRD QIP, PY refers to the calendar year in which dialysis facility scores are valid and payment reductions are applied. The performance period in which a facility is assessed, as well as the analytic and operational steps required for implementation, occurs prior to the payment year.
Payments by Geographic Area	PAYGAR	PAYGAR is a reporting solution developed for the Office of the Inspector General to allow for a review of a variety of metrics at geographic level.
Peace Corps	N/A	The Peace Corps is an organization sponsored by the U.S. government that sends people to work as volunteers in developing countries.
PECOS Associate ID	PAC ID	The PAC ID is the associate enumerator within PECOS.
PECOS Work in Process	PECOS WIP	The PECOS WIP is the Work in Process database schema, storing data for records that have not been validated for production.
Peer Review Log*	PRL	A PRL is a document that team members use to record peer review findings.
Peer Review Organization*	PRO	The PRO program ensures the medical necessity and reasonableness, appropriate setting, and professionally recognized standards of healthcare for medical care furnished to Medicare beneficiaries.
Peer/Defect Review*	N/A	A Peer/Defect review is the review of a work product by an author and the author's peers to verify that the work product works, that it meets allocated requirements, and that it conforms to standards.
Pegasystems	Pega	Pega is a provider of business process management and customer relationship management software solutions.

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Penetration Testing	N/A	Penetration testing is a method of evaluating computer and network security by simulating an attack on a computer system or network from external and internal threats.
Pentaho Business Analytics Platform	Pentaho BA Platform	Pentaho BA Platform makes up the core software piece that hosts content created both in the server itself through plugins or files published to the server from the desktop applications.
Performance Baseline*	N/A	A performance baseline measures changes in performance over the lifetime of a service. This baseline is the metric benchmark for measurement of project performance in terms of time and cost. (also known as the Performance Measurement Baseline)
Performance Management Plan	PeMP	The purpose of the PeMP is to enable Project Managers to more effectively manage performance, by incorporating performance objectives, measures, and expectations allocated to the performance of specific aspects of the project.
Performance Measurement Baseline	PMB	A PMB is a time-phased budget plan for accomplishing work, against which contract performance is measured.
Performance Monitoring*	PerfMon	PerfMon is a formalized method of monitoring the performance of an organization or system.
Performance Score Certificate	PSC	The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) requires that CMS furnish each dialysis facility with a PSC that documents the facility's Total Performance Score (TPS). The law requires that facilities display their PSC in a prominent location within 5 business days of PSC release.
Performance Score Report	PSR	PSRs reflect the performance of ESRD facilities on quality of care measures for a given payment year.
Performance Score Summary Report	N/A	The Performance Score Summary Report displays ESRD QIP scoring and measures calculation information for facilities. This report includes information about facilities that received a TPS of No Score.
Performance Testing*	N/A	Performance Testing is testing that determines how a system performs in terms of responsiveness and stability under a particular workload. It can also serve to investigate, measure, validate, or verify other quality attributes of the system, such as scalability, reliability, and resource usage.

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Perimeter-Based Security	N/A	Perimeter-based security is the technique of securing a network by controlling access to all entry and exit points of the network (usually associated with firewalls and/or filters).
Periodic Eligibility Verification	PEV	The PEV Service verifies, on a periodic basis, whether individuals have Medicare or Medicaid/CHIP insurance, or whether they are deceased.
Peripheral Component Interconnect	PCI	PCI is a computer bus for attaching hardware devices in a computer.
Peritoneal Dialysis*	PD	PD is a dialysis technique that uses the patient's own body tissues inside the abdominal cavity as a filter.
Perl	N/A	Perl is a high-level, general-purpose, interpreted, dynamic programming language.
Perl Database Interface	Perl DBI	The Perl DBI provides a standardized way for programmers using the Perl programming language to embed database communication within their programs.
Per-Member Per-Month	PMPM	PMPM is the accumulated medical costs associated with enrollees by enrollment site each month.
Personal Computer	PC	A PC is any general-purpose computer whose size, capabilities, and original sales price make it useful for individuals.
Personal Computer Memory Card International Association	PCMCIA	PCMCIA is an organization consisting of some 500 companies that has developed a standard for small, credit card-sized devices, called PC Cards.
Personal Data Assistant	PDA	A PDA is a mobile device that functions as a personal information manager. It is also known as a palmtop computer, or personal digital assistant.
Personal Digital Assistant	PDA	A PDA is a small mobile hand-held device that provides computing and information storage and retrieval capabilities for personal or business use.
Personal Health Information*	PHI	PHI, under HIPAA, is any information about health status, provision of healthcare, or payment for healthcare that may link to a specific individual. The interpretation of this is broad and includes any part of a patient's medical record or payment history. (also referred to as Protected Health Information)
Personal Identification Number*	PIN	A PIN identifies the user to the system.

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Personal Identity Verification Card	PIV Card	A PIV card is a card required for all U.S. Government employees and contractors that is “personalized” with data needed by the PIV system to later grant the subscriber physical and logical access to government resources. The card is used for access to secured buildings as well as to access computer resources. The card was mandated by Homeland Security Presidential Directive, number 12 (HSPD-12).
Personal Job Scheduler	PJS	A PJS is an open-source computer application for Enterprise level job scheduling used for process automation
Personal Security*	PS	PS refers to the security of a person.
Personally Identifiable Information*	PII	PII is information that identifies or describes an individual, including but not limited to name, address, telephone number, Social Security Number, credit card number, and personal characteristics that make the individual’s identity easily discoverable.
Personnel Digital Assistant	PDA	A PDA is a small mobile hand-held device that provides computing and information storage and retrieval capabilities for personal or business use.
Personnel Security*	PS	PS refers to the procedures established to ensure that all personnel who have access to sensitive information have the required authority as well as appropriate clearances.
Pharmacogenomic Testing for Warfarin Response	PTWR	A PTWR predicts Warfarin responsiveness Medicare beneficiaries who are candidates for anticoagulation therapy with Warfarin and who meet specific criteria.
Pharmacy Benefit Manager	PBM	A PBM is a third party administrator of prescription drug programs or a service inside of an integrated healthcare system.
Pharmacy Benefits Manager	PBM	A PBM is a third party administrator of prescription drug programs primarily responsible for processing and paying prescription drug claims.
PhoneFactor	N/A	PhoneFactor is a two-factor authentication system that uses automated phone calls to verify identity.
Physical and Environmental Protection*	PE	PE consists of formal, documented procedures to facilitate the implementation of the physical and environmental protection policy, and associated physical and environmental protection controls.

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Physical Assessment Subsystem	PASS	PASS is an information technology subsystem that allows users to perform tasks and view/gather data and information related to on-site physical inspections and assessments of Department of Housing and Urban Development properties.
Physical Configuration Audit	PCA	A PCA is a formal examination of the as-built configuration of a configuration item against its technical documentation to establish or verify the configuration item's product baseline.
Physical Data Model*	PDM	A PDM is a representation of a data design which takes into account the facilities and constraints of a given database management system.
Physical Database Design*	PDD	PDD is the physical design of the database by specifying the physical configuration of the database on the storage media.
Physical Security*	N/A	Physical security is the application of physical barriers and control procedures as preventive measures or countermeasures against threats to resources and sensitive information.
Physician Assistant*	PA	A PA is a healthcare professional that practices medicine with limited supervision by a physician.
Physician Group Practice	PGP	A PGP is an association of physicians practicing in the same group, usually a shared office.
Physician Quality Reporting System	PQRS	PQRS is a reporting program that uses a combination of incentive payments and payment adjustments to promote reporting of quality information by eligible professionals (EPs).
Physician Value Dashboard	PV Dashboard	The PV dashboard displays data available in Quality and Resource Use Report and Physician Quality Reporting System feedback reports, with a potential enhancement to include Shared Savings Program data.
Physician*	PH	A PH is an individual legally qualified to practice medicine.
Physician/Supplier Overpayment Recovery System	PSOR	PSOR is a CMS reporting system for Part B provider overpayments.
Physician/Supplier Procedure Summary File	PSPS File	The PSPS File provides information on services used by Medicare beneficiaries during a calendar year. The information is at the procedure level.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Physicians Quality Reporting System	PQRS	PQRS is a pay-for-reporting program for eligible professionals who satisfactorily report data on quality measures for covered Physician Fee Schedule services furnished to Medicare Part B beneficiaries.
Pingdom	N/A	Pingdom is a service that tracks the uptime, downtime, and performance of Websites.
Pinnacle Business Solutions Incorporated	PBSI	PBSI is a CMS contracted carrier and intermediary.
Pipe-Separated Value File	PSV File	A PSV file is a simple, text format for a database table. Each record in the table is one line of the text file. A pipe (vertical bar) separates each field value of a record from the next character.
PKWARE	N/A	PKWARE, Inc. provides data-centric security solutions across all major computing platforms, and is known for its data compression and file management solutions.
Plain Old Java Object	POJO	A POJO is an ordinary Java Object, not a special object.
Plain Writing Act of 2010	N/A	The Plain Writing Act of 2010 requires that federal employees use plain writing in every document the agency issues or substantially revises.
Plan Benefit Package	PBP	PBP refers to the benefits a Medicare Advantage plan gives a beneficiary.
Plan Management	PM	The PM Service facilitates qualification of health plans by transferring data between the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing system at National Association of Insurance Commissioner (where insurers submit their plans) and the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (where plan approval for the Affordable Care Act occurs).
Plan of Action and Milestones*	POA&M	The POA&M process is a management tool for tracking the mitigation of cyber security program and system-level weaknesses.
Plan of Action*	POA	POA pertains to a Medicare claim plan of action, or the tasks and dates by which a specific action is completed.
Plan to Plan	P2P	P2P reconciliation is the process by which organizations reconcile prescription drug payments made by the organization for participants enrolled in another plan.
Plan-Do-Check-Act*	PDCA	PDCA is the four-stage cycle for process management, attributed to W. Edwards Deming. It is also referred to as the Deming Cycle.

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Planning Phase	N/A	The Planning Phase begins upon formal approval and funding of the project. It involves creating a set of plans to help guide the project team through the execution and closure phases of the project.
Planning Poker	N/A	Planning Poked refers to the team sitting down at a Sprint Planning Meeting to estimate its efforts for the stories in the Backlog. The Product Owner needs these estimates to effectively prioritize items in the Backlog and forecast release based on the team velocity.
Planning*	PL	PL is a security control that tests a system's strategic plan(s).
Planning, Management, and Support Group	PMSG	The Chief Information Officer (CIO) PMSG of OIS serves as the principal contact and intake for all new and proposed IT projects. OIS/PMSG also provides direct support to the CMS Information Technology Investment Review Board (ITIRB) and is responsible for coordinating and integrating the overall investment management process for all Project Owners/Managers.
Platform Server	PS	A PS is a server that includes the hardware and operating system.
Platform-as-a-Service	PaaS	PaaS is a category of cloud computing services that provides a computing platform and a solution stack as a service.
Plug and Play*	PNP	PNP is a technology that lets operating systems automatically detect and configure most of the adaptors and peripherals internal and external to the
Pluggable Authentication Module	PAM	A PAM is a mechanism to integrate multiple low-level authentication schemes into a high-level API. It allows the writing of programs independently of the underlying authentication scheme that rely on authentication.
Plug-In*	N/A	A Plug-In is a set of software components that adds specific abilities to a larger software application. Plug-ins enable customization of an application's functionality.
Pneumococcal Vaccine*	PPV	A PPV helps prevent pneumococcal infections (like certain types of pneumonia). Most people only need this preventive shot once in their lifetime.
Point of Contact*	POC	The POC identifies the contact information (i.e., name, organization, title, e-mail, and office number) for each key person working on a given project.

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Point of Service*	POS	A POS is a health-care insurance plan that allows enrollees to seek care from a physician affiliated with the service provider at a fixed fee.
Point Scale/Effort/Story Points	N/A	The Point Scale/Effort/Story Points relate to an abstract point system that discusses the difficulty of the story without assigning actual hours.
Pointsec	N/A	Pointsec secures desktops and notebooks from unauthorized physical access, using boot protection and volume encryption.
Policy for Information Security	PISP	The PISP sets the ground rules under which CMS shall operate and safeguard its information and information systems to reduce the risk and minimize the effect of security incidents.
Policy for the Information Security Program	PISP	The PISP sets the ground rules under which CMS operated and safeguards its information and information systems to reduce the risk and minimize the effect of security incidents.
Policy, Operations, and Planning	POP	POP is a weekly project and program status meeting.
Poly-Pharmacy/Poly-Prescribers Report	Poly Report	The Poly Report identifies the prevalence of poly-pharmacy (defined as taking eight or more distinct medications and/or using three or more different pharmacies) and poly-prescriber (defined as having more than four prescribers) utilization patterns among plans, within states, and within the nation as a whole in COPR.
Population and Public Health	PPH	PPH is a Department of Health and Human Services domain for health care quality improvement.
Portable Document Format*	PDF	PDF is an open standard for document exchange. The file format represents two-dimensional documents in a manner independent of the application software, hardware, and operating system. Each PDF file encapsulates a complete description of a fixed-layout document that includes the text, fonts, images, and vector graphics that compose the documents.
Portable Operating System Interface	POSIX	POSIX is a family of open system standards based on UNIX.
Portal Integration Life Cycle	PILC	PILC is a process of integrating external applications into Enterprise Portal through various well defined phases.



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Portal Reporting Information Service	PRIS	PRIS is an enterprise service that enables authenticated and authorized portal users to run reports, view reports, download reports, save reports, delete reports, search reports, and create report favorites in a standardized fashion across all lines of business.
Portal*	N/A	A portal is a central place for making all types of information accessible to an audience of varying range.
Portfolio Backlog*	N/A	The portfolio backlog is the highest-level backlog in Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe). It provides a holding area for upcoming business and enabler epics intended to create and evolve a comprehensive set of solutions.
Portfolio Kanban*	N/A	The portfolio kanban is a mechanism used to visualize, manage, and analyze the prioritization and flow of portfolio Epics from ideation to implementation and completion.
Portfolio Level*	N/A	The portfolio level contains the principles, practices, and roles needed to initiate and govern a set of development value streams. This is where strategy and investment funding are defined for value streams and their solutions. This level also provides Agile portfolio operations and Lean governance for the people and resources needed to deliver solutions.
Portfolio Management Tool	PMT	The PMT is a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) suite of tools that enables investment performance oversight and management.
Portfolio Management, Program Management, and Project Management	PM3	PM3 is a contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for portfolio management, program management, and project management services to support the Healthcare Quality Information System (HCQIS) applications, Enterprise Services Integration Services, and each Line of Business (LOB) which are Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS); Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR); End Stage Renal Disease Quality Reporting Systems (EQRS); Quality Improvement Organizations (QIO); Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES); and other External LOBs (internal and external to CMS).
Portlet*	N/A	A portlet is a pluggable, user interface software component that a Web portal manages and displays. Portlets produce fragments of markup code that aggregate into a portal page.

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POSIX	Portable Operating System Interface	POSIX is a family of open system standards based on UNIX.
POST	N/A	POST is one of many request methods supported by the HTTP protocol. POST requests that a Web server accept the data enclosed in the request message body for storage.
Post Implementation Review	PIR	The Technical Review Board conducts a PIR during the Operations & Maintenance Phase after a period of sustained operation (completion of at least one full processing and reporting cycle and training to a comfortable use level for all users).
Post-Acute Care*	PAC	PAC includes rehabilitation or palliative services that beneficiaries receive after, or in some cases instead of, a stay in an acute care hospital. Depending on the intensity of care the patient requires, treatment may include a stay in a facility, ongoing outpatient therapy, or care provided at home.
PostgreSQL	N/A	PostgreSQL is an object-relational database management system (ORDBMS) with an emphasis on extensibility and standards compliance.
Post-Implementation Review	PIR	The PIR takes place during the Operations & Maintenance Phase by the Technical Review Board after a period of sustained operation (after at least one full processing and reporting cycle has been completed and all users have been trained and are comfortable with the operation).
Potential Drug Overdose*	PDO	A PDO is identified when a calculated quantity is greater than the amount allowed in the quantity limit.
Potentially Inappropriate Drug*	PID	A PID is considered inappropriate drug use if evidence of efficacy is insufficient, if the potential adverse drug effects outweigh the potential benefit of the drug, or if a safer alternative is available.
PowerCenter	N/A	Power Center is a suite of tools provided by Informatica Corp. to facilitate the development and deployment of ETL processes
PPS-Exempt Hospitals Quality Reporting Program	PCHQR	PCHQR is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services program by which certain cancer hospitals report cancer care measures to CMS.
Precondition	N/A	A precondition is the state the system must be in before a scenario can start.

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Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program	PCIP	PCIP makes health coverage available to U.S. citizens and legal residents denied health insurance because of a pre-existing condition and uninsured for at least six months.
Preferred Provider Organization	PPO	A PPO is a healthcare organization composed of physicians, hospitals, or other providers who provide healthcare services at a reduced fee.
Preliminary Design Review	PDR	A PDR is a formal inspection of the high-level architectural design of an automated system and its software, conducted to achieve confidence that the design satisfies the functional and nonfunctional requirements and is in conformance with the CMS Enterprise architecture.
Premium Enterprise Database	PED	PED is a CDBASYS database for premium Enterprise data.
Premium Tax Credit	PTC	The PTC extends health insurance coverage to 18 million lower and middle-income Americans via a sliding scale tax credit.
Premium Withhold System	PWS	PWS is the system of record (SOR) for maintaining and managing Part C and Part D beneficiary premium payment amounts.
Pre-Production Environment	Pre-PROD	Pre-PROD, or the staging environment, is used to assemble, test, and review new versions of a website before it goes into the Production Environment (PROD). The staging phase of the software lifecycle is often tested on hardware that mirrors hardware used in PROD. The staging site is often different from the development site, and provides a final quality assurance zone that is separate from the Development Environment (DEV) or PROD.
Prescription Benefit Package	PBP	A PBP refers to a healthcare benefit package that includes prescription drug benefits.
Prescription Drug Event*	PDE	A PDE is a summary record that a prescription drug plan sponsor submits every time a beneficiary fills a prescription under Medicare Part D. PDE data are not the same as individual drug claim transactions, but are summary extracts using CMS-defined, standard fields.
Prescription Drug Plan	PDP	A PDP is prescription drug coverage that is offered under a policy, contract, or plan that has been approved as specified in 42 CFR Section 423.272 and that is offered by a PDP sponsor that has a contract with CMS that meets the contract requirements under subpart K.

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Presentation Zone	PZ	The Presentation Zone (also the Presentation Region or De-Militarized Zone) is the first, or outermost, zone in the CMS 3-zone architecture and supports only Web servers.
President's Management Agenda	PMA	The PMA is a series of programs or initiatives designed to improve the way government works. Each President of the United States identifies the initiatives.
Pre-Submission Validation Application	PSVA	PSVA is a downloadable tool that operates on a user's system which allows submitters to catch and correct errors prior to data submission to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
Preventative Services	N/A	Preventative services examine, screen, and otherwise attempt to prevent illness (for example, pelvic exams, flu shots, and colonoscopies).
Preview Period*	N/A	The preview period is the 30-day period in which facilities may review and submit questions to CMS regarding calculations related to their performance scores and projected payment reduction percentage.
Primary Key*	PK	The PK of a relational table uniquely identifies each record in the table.
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area	PMSA	A PMSA is a major urban area within a consolidated metropolitan statistical area. A PMSA is an urbanized county or set of counties with strong social and economic ties to neighboring communities.
Principal System Security Officer	PSSO	See SSO.
Principle of Least Privilege*	N/A	The principle of least privilege is the practice of limiting access to the minimal level that will allow normal functioning. Applied to employees, the principle of least privilege translates to giving people the lowest level of user rights that they can have and still do their jobs. The principle is also applied to things other than people, including programs and processes.
Prior Month Approval*	PMA	PMA are benefits SSA pays in a month later than the month or months they were due.
Prisoner Update Processing System	PUPS	PUPS stores incarcerated inmate information using the inmate Social Security Number.

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Privacy Accountability Database	PAD	The PAD contains information on disclosures of CMS data that fall under exceptions of the Privacy Act; routine uses of the applicable system of record or permitted by HIPAA that require tracking. This system may also contain the HICN, SSN, or RRB Number for Medicare beneficiaries with exposed CMS data.
Privacy Act of 1974	N/A	This standard establishes a code of fair information practices that govern the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of information about individuals that federal agencies maintain in systems of record.
Privacy Impact Assessment*	PIA	A PIA is a program analysis of how an agency handles collected information to determine the protection of data consistent with federal standards for privacy and security.
Privacy Policy and Compliance Group	PPCG	PPCG is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Enterprise Management.
Privacy Threshold Analysis	PTA	A PTA is a document that serves as the official determination as to whether a department or system has privacy implications and if additional privacy compliance documentation is required, such as a PIA or SORN.
Private Branch Exchange	PBX	A PBX is a telephone exchange that serves a particular business or office, as opposed to one that a common carrier or telephone company operates for many businesses or for the public.
Private Cloud	PC	A PC is a cloud-computing platform implemented within the organization firewall.
Private Fee-For-Service	PFFS	PFFS is a type of Medicare Advantage plan. Unlike HMOs, beneficiaries can see any provider who accepts Medicare and agrees to accept payment from the PFFS plan. In this type of plan, the providers do not bill Medicare for services. Instead, they must bill the PFFS plan, which then pays the claims using the funds they receive from Medicare on a monthly basis. Services covered by the plan usually require a copayment or, in some cases, require the member to pay a percentage of the Medicare-approved amount.
Private Internet Exchange	PIX	PIX is a popular IP firewall and network address translation (NAT) appliance.
Private Internet Protocol	PIP	PIP is a connectivity into a private extranet network which by its design emulates the functioning of the Internet. Specifically, the Internet uses a routing protocol called border gateway protocol (BGP), as do most multiprotocol label switching (MPLS) networks.

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Privilege*	N/A	A privilege is a permission to perform an action.
Problem Log*	PLOG	A PLOG tracks progress and completion for each defect or problem recorded on the system.
Problem Management Report*	PMR	A PMR is a report supplying problem-related information to other service management processes.
Problem Request*	PR	A PR is a means to communicate and document a problem or issue.
Procedural Language/Structured Query Language	PL/SQL	PL/SQL is the Oracle Corporation procedural language extension for SQL and the Oracle relational database. PL/SQL includes procedural language elements, such as conditions and loops.
Procedure Coding System	PCS	PCS is an American system of medical classification used for procedural codes.
Process and Product Quality Assurance	PPQA	The purpose of PPQA is to provide staff and management with objective insight into processes and associated work products.
Process Asset Library*	PAL	A PAL is a repository of documents and tools that that a project uses to facilitate project performance and adherence to software standards.
Process Change Control Board	PCCB	The PCCB is the primary tool for controlling and managing process changes.
Process Change Request*	PCR	A PCR is a formally submitted artifact used to track all stakeholder requests (including new features, enhancement requests, defects, changed requirements, etc.) along with related status information for organization assets and standards.
Process Compliance Dashboard	PCD	PCD is a tool used to measure process compliance against Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) standards.
Process Health Review	PHR	The PHR is a regular review conducted by QMO to assess project processes against CMMI practices and goals.
Process Improvement and Observation Team	PIVOT	PIVOT is responsible for overseeing the creation and maintenance of continuous improvement activities that result in governance of policies, processes, and standards.
Process Improvement Plan	PIP	The PIP contains the plan for improving an organization processes.

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Process Improvement Team*	PIT	The PIT is a group of qualified individuals who consider and make recommendations on suggestions to improve work processes.
Process Management Office	PMO	PMO is an Edaptive component responsible for establishing and monitoring company processes.
Process Tracking Log*	PTL	A PTL records PTRs through a process life cycle.
Process Tracking Record*	PTR	PTRs track a process through its complete life cycle.
Processing Program Table	PPT	The PPT registers all CICS application programs.
Product Backlog*	N/A	A Product Backlog is a prioritized list of high-level requirements.
Product Data Management	PDM	PDM is the business function often within product lifecycle management (PLM) that is responsible for the management and publication of product data.
Product Integration*	PI	PI is a CMMI process area that addresses how to assemble the product from the product components, ensure that the product, as integrated, functions properly, and deliver the product.
Product Integration, Verification, and Validation*	PIVV	<p>Product Integration consists of assembling the product from the product components, ensuring the product, as integrated, behaves properly (that is, possesses the required functionality and quality attributes), functions properly, and delivering the product.</p> <p>Product Verification ensures that selected work products meet their specified requirements.</p> <p>Product Validation demonstrates that a product or product component fulfills its intended use when placed in its intended environment.</p>
Product Owner*	PO	The PO is a member of the agile team responsible for defining stories and prioritizing the team backlog to streamline the execution of program priorities while maintaining the conceptual and technical integrity of the Features or components for the team.
Production Environment	PROD	The PROD is where an application or system resides that hosts actual/real data (as opposed to test data).
Production Environment Fix	PROD fix	PROD fixes are process change software codes for urgent defects that cannot wait for the next planned product release.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Production Prime Environment	PROD'	PROD', or Pre-PROD, mirrors the Production Environment.
Production Readiness Review	PRR	The PRR ensures that the Consolidated Information Technology Infrastructure Contract Operational staff have the appropriate startup and shutdown scripts, accurate application architecture documentation, application validation procedures, and valid contact information to ensure operability of infrastructure applications.
Production Simulation Environment	PROD SIM	PROD SIM is an IRS simulated Production Environment.
Production Testing	N/A	Production Testing tests the application in the end environment.
Program Backlog*	N/A	The program backlog is the holding area for upcoming features, which are intended to address user needs and deliver business benefits for a single agile release train (ART). It also contains the enabler features necessary to build the architectural runway.
Program Beneficiary*	PB	Identifies the relationship between a Program and Beneficiary.
Program Compliance and Oversight Group	PCOG	PCOG is responsible for the Compliance Program Guidelines for Medicare Advantage organizations and Prescription Drug Plan sponsors.
Program Control Table	PCT	The PCT is a CICS table that contains a mapping between transaction identifiers and their associated transaction program names.
Program Director	N/A	The Program Director is a senior manager responsible for the overall success of the program.
Program Increment Objectives*	PI Objectives	PI objectives are a summary of the business and technical goals that an agile team or train intends to achieve in the upcoming PI.
Program Increment*	PI	A PI is a timebox during which an agile release train (ART) delivers incremental value in the form of working, tested software and systems. PIs are typically 8 – 12 weeks long. The most common pattern for a PI is four development iterations, followed by one innovation and planning (IP) iteration.
Program Information Management System	PIMS	PIMS provides storage and access to a variety of records pertaining to complaints, reviews, and correspondence.
Program Integrity	PI	PI ensures correct payment of claims.



Term	Acronym	Definition
Program Integrity Manual	PIM	The PIM reflects the principles, values, and priorities of the MIP.
Program Management and Business Requirements	PMBR	PMBR services support the Healthcare Quality Information Systems (HCQIS) value-based purchasing (VBP) and HCQIS application groups. PMBR provides Project and Program Management, development of business requirements, and governance for all system development supporting programs within the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). PMBR partners with the Information Systems Group (ISG) within CCSQ and their contractors to determine the most efficient and effective plans for system implementation to support programs within CCSQ.
Program Management and Medical Information System Database	PMMIS	The ESRD PMMIS is a comprehensive database covering medical and demographic information for the Medicare ESRD population. It serves the needs of HHS in support of program analysis, policy development, and epidemiologic research. The ESRD PMMIS includes information on both Medicare ESRD beneficiaries and Medicare-approved ESRD hospitals and dialysis facilities.
Program Management Office	PMO	The PMO is the department or group that defines and maintains the standards of process, generally related to program management, within the organization.
Program Management Review	PMR	A PMR provides a forum for reviewing a project's status in terms of cost, schedule, and other applicable factors.
Program Manager*	PgM	A PgM is an individual who is responsible for the overall activities of a program which contains multiple projects.
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly	PACE	PACE provides comprehensive long term services and supports to Medicaid and Medicare enrollees.
Program Provider*	PV	Identifies the relationship between a Program and Provider.
Program Resource System	PRS	Quality improvement organizations use PRS to make decisions about certifying hospitals as facilities submitting valid data.
Program Safeguard Contractor	PSC	A PSC identifies cases of suspected fraud, develops those cases thoroughly, and takes immediate action to ensure that Medicare Trust Fund monies are not inappropriately paid out and to identify any mistaken payments.
Program Safeguard Contractors	PSC	PSCs contract with CMS to perform selected Medicare program integrity tasks.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Program Support Office	PSO	An organization PSO provides various types of standardized support to projects.
Program Training Plan	PTP	A PTP describes the key decisions, tasks, and resources necessary to develop a strategy for delivering needed training.
Program Web Site	PWS	The PWS is the public Web site offering a repository of Retiree Drug Subsidy program information. Users have access to program announcements, educational tools, the Retiree Drug Subsidy User Guide, and self-help guides. The PWS is also the starting point for potential program participants to establish a plan sponsor account.
Program Website	PWS	The RDS PWS is the public Website offering a repository of RDS program information. Users have access to program announcements, educational tools, the RDS User Guide, and self-help guides. The RDS PWS is also the starting point for potential program participants to establish a plan sponsor account.
Program, Organization, and Relationship Schemas	POR Schemas	POR Schemas are database schemas modeled to represent a CMS program, organization or specific relationship across entities.
Program/Organization Relationship*	POR	Data submitted by programs supporting the Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), and collected and stored by the MDM system. The data supports the matching, searching, crosschecking, and tracking of Program, Organization, Provider, Beneficiary, relationship, and payment data received from the operational systems.
Program-Specific Adapter*	PSA	PSA refers to a program-specific document service.
Project Baseline Review	PBR	The PBR is a formal inspection of the entire project and performance measurement baseline initially developed for the information technology project.
Project Charter*	N/A	A Project Charter authorizes the existence of a project and provides the authority to proceed and apply organizational resources.
Project Coordinator*	PC	A project coordinator is an administrative professional who assists on a project usually outsourced on a client/contractor basis.
Project Management Body of Knowledge	PMBOK	The PMBOK is a collection of processes and knowledge areas generally accepted as best practice within the project.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Project Management Institute	PMI	The PMI is a US nonprofit professional organization for project management.
Project Management Life Cycle	PMLC	The PMLC consists of phases that assist in ensuring maintenance of a schedule and meeting of goals in a timely manner. The PMLC methodology provides guidelines for activities to perform in each phase, concrete checkpoints against which to measure progress, and guiding principles for ensuring address of critical issues.
Project Management Office	PMO	The PMO is the department or group that defines and maintains the standards of process, generally related to project management, within the organization.
Project Management Plan	PMP	A PMP is a formal, approved document that defines execution, monitoring, and control of the project.
Project Management Planning Package	PMP Package	The Maricom PMP Package includes documented plans for managing various aspects of a project or Program. The PMP Package is produced at the beginning of each project and at the beginning of each subsequent option year. The PMP Package helps to ensure that projects/Programs adhere to the Maricom Best Practices, which are based on CMMI ML3, v3.1 for Development and for Services, as well as to customer requirements specified in the Statement of Work.
Project Management*	PM	Project management is the discipline of planning, organizing, securing, and managing resources to bring about the successful completion of specific project goals and objectives.
Project Manager*	PM	A PM is responsible for the planning, execution, and closing of a project.
Project Monitoring and Control*	PMC	PMC provides an understanding of the project's progress so that appropriate corrective actions can be taken when the project's performance deviates significantly from the plan.
Project Officer*	PO	A PO is an appointed person who is responsible overall for a project. In the Federal Government, a departmental person is usually appointed.
Project Planning*	PP	PP is a CMMI process area for establishing and maintaining plans that define project activities.
Project Process Agreement*	PPA	The PPA authorizes and documents the justifications for using, not using, or combining specific stage gate reviews and the selection of specific work products and deliverables applicable to the project.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Project Startup Review*	PSR	A PSR takes place at the beginning of the Planning Phase of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Investment & System Life Cycle Framework by the Technical Review Board. It is a formal inspection of a proposed information technology project to determine if it is sound, viable, and worthy of funding, support and inclusion in the organization's information technology Investment Portfolio.
Project Training Plan*	PTP	A PTP describes the key decisions, tasks, and resources necessary to develop a strategy for delivering needed training.
ProLiant	N/A	ProLiant is a brand of HP servers.
Proof of Concept*	POC	A POC is a realization of a certain method or idea(s) to demonstrate its feasibility, or a demonstration in principle, whose purpose is to verify that some concept or theory has the potential for use.
Property Management Information System	PMIS	PMIS is a system owned and operated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
Proportion of Days Covered	PDC	PDC is a method for calculating medication adherence based on the fill dates and days supply for each fill of a prescription. The denominator for the PDC (at the patient level) is the number of days between the first fill of the medication during the measurement period and the end of the measurement period.
Prospective Payment System	PPS	PPS (or IPPS) refers to Section 1886(d) of the Social Security Act (the Act) that sets forth a system of payment for the operating costs of acute care hospital inpatient stays under Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) based on prospectively set rates.
Prospective Payment System (PPS)-Exempt Cancer Hospital	PCH	PCH refers to certain cancer hospitals that are currently exempted from the inpatient prospective payment system.
Prostate Cancer Screening*	PROS	PROS helps detect prostate cancer. Medicare covers a digital rectal exam and Prostate Specific Antigen test once every 12 months for all men with Medicare over age 50 (coverage for this test begins the day after your 50th birthday).
Protected Health Information*	PHI	PHI, under HIPAA, is any information about health status, provision of healthcare, or payment for healthcare that may link to a specific individual. The interpretation of this is broad and includes any part of a patient's medical record or payment history (also referred to as Personal Health Information)

Term	Acronym	Definition
Provider Analysis Team*	PAT	A team of subject-matter experts, appointed by CMS, to review and disposition questions about CMS' provider data.
Provider Beneficiary*	VB	Identifies the relationship between a Provider and Beneficiary.
Provider Communications Group	PCG	PCG develops and implements national provider education campaigns on various Medicare FFS-related subjects.
Provider Compliance Group	PCG	PCG is a group within the Office of Financial Management with the aim to educate providers and suppliers in addressing specific vulnerabilities identified in OIG reports, as well as to provide education on other issues that exist for items and services provided under the Medicare Fee-for-Service (covering Durable Medical Equipment Part A, Part B and Home Health and Hospice) settings.
Provider Enrollment Operations Group	PEOG	PEOG is a group within the CMS Center for Program Integrity.
Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System	PECOS	PECOS supports the Medicare provider and supplier enrollment process by capturing provider/supplier information from the CMS-855 family of forms. The system manages, tracks, and validates enrollment data collected in both paper form and electronically via the Internet.
Provider Enrollment, Economic, and Attributes Reports	PEAR	PEAR is a series of reports that assist CMS in detecting fraud and abuse, analyzing trends in enrollment and eligibility, and analyzing the effectiveness of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) program.
Provider Identification Number*	PIN	A PIN identifies the provider's name, credentials, group practice information, payee address, and claim history with the carrier. A single provider may have multiple PINs with the same carrier depending on the number of employment arrangements or independent practices. Providers who bill intermediaries receive the PIN from CMS or in some cases by the State agency, when directed by CMS. The number consists of six digits. The first two digits identify the State. The third digit identifies the provider type (e.g., hospital). Providers use the PIN when submitting Medicare Part A claims and audit and reimbursement activities. (See Also: NPI)

Term	Acronym	Definition
Provider Integrity Enforcement Group	PIEG	The PIEG works closely with the HHS Office of Inspector General to levy civil monetary penalties against individuals or organizations that commit or participate in fraudulent or abusive activities. PIEG houses the field offices in Los Angeles, New York, and Miami. These offices provide a boots-on-the-ground presence in key geographic zones across the country.
Provider of Services File*	POS File	The POS file contains data on characteristics of hospitals and other types of healthcare facilities, including the name and address of the facility and the type of Medicare services the facility provides, among other information.
Provider Statistical & Reimbursement	PS&R	PS&R is a detailed facility cost center report that aids in Part A cost settlements.
Provider Statistics & Reimbursement System	PS&R System	The PS&R system is a key tool for institutional healthcare providers, FIs, MACs and CMS. The system accumulates statistical and reimbursement data applicable to the processed and finalized Medicare Part A claims. Various reports summarize this data, which providers use to prepare Medicare cost reports, and FIs and MACs use during the audit and settlement process.
Provider Transaction Access Number	PTAN	A PTAN identifies who rendered services to a Medicare Beneficiary in the Medicare claims processing system.
Provider Validation Tool	PVT	PVT is a Web-based tool that the Clinical Data Abstraction Center (CDAC) uses to enter abstraction data from the medical records for Hospital Quality Reporting (HQR) validation .
Provider*	N/A	A provider is an individual or facility, such as a doctor or hospital, licensed and certified to provide healthcare services.
Proximity Card*	Prox Card	A Prox Card is a generic name for contactless integrated circuit devices used for security access or payment systems.
Public Health Service	PHS	The PHS is the primary division of the Department of Health and Human Services.
Public Key Infrastructure	PKI	PKI is a set of hardware, software, people, policies, and procedures that create, manage, distribute, use, store, and revoke digital certificates.
Public Law	PL	PL is that part of law which governs relationships between individuals and the government, and those relationships between individuals which are of direct concern to society. PL comprises constitutional law, administrative law, tax law, criminal law, and all procedural law.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Public Reporting	PR	PR refers to a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services legislative requirement for making publicly available through Physician Compare information on physician performance that provides comparable information on quality and patient experience measures.
Public Reporting File	PRF	The PRF lists required information for public reporting. The file includes general facility information, facility measure rates, TPSs, and state and national averages for measures and scores. The ESRD QIP system generates the PRF for publication on the Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) Web site.
Public Use File*	PUF	PUF files contain statistical/aggregate information approved for dissemination to the public. A PUF does not contain any PII, making identification or deduction of an individual impossible.
Purchase Order*	PO	A PO is a document issued by a buyer to a seller, indicating types, quantities, and agreed-upon prices for products or services the seller provides to the buyer.
Purchase Requisition*	PR	A PR is a precise document generated by an organization to notify the purchasing department of items it needs to order, their quantity, and the date the organization requires the item. It may also contain the authorization to proceed with the purchase.
Push-Down Optimization*	PDO	PDO is the process of pushing transformation logic to the source or target database by Informatica Integration service.
Q Apply	N/A	The Q Apply program reads messages that contain transactions from source tables and applies them to targets defined by Q Subscriptions.
Q Capture	N/A	Q Capture is a program that reads the DB2 recovery log for changes that occur in source tables, turns the changes into messages, and sends the messages over WebSphere MQ queues where a Q Apply program or user application processes the messages.
Q Subscription	N/A	Q Subscriptions manage replication of data from source tables to target tables, or manipulate the data at the target using stored procedures.
Q-Core	N/A	Q-Core provides managed storage for a project.

Term	Acronym	Definition
QrpAdmin	N/A	The QrpAdmin tool, or QrpAdmin, is a panel driven application written by Maricom to manage Q Subscriptions for the Oracle Medicare Beneficiary Database Warehouse. Appendix C – Q-Rep Subscription Management of this document describes the operation of the QrpAdmin tool.
Qualified Applicant*	QA	A QA is an applicant that meets all eligibility requirements.
Qualified Clinical Data Registry	QCDR	QCDR is a reporting mechanism available for the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS). A QCDR completes the collection and submission of PQRS quality measures data on behalf of Eligible Professionals.
Qualified Health Plan	QHP	A QHP is an insurance plan certified by a Marketplace, that provides essential health benefits, follows established limits on cost-sharing (like deductibles, copayments, and out-of-pocket maximum amounts), and meets other requirements.
Qualified Independent Contractor	QIC	A QIC is responsible for conducting the second level of appeals (reconsiderations of initial determinations and redeterminations of Medicare claims). The MAC is responsible for handling the first level of appeals.
Qualified Individual*	QI	A QI is an individual that is neither applicant nor enrollee, but whose personally identifiable information is relevant to the eligibility determination of the applicant or enrollee based on the QI relationship to the applicant or enrollee.
Qualified Non-Citizen*	QNC	A QNC is a citizen who qualifies for care under the Affordable Care Act based upon a set of criteria.
Qualifying Quarter*	QQ	A qualifying quarter is credit for a requisite amount of covered earnings and/or non-covered earnings assigned to a calendar quarter for determining the eligibility of an LPR.
Quality & Process Performance Uniform Data Set	QPP UDS	The UDS is the “one-stop shop” for querying QPP data and provides the building blocks necessary to do effective analysis with this data. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented the UDS as a data warehouse that integrates data gathered by QPP component systems and presents a unified view of these diverse data sets. The UDS represents a validated data set that is periodically published for consumption by downstream stakeholders.
Quality and Process Performance Objective	QPPO	QPPO is a Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) high maturity practice.
Quality and Safety Oversight Group	QSOG	QSOG is a component of the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).



Term	Acronym	Definition
Quality Assurance Group	QAG	The QA Group is the group of quality assurance specialists at Maricom who audit documents produced by Maricom using a set of quality checklists.
Quality Assurance Plan	QAP	A QAP presents a framework for activities that ensure delivery of quality products and services.
Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan	QASP	The QASP provides a standard of surveillance for monitoring a project and provides the approach the government uses to conduct surveillance over the performance aspects of the effort.
Quality Assurance Testing*	N/A	The objective of Quality Assurance Testing is to ensure that all software components meet requirements and are ready to transition to production.
Quality Assurance Training Plan	QATP	A QATP assures the success of a project through quality audits of the training processes specified in a project.
Quality Assurance*	QA	QA refers to a program for the systematic monitoring and evaluation of the various aspects of a project, service, or facility to ensure success of standards of quality.
Quality Based Improvements in Care	QBIC	QIES Business Intelligence Center (QBIC) was a rewrite of the QIES Workbench (QW) ad hoc reporting tool used by QIES resources. CMS Central Offices uses QBIC to produce large data request from researchers and Congress to name a couple of requestors. State Agencies and Regional Offices have access to this tool as well as some other CMS organizations. The goal of QBIC in the legacy system was to start with the ad hoc reporting needs then add on canned reports (CASPER Reports).
Quality Center	QC	The QC is a set of Web-based test management software. The software quality assurance includes requirements management, test management, and business process testing for IT and application environments.
Quality Collaboration Facility	QCF	QCF is a high-tech setting owned and operated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in which the agency and its contractors can meet to develop and improve approaches to delivering quality services in the health care arena.
Quality Control Plan*	QCP	The QCP describes the internal staffing and procedures that an organization uses to meet the quality, quantity, timeliness, responsiveness, customer satisfaction, and other service delivery tasks associated with a project.
Quality Control*	QC	QC is the monitoring of systems and processes to identify variances in the application of documented procedures.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Quality Data Code*	QDC	A QDC identifies a measure used by a Medicare provider to submit Physician Quality Reporting System data via a claims-based or other reporting method.
Quality Improvement and Evaluation System	QIES	QIES (also referred to as Healthcare Quality Improvement System HCQIS)) consists of oversight and information mechanisms that monitor and report on the quality and effectiveness of care and services Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries receive.
Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) User Council	QUC	The QUC provides leadership and a central forum for business stakeholders, Information Systems Group (ISG) management, and the Integrated Project Teams (IPTs) to collaboratively work together to ensure continuous improvement and strategic alignment between QIES business initiatives, QIES Systems, product development activities, and teams that support them.
Quality Improvement and Innovation Group	QIIG	QIIG is a component of Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.
Quality Improvement Group	QIG	QIG is a division of CMS within Office of Clinical Standards and Quality (OCSQ).
Quality Improvement Organization	QIO	The QIO is an organization with a contract with the Federal Government to check and improve the care given to Medicare patients. QIOs are private, mostly not-for-profit organizations, staffed by professionals, mostly doctors and other healthcare professionals, trained to review medical care and help beneficiaries with complaints about the quality of care.
Quality Improvement Organizations	QIO	A QIO is an organization responsible for promoting awareness and use of publicly reported home health quality measures. QIOs provide assistance to home health agencies to improve performance.
Quality Incentive Program	QIP	CMS administers QIP, or ESRD QIP, to enable the Quality Improvement Group (QIG) to better manage ESRD payments and to promote high-quality services in outpatient dialysis facilities treating patients with ESRD. This pay-for-performance, or value-based purchasing (VBP), program links a portion of payment directly to facility performance on quality of care measures; these measures are clearly actionable for dialysis facilities and promote better, safer, and more efficient care.
Quality Innovation Network	QIN	QIN is part of a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) restructuring in which 14 new organizations work with providers and communities across the country on data-driven quality initiatives.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Quality Management and Review Systems	QMARS	QMARS is a national case management and review system administered by CMS Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) to allow the Beneficiary and Family-Centered Care (BFCC) Quality Improvement Networks (QIOs) to track medical records within their organization and perform online case review (Diagnostic Related Groups, Quality, and/or Utilization).
Quality Management Office	QMO	The QMO is the group of quality assurance specialists who audit documents and software using a set of quality checklists.
Quality Management Plan	QMP	The QMP identifies the organizational structure, policy and procedures, functional responsibilities of management and staff, lines of authority, and its processes for planning, implementing, documenting, and assessing all activities.
Quality Management*	QM	Quality Management is an ongoing effort to provide services that meet or exceed customer expectations through a structured, systematic process for creating organizational participation in planning and implementing quality improvements.
Quality Manager*	QM	A QM manages the ongoing effort to provide services that meet or exceed customer expectations through a structured, systematic process for creating organizational participation in planning and implementing quality improvements.
Quality Measure Collection Tool	QMCT	QMCT is the primary method for the Quality Measurement and Value Incentives Group (QMVIG) to assess the scientific acceptability of data that future end-stage renal disease (ESRD) quality measures may use.
Quality Measure*	QM	QMs are tools that help measure or quantify healthcare processes, outcomes, patient perceptions, and organizational structure and/or systems that are associated with the ability to provide high-quality health care and/or that relate to one or more quality goals for health care.
Quality Measurement and Health Assessment Group	QMHAG	QMHAG is a CMS component that is responsible for managing an array of quality measurement activities such as measure development, maintenance, implementation, and public reporting.
Quality Measurement and Value Incentives Group	QMVIG	QMVIG is a group within the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).

Term	Acronym	Definition
Quality Measurement and Value-Based Incentives Group	QMVIG	QMVIG is a component of Center for Clinical Standards and Quality.
Quality Payment Program	QPP	QPP is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) program that streamlines various CMS-run healthcare quality programs into a unified framework.
Quality Planning*	QP	Quality Planning is a structured process for defining the methods used in the production of a specific product or family of products. Quality planning embodies the concepts of defect prevention and continuous improvement as contrasted with defect detection.
Quality Reporting Data Architecture	QRDA	QRDA s a standard document format for the exchange of electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) data.
Quality Reporting Document Architecture	QRDA	QRDA is a standard document format for the exchange of electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) data. QRDA reports contain data extracted from electronic health records (EHRs) and other information technology systems.
Quality Reporting Document Architecture	QRDA	QRDA produces reports that contain data extracted from electronic health records (EHRs) and other information technology systems. QRDA reports are used for the exchange of eCQM data between systems for a variety of quality measurement and reporting initiatives, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services EHR Incentive Program: Meaningful Use Stage 2.
Quality Reporting Program	QRP	QRP refers to any of the programs under the direction of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) designed to promote quality practices for hospitals, physicians, skilled nursing facilities, long-term care hospitals, and other medical entities.
Quality Resource Systems, Inc.	QRS	QRS is a contractor that provides health sector analysis, information technology, and geographic information systems (GIS) services.
Quality Software Services, Inc.	QSSI	QSSI is a Health information technology specialty firm.
Quality Systems & Software	QSS	QSS is a Health information technology specialty firm.
Quality Technical Review Board	QTRB	The QTRB assesses deliverables prior to submission to the Technical Review Board (TRB).
Quality*	N/A	Quality is the degree to which a set of inherent characteristics fulfill requirements; i.e., the degree of excellence which a product possesses.

Term	Acronym	Definition
QualityNet	N/A	QualityNet is a data and Internet service provider operating in Kuwait. QualityNet provides services to cater to residential and small business customers, as well as corporate and Enterprise Solutions for large business segments.
QualityNet	QNET	QNET is a Web site owned by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
QualityNet Authorization and Role Management	QARM	QARM is a shared Enterprise Service designed for user authentication and authorization in the QualityNet Secure Portal.
QualityNet Identity Management System	QIMS	QIMS is the system used to create and manage users needing access to CROWNWeb. Users access QIMS to get their user identifiers and passwords to log into CROWNWeb.
QualityNet Online Database for HQR	QNOL	QNOL is the database name for the Hospital Quality Reporting system where EHR records are stored prior to validation.
QualityNet Secure Portal	QSP	QSP is the CMS-approved Web site for secure communications and healthcare quality data exchange between quality improvement organizations (QIOs), hospitals, physician offices, nursing homes, ESRD networks and facilities, and data vendors.
QualityNet Technical Review Board	QTRB	QTRB is a governing body within the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, Information Systems Group. The QTRB reviews Health Care Quality Information System information technology (IT) assets during the Expedited Life Cycle (XLC) phases.
Qualys	N/A	Qualys, Inc. is a provider of cloud security and compliance solutions.
Quantitative Management Plan	QnMP	The QnMP provides directions for quantitative management of the project to achieve the project's established quality and process performance objectives.
Quantity Limit	QL	QL is the maximum quantity of a drug that can be dispensed over a given period of time.
Quarter of Coverage*	QC	A QC refers to the crediting of coverage for insured status. A quarter is three months.
Quarterly Eligibility Verification	N/A	See Periodic Eligibility Verification.
Query Management Facility	QMF	QMF is a query tool that interfaces with the DB2 system.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Queue Replication*	Q-Rep	Q-Rep is a high-volume, low-latency replication solution that uses WebSphere MQ message queues to transmit transactions between source and target databases or subsystems.
Queue*	Q	A queue is a sequence of stored data or programs in line for processing.
Quick Test Professional*	QTP	QTP is an automated, functional GUI testing tool that allows the automation of user actions on a Web or desktop computer application.
Quickr	N/A	Quickr is social team collaboration software, used by teams of people to share content. Lotus Quickr works inside and outside firewalls.
QuickTime	N/A	QuickTime is an extensible multimedia framework developed by Apple Inc., capable of handling various formats of digital video, picture, sound, panoramic images, and interactivity.
Quotit	N/A	Quotit is a provider of online healthcare quoting solutions.
RabbitMQ	N/A	RabbitMQ is open source message broker software (sometimes called message-oriented middleware) that implements the Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP).
Railroad Retirement Board	RRB	The RRB is an agency of the U.S. government that administers a social insurance program providing retirement benefits to the country's railroad workers.
Random Access Memory	RAM	RAM is computer memory that dynamically stores program and data values during operation, and in which each byte of memory is directly accessible.
Rapid Application Development	RAD	RAD is a software development methodology that uses minimal planning in favor of rapid prototyping.
Rapid Notification System	RNS	The RNS provides time sensitive -mails, upon request, to interested parties.
Rate and Benefit Information System	RBIS	The RBIS is a tool for entering and cost sharing and benefit information. Consumers use the information to review and compare products.
Rational Agent Controller	RAC	RAC is a daemon process that provides the mechanism by which client applications either launch new host processes or attach to agents that coexist within existing host processes. WebSphere Message Broker uses RAC to provide debugging facilities for message flows that deploy to a running broker.

Term	Acronym	Definition
RC	Replication Center	The RC is a graphical user interface that lets users define, operate, maintain, and monitor the replication environment.
RC-Script	N/A	RC-Scripts are scripts that define the basic functions of each service, as well as each service's dependencies for start-up.
Real Time Statistics*	RTS	RTS provides functionality that maintains immediate statistics about databases without having to run a utility program.
RealMedia	N/A	RealMedia is a proprietary multimedia container format created by RealNetworks. Its extension is ".rm". It is typically used in conjunction with RealVideo and RealAudio and is used for streaming content over the Internet.
Real-Time Executive for Multiprocessor Systems	RTEMS	RTEMS is a free, open source real-time operating system use in for embedded systems.
Recommendation for Action	RFA	An RFA provides a recommendation on action to correct issues that led to a complaint.
Record Identification Code	RIC	A RIC is a code that identifies a health record.
Records Management*	N/A	Records management is the planning, controlling, directing, organizing, training, promoting, and other managerial activities involved with respect to records creation, records maintenance and use, and records disposition in order to achieve adequate and proper documentation of the policies and transactions of the Federal Government and effective and economical management of agency operations. (See 44 U.S.C. 2901 2.)
Recovery Act	RA	RA was an economic stimulus package enacted by the 111th United States Congress in February 2009 and signed into law on February 17, 2009, by President Barack Obama.
Recovery Audit Contractor	RAC	RACs are responsible for identifying improper Medicare payments that made to healthcare providers that existing program integrity efforts did not detect.
Recovery Management and Accounting System	ReMAS	ReMAS identifies instances where Medicare made a mistake or conditional primary payment when it should have been the secondary payer.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Recovery Management and Tracking System	ReMAS	ReMAS is a multi-tiered application that CMS uses to identify, track, and manage Medicare Secondary Payer debt.
Recovery Manager*	RMAN	RMAN is a backup and recovery manager for Oracle databases.
Recovery Point Objective*	RPO	An RPO is the maximum tolerable period in which data might be lost from an IT service due to a major incident.
Recovery Time Objective*	RTO	RTO is the duration of time and a service level within which a restoration of a business process must occur after a disaster (or disruption) in order to avoid unacceptable consequences associated with a break in business continuity.
Recovery*	N/A	Recovery refers to the restoration of the facility and/or other related assets following physical destruction or major damage. Recovery includes all actions necessary to restore the availability of the facility and data.
Red Hat	N/A	Red Hat is a provider of Linux and open-source technology.
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	RHEL	RHEL is a Linux distribution produced by Red Hat, Inc. and targeted toward the commercial market, including mainframes.
Red Hat Network	RHN	RHN is a family of systems management services operated by Red Hat that makes updates, patches, and bug fixes of packages included within Red Hat Linux and Red Hat Enterprise Linux available to subscribers.
Redesign and Modernization	R&M	R&M is a CMS project that applies to the redesign and modernization of MARx.
Redo Log	N/A	Redo Logs comprise files in a proprietary format which log a history of all changes made to the database.
Redundant Array of Independent Disks	RAID	RAID is a technology that provides increased storage functions and reliability through redundancy.
Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Cloud Services	RAIC Services	RAIC proposes a particular set of design patterns for use in migrating certain constraints and allowing new potential benefits to accrue, particularly for Enterprise customers.
Referral*	N/A	Referrals are software process changes to data that address defects that cannot wait for the next planned product release.
Refresh Pack*	N/A	A refresh pack may accompany a fix pack and reinstalls data and/or refreshes existing data.



Term	Acronym	Definition
Refugee Education Assistance Act	REAA	REAA provides assistance to local educational agencies for the education of Cuban and Haitian refugee children, provides special impact aid to such agencies for the education of Cuban and Haitian refugee children and Indochinese refugee children, and provides assistance to State educational agencies for the education of Cuban and Haitian refugee adults.
Regional Office*	RO	One of ten Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services offices in regions throughout the country.
Regional Technical Support	RTS	The RTS provides liaison services between the federal DSH Development Team and federal DSH users. These activities include providing onboarding and orientation support for federal DSH users, and providing feedback from the users to the Development Team.
Registered Nurse*	RN	An RN is a nurse who graduated from a nursing program and passed a national licensing exam to obtain a nursing license.
Registered User Agreement	RUA	A registered user agreement is a contract between an application author or publisher and the user of that application. The user agrees to comply with all stipulations stated in the RUA, and is also asked to "accept" the terms of the agreement.
Registration & Attestation	RNA	Providers use the RNA system to register and attest for the incentive program for implementing Electronic Health Records. States use the system for bulk registration into the system, using batch processing for certain Medicaid providers.
Regression Testing*	N/A	Regression testing is formal testing performed as needed by the test team by reusing a set of previously executed tests on new versions of an application to ensure that features that worked on previous versions still work as expected.
Rehabilitation Act of 1973	N/A	The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is the first rights legislation to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities.
Reinsurance Entity*	RIE	An RIE is responsible for carrying out a transitional reinsurance program, including collecting reinsurance contributions from issuers and third-party administrators, and calculating and disbursing reinsurance payments to eligible individual market issuers.
Relational Database Management System	RDBMS	An RDBMS is a DBMS that organizes data into a series of records that are stored in linked tables. This provides the ability to relate different records, fields, and tables, and aids data access and data transformation.

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Relational Database Service	RDS	RDS is a distributed relational database service offered by Amazon Web Services (AWS). It is a Web service running in the cloud designed to simplify the setup, operation, and scaling of a relational database for use in applications.
Relational Database*	RD	An RD is a collection of data items organized as a set of formally described tables from which data can be accessed easily.
Relational Integrity*	RI	RI, relational integrity (also known as Referential Integrity) is a property of data which, when satisfied, requires every value of one attribute (column) of a relation (table) to exist as a value of another attribute in a different (or the same) relation (table).
Relational Online Analytical Processing	ROLAP	ROLAP is an analytic tool that provides analysis of data using a multidimensional data model. ROLAP tools access the data in a relational database and generate SQL queries to calculate information at the appropriate level when an end user requests it.
Release Management	RM	RM is the process of planning, scheduling, and controlling the movement of Releases to test and live environments. The primary objective of Release Management is to ensure protection of the integrity of the live environment and release of correct components.
Release Manager*	RM	An RM is responsible for managing a software project from the development stage to software release.
Release on Demand*	N/A	Release on demand is the process by which new functionality is deployed into production and released immediately or incrementally to customers based on demand.
Release Plan	RP	The RP describes all of the activities, resources, and responsibilities related to a particular release, including the scheduling of that release.
Release Strategy*	RS	The RS is a set of business rules used to evaluate a requisition line item to determine the type of approvals needed before release.
Release Train Engineer*	RTE	The RTE is a servant leader and coach for the agile release train (ART). The RTE's major responsibilities are to facilitate the ART events and processes and assist the teams in delivering value. RTEs communicate with stakeholders, escalate impediments, help manage risk, and drive continuous improvement.

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Release*	N/A	Releases are planned software code changes that contain new features or functions or meet new regulatory requirements.
Relevant Individual*	RI	An RI is an individual on the application whose personally identifiable information or financial information may bear upon an eligibility determination of an applicant for an insurance affordability program.
Reliability Testing*	N/A	Reliability testing involves exercising an application to discover and remove failures before system deployment.
Reliability*	N/A	Reliability is the probability of a given system performing its mission adequately for a specified period, under the expected operating conditions.
Relis	N/A	Relis is an Enterprise technology and business solutions provider to both government and commercial clients.
Remedy	N/A	BMC Remedy Action Request System (also known as Remedy, AR System, and ARS) is client-server software from BMC Software (originally developed by Remedy Corporation). Remedy uses a third party database for storing data in tables. In addition, the database stores a set of metatables known as the data dictionary. These metatables contain the source code that tells the applications how to interact with the users and the data. Remedy allows users to create custom client tools and scripts that talk directly to the Remedy.
Remedy Corporation	N/A	See BMC Software.
Remedy Ticket	N/A	A Remedy Ticket documents a reported technical problem with a service or product. Remedy Tickets also serve as fix requests.
REMIS CROWNWeb Direct	RCD	RCD refers to the REMIS-CROWNWeb interface.
REMIS-CROWNWeb Integration	RCI	RCI refers to the integration of the Consolidated Renal Operations in a Web-Enabled Network (CROWNWeb) and Renal Management Information System (REMIS) systems.
Remittance Advice*	RA	An RA is a notice of payments and adjustments sent to providers, billers, and suppliers. After receipt and processing of a claim, a Medicare Contractor produces the RA, which may serve as a companion to a claim payment(s) or as an explanation when there is no payment. The RA explains the reimbursement decisions including the reasons for payments and adjustments of processed claims.

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Remote Access Control Facility	RACF	RACF is a security system that controls access to z/OS resources by assigning privileges to users.
Remote Access Server*	RAS	A RAS is any combination of hardware and software to enable the remote access tools or information that typically reside on a network of IT devices.
Remote Copy	rcp	rcp is a command on the UNIX operating system that remotely copies one or more files from one computer system to another.
Remote Desktop Protocol	RDP	RDP is a proprietary Microsoft protocol that provides a user with a graphical interface to another computer over a network connection.
Remote Direct Memory Access	RDMA	RDMA is a direct memory access from the memory of one computer into that of another without involving either one's operating system.
Remote Hosts	rhosts	The rhosts defines which remote hosts can invoke certain commands on the local host without supplying a password.
Remote Identity Proofing Precise Identity	RIDP Precise Identity	The RIDP Precise Identity Service relies on providers having a single identity that meets all federal security requirements for engaging in business with CMS. The RIDP Service performs user identification, verification, and authentication based upon that identity.
Remote Login	rlogin	rlogin is a software utility for UNIX-like computer operating systems that allows users to login on another host via a network.
Remote Method Invocation	RMI	Java RMI is a Java application programming interface that performs the object-oriented equivalent of RPCs.
Remote Procedure Call	RPC	RPC is an inter-process communication technology that allows a computer program to cause a subroutine or procedure to execute in another address space (commonly on another computer on a shared network) without the programmer explicitly coding the details for this remote.
Remote Tivoli Enterprise Monitoring Server	RTEMS	The RTEMS enables a large number of agents to connect in a short time.
Remote Transaction Program	RTP	RTP is a customer-written transaction, running under the control of an OLTP, which the user invokes remotely using a PL/SQL procedure. To execute RTP through the gateway, users must use RPC to execute a PL/SQL program to call the gateway functions.

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Renal Beneficiary and Utilization System	REBUS	REBUS maintains data used in the determination of Medicare entitlement, including disenrollment, death, transplant, and dialysis treatment data. REBUS also supports program analysis, policy development, program operations, and epidemiologic research.
Renal Beneficiary and Utilization System	REBUS	REBUS is the PMMIS application that REMIS replaced in 2003.
Renal Management Information System	REMIS	REMIS determines Medicare coverage periods for ESRD patients and serves as the primary mechanism to store and access information in the congressionally mandated ESRD Program Management and Medical Information System Database.
Reordered Row Format	RRF	This RRF feature of DB2 v9 z/OS automatically repositions the variable length columns to the end of the row.
Replacement*	R	A Replacement indicates the full file is to be replacement. A replacement file should contain any historical records and current records for the relationship. A replacement record indicator should not be submitted on a file with add, update, or delete records. A replacement record indicates the full file is to be a total replacement.
RepliWeb	N/A	RepliWeb is a RepliWeb, Inc. commercial product used for Web deployment.
Reporting & Analytics	R&A	R&A refers to a contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide ad hoc reporting and complex data analytic services to programs that the Information Systems Group (ISG) and the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ) run.
Reporting Specification Document	RSD	An RSD documents the criteria for constructing a report.
Representational State Transfer	REST	REST is a style of software architecture for distributed systems.
Request Association Table	RAT	The RAT stores an association between the request and the source of the request.
Request for Anticipated Payment	RAP	A RAP is submitted for processing at the beginning of a 60-day home health episode after a physician evaluates a beneficiary.
Request for Change*	RFC	An RFC is an artifact used to track all stakeholder requests (including new features, enhancement requests, defects, changed requirements, etc.) along with related status information throughout the project life cycle.

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Request for Proposal	RFP	An RFP is an invitation for suppliers, often through a bidding process, to submit a proposal on a specific commodity or service.
Requirement Change Request*	RCR	An RCR is a request for a change to a requirement upon which stakeholders previously signed off.
Requirement*	N/A	A requirement is a measurable statement of intent about something that the system must do, a property the system must have or a constraint on the system.
Requirements Analysis Phase*	N/A	During the Requirements Analysis Phase, the team revalidates and decomposes previously document business requirements into functional and nonfunctional system requirements that define the application in more detail with regard to inputs, outputs, processes, and interfaces.
Requirements and Release Management Process	RRMP	The RRMP explains the process by which the Information Systems Group (ISG) lines of business develop requirements and manage releases.
Requirements Definition*	RD	The RD document is an assessment of the needs a system is to fulfill, stating the need for the system, listing the features that service or satisfy the need, and describing the system construction.
Requirements Document	RD	An RD explains the why of a product need, puts the product in context, and describes the finished product. A large part of the requirements document is the formal list of requirements.
Requirements Management	REQM	REQM is the CMMI process area for managing the requirements of the project's products and product components and identifying inconsistencies between those requirements and the project's plans and work products.
Requirements Management Plan	RMP	An RMP is a component of the PMP. Generally, the purpose of an RMP is to ensure customer and developer have a common understanding of the requirements for a project.
Requirements Review	RR	An RR is a review that ensures requirements complete and proper identification of requirements and the existence of a mutual understanding between the government and contractor.
Requirements Traceability Matrix*	RTM	An RTM traces functional/non-functional requirements to business requirements, design elements (CSCIs/CSCs), verification/validation methods, and documentation.

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Requirements Writer's Guide	RWG	The RWG provides guidance and instruction on requirements writing best practices for CMS.
Research Identifiable File	RIF	RIFs contain person-specific data on Medicare providers, beneficiaries, and recipients including individual identifiers such as UPIN (Unique Physician Identification Number), name, or other elements that permit deduction of the identity of a beneficiary or physician (e.g., date of birth, age, race, sex, residence, ZIP Code).
Research Triangle Institute	RTI	RTI was founded in 1958 as the first tenant in the Research Triangle Park. The organization supports intellectual capital in the health and pharmaceuticals industry with research, training and laboratory services.
Resident Assessment Protocols	RAPS	RAPS are the means by which a nursing home evaluates a resident to determine the care plan.
Residual Risk*	N/A	Residual risk is the portion of risk that remains after application of security measures.
Resolved, Owned, Accepted, Mitigated*	ROAM	ROAM is a method for managing risks (including identifying and making decisions) under the under the Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe). It is used during Program Increment (PI) planning to identify and analyze risks and issues.
Resource Access Control Facility	RACF	RACF is a security system that controls access to z/OS resources by assigning privileges to users.
Resource Allocation Matrix	RAM	A RAM allocates tasks to people in initial planning. The matrix displays tasks in rows and people in columns.
Resource Description Framework	RDF	RDF a general method for conceptual description or modeling of information implemented in Web resources, using a variety of syntax notations and data serialization formats.
Resource Interchange File Format	RIFF	RIFF is a generic file container format for storing data in tagged chunks. It is primarily used to store multimedia such as sound and video, though it may also be used to store any arbitrary data.
Resource User Agreement*	RUA	An RUA is an agreement statement displayed to users before they view Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services data via a graphical interface. It states how the user should be interpreted and used.
Resource Utilization Group	RUG	RUGs are mutually exclusive categories that reflect levels of resource need in long-term care settings, primarily to facilitate Medicare and Medicaid payment.

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Responsibility Assignment Matrix	RAM	A RAM allocates tasks to people in initial planning.
Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed	RACI	RACI is a responsibility assignment matrix that shows the participation by various roles in completing tasks or deliverables for a project or business process.
RESTful	N/A	RESTful describes applications conforming to REST constraints. If a service violates any required constraint, it is not RESTful.
Restricted Shell	rsh	rsh is a UNIX shell that restricts some of the capabilities available to an interactive user session, or to a shell script, running within it.
Restructured Extended Executor	REXX	REXX is an interpreted programming language developed at IBM. It is a structured, high-level programming language that is both easy to learn and easy to read.
RetePlus	N/A	RetePlus is a rule execution mode for matching many patterns with many objects. The RetePlus execution mode is used by the rule engine to minimize the number of rules and conditions that need to be evaluated, compute which rules should be executed, and identify in which order these rules should be fired.
Reticulocyte Hemoglobin Content	CHr	CHr measures the hemoglobin content of reticulocytes (immature red blood cells). CHr is an early, direct measurement of available iron for erythropoiesis (red blood cell production).
Retired Unique Patient Identifier	Retired UPI	Retired UPIs refer to CROWNWeb records that now longer exist because they were deleted or merged.
Retiree Drug Subsidy Contact Center	RDSCC	The RDSCC is a call center that answers questions regarding the RDS Program.
Retiree Drug Subsidy Contact Center Contractor	RDSCCC	The RDSCCC project provides support for the RDS Program.
Retiree Drug Subsidy Program	RDS Program	The RDS Program, through CMS, reimburses municipalities, unions, and private employers for a portion of their eligible expenses for retiree prescription drug benefits.
Return Code*	RC	An RC is a small number passed from a child process (or callee) to a parent process (or caller) after executing a specific procedure or delegated task.



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Return on Investment*	ROI	ROI is a performance measure used to evaluate the efficiency of an investment or to compare the efficiency of a number of different investments. To calculate ROI, one divides the benefit (return) of an investment by the cost of the investment; the result is a percentage or a ratio.
Review & Corrections	R&C	R&C is the identification and correction of discrepancies between the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (HVBP) data a hospital believes they had reported and the data actually reported into the CMS data warehouse.
Ribbon	N/A	Ribbon is an interprocess communication (remote procedure calls) library with built in software load balancers.
Rich Text Format*	RTF	The RTF specification provides a format for text and graphics interchange to use with different output devices, operating environments, and operating systems.
Risk Acceptance*	N/A	Risk acceptance is an informed and deliberate decision to accept the consequences and the likelihood of a particular risk.
Risk Adjustment Payment System	RAPS	RAPS processes Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Hierarchical Condition Category (CMS-HCC) data submitted by Medicare Advantage organizations.
Risk Adjustment System	RAS	The ESRD RAS manages payment for ESRD beneficiaries in managed care plans. The RAS analyzes and then adjusts payments for treatment status and comorbidities.
Risk Adjustment System Analysis and Reporting Tool	RASART	RASART provides summary contract/plan level analysis and ad-hoc reporting of Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug-related data.
Risk Adjustment System Reconciliation	RAS Recon	RAS Recon involves reconciling factors that may change with adjusted risks.
Risk Analysis*	N/A	Risk analysis is a technique to identify and assess factors that may jeopardize the success of a project or achieving a goal.
Risk Assessment*	RA	An RA is the determination of quantitative or qualitative value of risk related to a concrete situation and a recognized threat (also a hazard).
Risk Assumption*	N/A	A Risk Assumption is any assumption pertaining to the risk itself.
Risk Avoidance*	N/A	Risk Avoidance is manifested by plans or methods utilized to eliminate or avoid as much risk as possible.

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Risk Breakdown Structure*	RBS	An RBS is a hierarchically organized depiction of the identified project risks, arranged by category.
Risk Category*	N/A	A risk category is a method of categorizing the various risks on the project to allow grouping for various analysis techniques.
Risk Exposure*	N/A	Risk Exposure is a standard quantitative measure of risk used to compare risks with one another; derived by multiplying the Risk Impact by the Risk Probability.
Risk Identification*	N/A	Risk identification is an organized and planned approach to seek out probable, possible, or realistic risks to a project or other endeavor.
Risk Impact*	N/A	Risk impact is the numeric estimate to quantify the degree to which a risk occurrence impacts the Project outcome (used to calculate Risk Rating (Risk Rating = Risk Probability times Risk Impact)).
Risk Magnitude*	N/A	Risk Magnitude is a grouping such as “High”, “Moderate” or “Low” used to organize calculated Risk Exposure values.
Risk Management Framework	RMF	RMF provides a disciplined and structured process that integrates information security and risk management activities into the system development life cycle.
Risk Management Handbook	RMH	The RMH is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) publication that documents procedures which facilitate the implementation of the security controls and standards.
Risk Management Log*	N/A	The Risk Management Log provides a means of recording the identified risks, the analysis of their severity, and the necessary management actions take.
Risk Management Plan	RMP	An RMP foresees risks to estimate the effectiveness of planned responses, and creates response plans to mitigate risks.
Risk Management*	RSKM	RSKM is the process of determining the maximum acceptable level of overall risk to and from a proposed activity, then using risk assessment techniques to determine the initial level of risk and, if this is excessive, developing a strategy to ameliorate appropriate individual risks until the overall level of risk reduces to an acceptable level.
Risk Mitigation Plan	N/A	A Risk Mitigation Plan is a document containing planned activities to prevent a risk’s occurrence and/or to reduce the probability and/or consequence of a risk.

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Risk Mitigation*	RM	Risk mitigation is the risk-handling strategy that decreases the risk either by lowering the consequences of a risk event, or by a combination of reducing the probability that a risk event will occur and reducing the consequence of that event.
Risk Monitoring and Tracking*	N/A	Risk monitoring and tracking is the process of systematically watching the evolution of the identified risks, and evaluating the effectiveness of risk strategies against established metrics.
Risk Monitoring, Control, and Reporting*	N/A	Risk Monitoring, Control, and Reporting is the process of systematically watching the evolution of identified risks over time and evaluating the effectiveness of risk strategies against established metrics.
Risk Opportunity*	N/A	A Risk Opportunity is a risk with positive benefits.
Risk Owner*	N/A	The Risk Owner is the individual responsible for managing a specified risk and ensuring development and implementation of effective treatment plans.
Risk Probability*	N/A	Risk probability is the likelihood of a risk occurring, expressed as a qualitative and/or quantitative metric.
Risk Rating*	N/A	A risk rating is a standard quantitative measure of risk to compare risks with one another; derived by multiplying the Risk Impact by the Risk Probability.
Risk Register*	N/A	A Risk Register is a document that lists risks identified as a result of a qualitative and quantitative risk analysis, and the presents the results of planning for response.
Risk Source*	N/A	A risk source is the underlying circumstance(s) and/or factor(s) that lead to the existence of a risk.
Risk Threshold*	N/A	A risk threshold is the defined or agreed-upon level of acceptable risk that risk-handling strategies must meet.
Risk Transfer*	N/A	Risk transfer is the movement of risk ownership to another organizational element.
Risk*	N/A	A risk is a relative assessment that a given threat will exploit a particular vulnerability bringing about an undesired outcome against an information asset.
Risks, Action Items, Issues and Decisions*	RAID	A RAID log is a simple, effective project/program management tool to organize a project/program by tracking risks, actions, issues, and decisions. The decision log records information such as decision description, date, who made the decision.

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rJava	N/A	rJava is a low-level R-to-Java interface. It is the inverse of JRI, which is a Java/R interface.
Roadmap*	N/A	The roadmap is a schedule of events and milestones that communicate planned solution deliverables over a planning horizon.
RoboHelp	N/A	RoboHelp is a help authoring tool currently owned by Adobe Systems.
Role-based Access Control	RBAC	RBAC is an approach to restrict system access to authorized users. Role-based security is another term with identical meaning.
Rolling Wave	N/A	A Rolling Wave is a stage in the software development life cycle plan. An Agile Team uses Rolling Waves to introduce iteration plans and reprioritization.
Rolling Wave Planning	N/A	Rolling Wave Planning is the process of project planning in waves as the project proceeds and later details become clearer. Work to perform in the near term is detailed and reliable, while work in the more distant future is at a higher level of milestones and assumptions.
Root Cause Analysis*	RCA	RCA is a method of problem solving that tries to identify the root causes of faults or problems that cause operating events.
Roshal Archive File	RAR File	An RAR file is a proprietary archive file format that supports data compression, error recovery, and file spanning.
Rough Order of Magnitude*	ROM	ROM is a very early cost estimate of what a project, task, or effort costs to complete.
Round-Robin Scheduling	RR	RR is one of the simplest scheduling algorithms for processes in an operating system. As the term is generally used, time slices are assigned to each process in equal portions and in circular order, handling all processes without priority (also known as cyclic executive).
RPM	N/A	RPM is a work management tool that helps teams manage software development tasks, shows progress measured in business value, and alerts managers to emerging issues so they can implement proactive corrective action plans.
RSA	NA	RSA, the Security Division of EMC, is a provider of security, risk, and compliance solutions. RSA is the full company name.

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Rule Artifact*	N/A	A rule artifact is an item used to express a business policy in a business rule application. Business rules and decision tables are examples of rule artifacts.
Rule Flows*	N/A	Rule Flows are a way to control and order the execution of rule artifacts. Tasks define a rule flow.
Rule Package*	N/A	A rule package is a container for organizing rule artifacts according to business logic. Rule packages become folders once published to Rule Team Server
RuleApp Archive	N/A	A RuleApp archive is an archive that allows RuleApps to be stored to a file system. RuleApp archives are saved in a strict directory structure.
Rules Execution Server	RES	RES is an environment for executing rules. It provides management, performance, security, and logging capabilities. RES enables a user to dynamically change business logic in both Java SE and Java EE environments. It is provided as a set of components that interact with the rules engine.
Rules Integration Form	BRES Intake Form	This form is completed by any CMS application that wishes to consume Enterprise or Application specific Business Rules that reside in BRES.
Rules Integration Life Cycle for Vertical Applications	RILCV	The RILCV discusses the various integration life cycle phases for the application, provides an overview of the CMS BRES environment, and the specifications necessary for integrating an application to use BRES.
Rules of Behavior	ROB	ROB applies to the system users and list specific responsibilities and expected behavior of all individuals with access to or use of the named information system. In addition, ROB outlines the consequences of non-compliance and/or violations.
Rules Team Server	RTS	RTS is an environment that allows business teams to create, manage, and validate business rules through a powerful Web-based environment.
Ruleset	N/A	A ruleset is an executable package that includes rule artifacts and non-rule artifacts. A ruleset archive is generated by extraction from a rule project. A ruleset is a set of rules that can be executed by the rule engine.
Ruleset parameter	N/A	A ruleset parameter is a parameter that you can define to set or retrieve values on a ruleset. Ruleset parameters provide a mechanism for exchanging data between a ruleset and an application. Because they are accessible from outside of the ruleset, ruleset parameters are a bridge between the business logic and the application.

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Runbook	N/A	A Runbook is a routine compilation of the procedures and operations that the administrator or operator of the system carries out.
Rundeck	N/A	Rundeck is an open-source process automation and command orchestration tool with a Web console.
RUNSTATS	N/A	RUNSTATS is a DB2 utility that collects statistics about data values in tables the optimizer uses to determine the access path. It also collects statistics to use for space management. DB2 catalog tables store these statistics.
Safari	N/A	Safari is a Web browser developed by Apple.
SAFe Program Consultants	SPC	SPCs are change agents who combine their technical knowledge of Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) with an intrinsic motivation to improve the company's software and systems development processes. They play a critical role in successfully implementing SAFe. SPCs come from numerous internal or external roles, including business and technology leaders, portfolio/program/project managers, process leads, architects, analysts, and consultants.
Safeguard Procedures Report	SPR	The SPR is an IRS report that governs the safeguarding of federal tax information.
SafeNet	N/A	SafeNet, Inc. is an information security company and one of the largest suppliers of encryption technology to the U.S. government.
Sandbox	N/A	A sandbox is a security mechanism for separating running programs, especially untested code.
SAP BusinessObjects	BOBJ	BOBJ provides performance management, planning, reporting, query and analysis, and enterprise information management
SAS	N/A	SAS is an integrated system of software products provided by SAS Institute Inc., which enables programmers to perform information retrieval and data management, report writing and graphics, statistical analysis, econometrics and data mining, business planning, forecasting, and decision support, operations research and project management, quality improvement, applications development, data warehousing (extract, transform, load), and platform independent and remote computing.
Sashimi	N/A	A Sashimi is a report that something is complete. The definition of complete may vary from one Scrum team to another, but must be consistent within one team.

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Savoy Associates	N/A	Savoy Associates is a licensed insurance provider.
Scalable Processor Architecture	SPARC	SPARC is a Sun Microsystems instruction set architecture.
Scale	N/A	Scale is the ability of a system to handle larger or smaller volumes of data as needed without special handling.
Scaled Agile Framework	SAFe	SAFe is a registered trademark of Scaled Agile, Inc. It is intended to guide enterprises in scaling lean and agile practices. SAFe promotes alignment, collaboration, and delivery across large numbers of agile teams. It was developed by and for practitioners, by leveraging three primary bodies of knowledge: agile software development, lean product development, and systems theory.
Scenario*	N/A	A scenario is a sequence of steps taken to complete a user requirement, similar to a use case..
Schedule Management Plan	N/A	The Schedule Management Plan describes how the Project Schedule is established and managed. The Project Manager develops the Schedule Management Plan during the Planning Phase in conjunction with the Project Management Plan.
Schema Runtime Environment	SRE	SRE is a Sun Microsystems product that enables the use of schemas developed for e*Gate 4.x with eGate Integrator 5.1 (also Sun Microsystems products) by providing the necessary environmental components.
Schematron	N/A	Schematron is a rule-based validation language for making assertions about the presence or absence of patterns in Extensible Markup Language trees.
Scope Infotech	N/A	Scope Infotech provides custom software and system engineering services.
Screening Mammography*	MAMM	An MAMM type of X-ray to check women for breast cancer before they or their doctor may be able to find it. Medicare covers screening mammograms once every 12 months for all women with Medicare age 40 and older. Medicare covers one baseline mammogram for women between ages 35–39.
Screening Pap Test*	PAPT	A PCBE checks for cervical, vaginal, and breast cancers. Medicare covers these screening tests once every 24 months, or once every 12 months for women at high risk, and for women of childbearing age who have had an exam that indicated cancer or other abnormalities in the past three years.

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Screening Pelvic Exam*	PCBE	A PCBE checks for cervical, vaginal, and breast cancers. Medicare covers these screening tests once every 24 months, or once every 12 months for women at high risk, and for women of childbearing age who have had an exam that indicated cancer or other abnormalities in the past three years.
Scrum Master*	N/A	The scrum master is the person responsible for the Scrum process, ensuring correct use and maximization of benefits.
Scrum Team*	N/A	The scrum team consists of the product owner, scrum master, and development team.
Scrum*	N/A	Scrum is an iterative and incremental Agile software development framework for managing software projects and product or application development.
SDPS Online Database	SDOL	SDOL is a database that is part of the Healthcare Quality Information System (HCQIS) Claims Repository that contains beneficiary, provider, and cross reference data. SDPS stands for standard data processing system.
SE Segment	N/A	The SE segment is the transaction set trailer segment of an X12 transaction set. Use the SE segment to indicate the end of a transaction set. The SE segment elements provide information about a number of elements in a transaction set and the control number for that particular transaction set.
Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan	SLCSP	The SLCSP price in an area where the person receiving the subsidy lives determines the premium price.
Section 508	N/A	Section 508, of the American Rehabilitation Act, is a federal law mandating electronic and information technology (including documents) developed, procured, maintained, or used by the Federal Government be accessible to people with disabilities.
Section 508 Accessibility and Usability Testing*	N/A	This testing ensures the product meets application Section 508 compliance laws.
Secure File Transfer Protocol*	SFTP	SFTP is a network protocol that provides file access, file transfer, and file management functionality over a reliable data stream.
Secure Hash Algorithm	SHA	SHA is a family of cryptographic hash functions published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology as a U.S. federal Information Processing Standard.



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Secure Network Operations Center	SNOC	An SNOC is one or more secure locations where control of a computer, television broadcast, or telecommunications network occurs.
Secure Operations Center	SOC	An SOC is a centralized unit in an organization that deals with security issues, on an organizational and technical level.
Secure Point of Entry*	SPOE	SPOE refers to a single, secure point of entry to CMS systems.
Secure Shell	SSH	SSH is a network protocol that allows data exchange using a secure channel between two networked devices.
Secure Sockets Layer	SSL	SSL is a security protocol that prevents eavesdropping, tampering, or message forgery with HTTP transmissions based on server-side public/private key pairs and provides support for client-side public/private key usage.
Secure Website	SWS	An SWS is any Website that uses encrypted transmissions and takes other appropriate measures to ensure the protection of sensitive information.
SecureCRT	N/A	SecureCRT for provides terminal emulation for computing professionals. SecureCRT provides secure remote access, file transfer, and data tunneling.
Security Analyst*	SA	An SA coordinates planned security measures to protect information in computer files from accidental or unauthorized modification, destruction, or disclosure.
Security Assertion Markup Language	SAML	SAML is an Extensible Markup Language-based, open standard data format for exchanging authentication and authorization data between parties, in particular, between an identity provider and a service provider.
Security Assessment Report	SAR	A SAR identifies security vulnerabilities and recommends ways to address them.
Security Audit Log Analytical Report Service	SALARS	SALARS captures audit and security logs. SALARS collects security endpoints and provides out-of-the-box automated analysis of events and incidents.
Security Awareness Training	N/A	Security awareness training is a formal process for educating employees about computer security.
Security Compliance Audit	SCA	An SCA is a comprehensive review of an organization's adherence to regulatory guidelines related to security.
Security Content Automation Protocol	SCAP	SCAP is a method for using specific standards to enable automated vulnerability management, measurement, and policy compliance evaluation.

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Security Control Assessment	SCA	An SCA is the testing and/or evaluation of the management, operational, and technical security controls in an information system to determine the extent to which the controls are implemented correctly, operating as intended, and producing the desired outcome with respect to meeting the security requirements for the system.
Security Impact Analysis*	SIA	An SIA is the analysis conducted by an agency official, often during the continuous monitoring phase of the security certification and accreditation process, to determine the extent to which changes to the information system have affected the security posture of the system.
Security Incident and Event Monitoring*	SIEM	SIEM is the tool or process of incorporating system or security events captured by information infrastructure and software systems, and integrating and correlating them into information with the intent of providing a global understanding of the system or environment being monitored.
Security Information Manager*	SIM	A SIM collects, monitors, and analyzes security-related data from computer logs.
Security Information Services	SIS	SIS provides investigation, containment, and remediation of security incidents on an information system.
Security Point of Contact*	SPOC	A SPOC is the individual designated as the first person to contact about system security issues.
Security Posture Assessment	SPA	An SPA establishes the current baseline security of a network and systems by discovering known vulnerabilities and weaknesses, with the intention of providing incremental improvements to tighten the security of the network and systems.
Security Technical Implementation Guide	STIG	The STIG is a methodology for standardized secure installation and maintenance of computer software and hardware.
Security Test & Evaluation*	ST&E	ST&E is the execution of test procedures and techniques by an independent third party designed to evaluate the effectiveness of information security controls in a particular environment, and to identify any vulnerabilities in the information system.
Security Vertical Integration Procedure for Enterprise Resources	S-VIPER	S-VIPER is a security-based document which delineates the security controls responsibility of Share Service Providers, Applications, and other potential stakeholders.

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Security, Test, and Evaluation	ST&E	ST&E is the execution of test procedures and techniques by an independent third party that evaluates the effectiveness of information security controls in a particular environment, and identifies any vulnerabilities in the information system.
Security-as-a-Service	SaaS	SaaS is a business model in which a large service provider integrates their security services into a corporate infrastructure on a subscription basis more cost effectively than most individuals or corporations can provide on their own, when considering total cost of ownership.
Selenium	N/A	Selenium is a suite of tools to automate web browsers across many platforms.
Sendmail	N/A	Sendmail is a general purpose, Internet network e-mail routing facility that supports many kinds of mail-transfer and -delivery methods.
Senior Vice President	SVP	An SVP is the highest-level vice president amongst multiple vice presidents.
Serco	N/A	Serco is a provider of professional, technology, and management services focused on the Federal Government.
Serena Dimensions	N/A	Serena Dimensions is an end-to-end, cross-platform, highly scalable solution for distributed development. Dimensions integrates application development across global sites, stakeholders, and platforms. It automates development steps based on processes to streamline delivery of applications that drive business.
Serial Advanced Technology Attachment	SATA	SATA is a computer bus interface for connecting host bus adapters to mass storage devices such as hard disk drives and optical drives.
Serial Attached SCSI	SAS	SAS is a communication protocol used to move data to and from computer storage devices such as hard drives and tape drives.
Serum Albumin*	N/A	Serum Albumin is the principal protein in plasma, present in blood plasma and in serous fluids. Serum Albumin participates in fatty acid transport and helps regulate the osmotic pressure of blood. It also binds hormones, bilirubin, and drugs.

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Service	N/A	A service is work performed upon request for the benefit of another party. A service comprises one or more units of metadata and code that provide business logic, messaging, and interfaces needed to define and deliver the work. This includes a service component (the logic that provides business value), a service endpoint (the interface to the service), and a service/capability specification. Services focus on business, data, and technical functionality. All three emphasize strong service contracts and loose coupling. Services also possess distinct characteristics such as autonomy, statelessness, abstraction, reusability, discoverability, composability and should be implemented as a physically independent component of software.
Service Continuity	SCON	SCON is a CMMI process area for establishing and maintaining plans to ensure continuity of services during and following any significant disruption of normal operations.
Service Contract	N/A	A service contract provides the formal means by which a service makes its functions and conditions for use known to service consumers. A service contract may contain the service policy, service-level agreement, service location, and other information, as necessary.
Service Delivery	SD	SD is a CMMI process area that addresses delivering services in accordance with service agreements.
Service Design Review	SDR	An SDR verifies that the service preliminary design satisfies the functional and nonfunctional requirements and conforms with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) TRA and HCIQS TEA.
Service Discovery	N/A	Service discovery allows automatic detection of devices, and the services these devices offer, on a computer network. Service discovery requires a common language to allow software agents to use one another's services without the need for continuous user intervention.
Service Identification Review	SIR	An SIR determines whether a proposed service potentially duplicates, interferes with, contradicts, or can leverage another investment that already exists, or is proposed, under development, or planned for near-term disposition.
Service Level Agreement*	SLA	An SLA is a part of a service contract with a formal definition of the agreed upon level of service.

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Service Oriented Architecture	SOA	An SOA is a flexible set of design principles used during the phases of systems development and integration. A deployed SOA-based architecture provides a loosely integrated suite of services usable within multiple business domains.
Service Oriented Architecture Platform	SOA-P	SOA-P is a collection of technologies that meets organizational SOA needs.
Service Pack	SP	An SP is a collection of updates, fixes, and/or enhancements to a software program delivered in the form of a single installable package.
Service Pack 2	SP2	SP2 was released on August 25, 2004. SP2 added new functionality to Windows XP, such as WPA encryption compatibility and improved Wi-Fi support (with a wizard utility), a pop-up ad blocker for Internet Explorer 6, and partial Bluetooth support.
Service Portfolio	N/A	A Service portfolio is a collection of service groups defined within the HCQIS Enterprise Architecture.
Service Production Readiness Review	SPRR	An SPRR ensures that a service has been thoroughly integration tested and is ready for turnover for production readiness.
Service Request Form*	SRF	An SRF provides authorized employees and contractors at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services a standard tool for requesting database service.
Service Request*	SR	An SR is a formal request issued to the Release Management team requesting the approval and scheduling of a deployment. For releases that include database changes, a separate database request goes to the CDBA.
Service Requirements Review	SRR	An SRR verifies that the service requirements are complete, accurate, and consistent with the business requirements; ensures that the requirements are a suitable basis for subsequent design activities; ensures traceability between the business and system requirements; and affirms final agreement regarding the content of the Requirements Document by the business owner.
Service System Transition	SST	SST is a CMMI process area that addresses deploying new or significantly changed service system components while managing their effect on ongoing service delivery.
Service Type Code*	STC	An STC is a unique code that identifies a type of service when submitting an eligibility transaction.

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Service Type*	N/A	Service Types include the following: Business (a.k.a. Task Service) - A business service has a functional boundary associated with a business process that may encompass a set of services; a business service is often the orchestrator of an orchestrated group of services; Data (a.k.a. Entity Service) - A data service defines an operation on a business entity (i.e., Provider, Hospital, Patient, Claim, Measure, Reference Code, etc.); Technical (a.k.a. Utility Service) - A technical service is a tightly focused piece of logic that performs a single technical capability or enterprise function, often exposing an underlying COTS capability (i.e., ExecuteBatchReport, ReadLDAPServer, WriteLDAPServer, etc.).
Service-Level Objective*	SLO	SLOs are the objectives that must be achieved for each service activity, function and process to provide the best opportunity for service recipient success.
ServiceNow	N/A	ServiceNow is a cloud computing company headquartered in Santa Clara, California.
Service-Oriented Architecture	SOA	An SOA is a flexible set of design principles used during the phases of systems development and integration. A deployed SOA-based architecture provides a loosely integrated suite of services usable within multiple business domains.
Servlet	N/A	A servlet is the name given to an applet that runs on a server.
Servlet Archive File	SAR File	A SAR file is a portable, packaged Session Initiation Protocol application that is importable into a workspace.
Set-Based Design	SBD	SBD is a practice that keeps requirements and design options flexible for as long as possible during the development process. Instead of choosing a single point solution upfront, SBD identifies and simultaneously explores multiple options, eliminating poorer choices over time. It enhances flexibility in the design process by committing to technical solutions only after validating assumptions, which produces better economic results.
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Sharding	N/A	Database sharding is a method of horizontal partitioning in a database or search engine.
Shared Savings Program	SSP	SSP is a program to facilitate coordination and cooperation among providers to improve the quality of care for Medicare Fee-For-Service beneficiaries and reduce unnecessary costs.
Shared Services and Integration Operations Committee	SSIOC	SSIOC is a CMS committee that oversees the funding and resourcing of shared services and integration activities.
Shared Systems Harmonization	SSH	SSH is in an initiative of the Integrated Data Repository.
SharePoint	N/A	SharePoint is a Microsoft content management system with integrated search functionality that allows users to work in a Web-based collaborative environment. Microsoft provides certain built-in functionality, and third party developers can develop custom modifications to extend functionality.
Shipyards	N/A	Shipyards is built on Docker Swarm and enables the management of Docker resources including containers, images, private registries, and more.
SHOP Premium Aggregator	N/A	A SHOP premium aggregator is a financial and administrative system that allows qualified employers to receive a single monthly bill for all qualified health plans in which their employees enroll, and to remit a single monthly amount to the SHOP. The system then aggregates premium payments from qualified employers and distributes the payments to appropriate qualified health plan issuers.
Short Message Service	SMS	SMS is a text messaging service component of phone, Web, or mobile communication systems. It uses standardized communication protocols to allow fixed-line or mobile phone devices to exchange short text messages.
Silver Key	N/A	Silver Key is a program for creating self-extracting encrypted files for safe transmission over the Internet.
Simple Issue Language*	SIL	SIL is a scripting language that enables users without extensive scripting experience to customize workflow in Jira.
Simple Knowledge Organization System	SKOS	SKOS is a W3C recommendation for representation of thesauri, classification schemes, taxonomies, subject-heading systems, or any other type of structured controlled vocabulary.

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Simple Mail Transfer Protocol*	SMTP	An SMTP is an Internet standard for e-mail transmission across IP networks.
Simple Network Management Protocol	SNMP	SNMP is an Internet-standard protocol for managing devices on IP networks.
Simple Object Access Protocol*	SOAP	SOAP is a protocol specification for exchanging structured information in the implementation of Web Services in computer networks. It relies on XML for its message format, and usually relies on other Application Layer protocols, most notably HTTP and SMTP, for message negotiation and transmission.
Simple Storage Service	S3	S3 is a Web service offered by Amazon Web Services (AWS) that provides storage through Web service interfaces.
Single Byte Character Set	SBCS	SBCS is used to refer to character sets which use exactly one byte for each graphic character.
Single Point of Contact*	SPOC	An SPOC is a person or department serving as the coordinator or focal point of information concerning an activity or program.
Single Point of Failure*	SPOF	An SPOF is a part of a system that, if it fails, stops the entire system from working.
Single Sign-On	SSO	SSO is a property of access control of multiple related, but independent software systems. With this property a user logs in once and gains access to all systems without being prompted to log in again at each of them.
Single User Interface*	SUI	See UI.
Single-Page Application	SPA	SPAs are Web applications that load a single HTML page and dynamically update that page as the user interacts with the application.
Skilled Nursing Facility	SNF	An SNF is a facility that provides inpatient skilled nursing care and related services to patients who require medical, nursing, or rehabilitative services but do not require the level of care provided in a hospital.
Slim Client	N/A	See Thin Client.
Small Business Health Options Program	SHOP	SHOP helps small businesses and millions of workers gain access to affordable small business and self-employed health coverage in states with SBMs.
Small Computer System Interface	SCSI	SCSI is a set of standards for physically connecting and transferring data between computers and peripheral devices.



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Small Computer Systems Interface	SCSI	SCIS is an interface consisting of a standard port between a computer and its peripherals used in some computers. (pronounced scuzzy)
Smartphone	N/A	A smartphone is a mobile phone built on a mobile computing platform, with more advanced computing ability and connectivity than a feature phone.
Smoke Testing*	N/A	Smoke testing is non-exhaustive software testing, ascertaining that the most crucial functions of a program work, but not bothering with finer details
SNAP-IX	N/A	SNAP-IX is a networking product that enables communications among many types of devices across several network protocols.
Snappix	N/A	Snappix is a live CD Linux distribution with a pre-integrated Snap platform.
Snort	N/A	Snort is an open source, network intrusion-prevention system capable of performing real-time traffic analysis and packet logging on IP networks.
SOAP	N/A	SOAP is a protocol specification for exchanging structured information in the implementation of Web Services in computer networks.
soapUI	N/A	soapUI is an open-source, Web service testing application for service-oriented architectures. Its functionality covers Web service inspection, invoking, development, simulation and mocking, functional testing, load, and compliance testing.
Social Security Act	N/A	The Social Security Act, Public Law 74–271, 49 Statute 620, enacted August 14, 1935, now codified as 42 United States Code chapter 7, was a legislative act which created the Social Security system in the United States.
Social Security Administration	SSA	The SSA is an independent government agency responsible for the Social Security system.
Social Security Death Index	SSDI	The SSDI is the commercial name for the Death Master File, a computer database file the Social Security Administration made available in 1980. The file contains information about persons with Social Security numbers whose deaths the Social Security Administration received notice of from 1962 to present, or persons who died before 1962 but whose Social Security accounts were still active in 1962.

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Social Security Disability Insurance	SSDI	The SSDI program is one of the largest of several Federal programs that provide assistance to people with disabilities. SSDI pays benefits to you and certain members of your family if you are "insured," meaning that you worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes.
Social Security Number	SSN	An SSN is a nine-digit number issued to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and temporary (working) residents
Social Security Number Removal Initiative	SSNRI	SSNRI requires the removal of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from all Medicare cards by April 2019. A new randomly generated Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) will replace the SSN-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) on the new Medicare cards for Medicare transactions like billing, eligibility status, and claim status.
Softerra	N/A	Softerra provides a full range of services on custom software and Web application design and development, database programming, and management.
Software Change Form*	SCF	An SCF is a formal request that includes the details of a proposed change to business requirements that will affect the project documentation, system, or component.
Software Change Request*	SCR	An SCR is a request for a change to software upon which stakeholders previously signed off.
Software Concepts International	SCI	SCI is a worldwide provider of managed services for the OpenVMS community.
Software Configuration Item*	SCI	An SCI is information created as part of the software engineering process, such as Requirements Specifications and User Manuals.
Software Configuration Manager*	SCM	The SCM tracks and controls changes to system software.
Software Development File	SDF	An SDF is a centralized and accessible collection of data pertaining to the requirements, design data, schedules, coding, and testing of software units and aggregates of units.
Software Development Kit	SDK	An SDK is a development tool for creating applications for a specific software package, framework, platform, or system.
Software Development Lifecycle	SDLC	SDLC is an approach to develop an information system or software product using a linear sequence of steps that progress from start to finish.

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Software Development Management Plan	SDMP	An SDMP is an ordered or sequenced set of clearly defined and governed tasks, activities, or work that are often date- and/or time-bounded and which exist to achieve one or more clearly intended results or outcomes meant to address or facilitate some area or piece of the discipline known as Software Development Management.
Software Engineering Institute	SEI	The Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute (SEI) is a federally funded research and development center.
Software Process Improvement	SPI	SPI is a set of activities for better software process, and thus higher quality software delivered in a timelier manner.
Software Quality Assurance*	SQA	SQA is the function of software quality that assures that the standards, processes, and procedures are appropriate for the project and the project correctly implements these items.
Software Quality Control *	SQC	SQC is the function of software quality that checks that the project follows its standards, processes, and procedures, and that the project produces the required internal and external (deliverable) products.
Software*	SW	Software is a collection of computer programs and related data that provide the instructions for telling a computer what to do and how to do it.
Software-as-a-Service	SaaS	SaaS is a software delivery model in which software and its associated data are hosted centrally (typically in the (Internet) cloud) and which users typically access using a thin client, normally with a Web browser over the Internet.
Solaris	N/A	Solaris is a UNIX operating system introduced by Sun Microsystems.
Solaris IP Network Multipathing	IPMP	IPMP is a facility provided by Solaris to provide fault-tolerance and load spreading for network interface cards (NICs). With IPMP, two or more NICs are dedicated for each network to which the host connects. Each interface is assigned a static test IP address, which is used to assess the operational state of the interface.
Solaris Volume Manager	SVM	SVM (formerly known as Online: DiskSuite, and later Solstice DiskSuite) is a software package for creating, modifying, and controlling RAID-0 (concatenation and stripe) volumes, RAID-1 (mirror) volumes, RAID 0+1 volumes, RAID 1+0 volumes, RAID-5 volumes, and soft partitions.
SolarWinds	N/A	SolarWinds is a developer network, applications, virtualization, and storage management software.

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Solid-State Drive	SSD	An SSD (also known as a solid-state disk) is a data storage device using integrated circuit assemblies as memory to store data persistently.
Solution*	N/A	Each value stream produces one or more solutions, which are products, services, or systems delivered to the customer, whether internal or external to the enterprise.
Sonar	N/A	Sonar is an open-source, software quality platform.
SonarQube	N/A	SonarQube is an open source platform for continuous inspection of code quality.
Source Control Management	SCM	SCM is the management of documents, source code, or other data in a computing project.
Source Lines of Code*	SLOC	SLOC is a software metric to measure the size of a software program by counting the number of lines in the program's source code.
Special Enrollment Period	SEP	The SEP is a time outside of the open enrollment period during which individuals and their family have a right to sign up for health coverage.
Special Publication	SP	SP is a designation NIST uses to denote their publication line.
Special Request Form	SRF	SRF is a required form to complete a service.
Spike	N/A	A Spike is a time-boxed period the team uses to research a concept and/or create a simple prototype. The team may plan a Spike or a Spike may take place between Sprints; Or, for larger teams, a Spike may be one of many Sprint delivery objectives. The team often introduces Spikes before the delivery of large Epics or User Stories in order to secure budget, expand knowledge, and/or produce a proof of concept. The Product Owner and Delivery Team agree upon the duration and objective(s) of a Spike prior to start. Unlike Sprint commitments, Spikes may or may not deliver tangible, shippable, valuable functionality. For example, the objective of a Spike might be to successfully reach a decision on a course of action. The Spike is over when the time is up, not necessarily when the team delivers the objective.
Splunk	N/A	Splunk is a multinational software company. Splunk (the product) captures, indexes and correlates real-time data in a searchable repository from which it can generate graphs, reports, alerts, dashboards and visualizations.
Spring	N/A	Spring is an application framework and inversion of control container for the Java platform.

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Spring Boot	N/A	Spring Boot simplifies the bootstrapping and development of a new Spring application. The framework takes an opinionated approach to configuration, freeing developers from the need to define boilerplate configuration.
Spring Cloud Config	N/A	Spring Cloud Config provides server- and client-side support for externalized configuration in a distributed system.
Spring Cloud Netflix	N/A	Spring Cloud Netflix provides Netflix OSS integrations for Spring Boot applications through autoconfiguration and binding to the Spring environment and other Spring programming model idioms.
Spring Framework	N/A	The Spring Framework is an open source application framework and inversion of control container for the Java platform.
Spring Security	N/A	Spring Security is a Java/JEE framework that provides authentication, authorization and other security features for enterprise applications.
Sprint Backlog	N/A	A Sprint Backlog is a prioritized list of tasks to complete during the sprint.
Sprint Burndown Chart*	N/A	This chart reflects the daily progress for a Sprint over the Sprint length.
Sprint*	N/A	A Sprint is a time period (typically one to four weeks) in which development occurs on a set of backlog items to which the team commits.
SQL Developer	N/A	SQL Developer is an integrated development environment for working with SQL in Oracle databases.
SQL*Loader	SQLLDR	SQLLDR supports various load formats, selective loading, and multi-table loads. SQLLDR is the utility to use for high performance data loads. The data can be loaded from any text file and inserted into a database.
SQL*Plus	N/A	SQL*Plus is the most basic Oracle Database utility, with a basic command-line interface, commonly used by users, administrators, and programmers.
ST Segment	N/A	This is the transaction set header segment of an X12 document. Use the ST segment to indicate the start of a transaction set in an interchange.

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Staffing Management Plan	N/A	The Staff Management Plan describes the approach for identifying, obtaining, allocating, developing, tracking, and controlling human resources associated with the project during the life of the project. The Staff Management Plan is developed during the Planning Phase in conjunction with the Project Management Plan by the Project Manager.
Stage Gate Review	N/A	The Stage Gate Review is the evaluation process by which a project is authorized to progress from one life cycle phase to the next.
Stage Gate Review*	N/A	A Stage Gate Review is a phase-driven go/no-go decision point where systems life cycle activities are reviewed to assure that appropriate requirements are observed. A project cannot proceed without a “go” decision by the appropriate senior management for a specific stage gate.
Stakeholder*	N/A	A stakeholder is a person, system or entity that interacts with, is responsible for or has some interest/influence in the system being developed.
Standalone Testing*	N/A	Standalone testing that the information input via the application front-end stores/passes correctly in the application back-end.
Standard Analytical Files*	SAF	SAFs are final action claims level files developed from the Medicare NCH database.
Standard CMMI Appraisal Method for Process Improvement	SCAMPI	SCAMPI is the official Software Engineering Institute method to provide benchmark-quality ratings relative to Capability Maturity Model Integration models. SCAMPI appraisals are used to identify strengths and weaknesses of current processes, reveal development/acquisition risks, and determine capability and maturity level ratings.
Standard Data Processing System	SDPS	SDPS is a CMS-owned system that provides staff with hardware and software tools to enable them to fulfill the requirements of the Quality Improvement Organization programs.
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Standard Generalized Markup Language	SGML	SGML is an ISO-standard technology for defining generalized markup languages for documents.
Standard Information Management System	SIMS	SIMS is a Medicare database that maintains facility name, address, and telephone number information, and information about people with Medicare who have ESRD.

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Standard Operating Procedure*	SOP	An SOP is a step-by-step procedure that promotes uniformity in operations to help clarify and augment such operations.
Standard Paper Remittance*	SPR	SPRs provide the same critical remittance information as recipients of the Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA). However, SPRs do not contain as many fields as ERAs, and the organization is different. SPRs for institutional providers (e.g., hospitals) look different from those received by professional providers (e.g., physicians). Additionally, SPR formats may vary by the Medicare contractor that provides the SPR.
Standard System Maintainer	SSM	The SSM plans and executes all the essential levels of testing. At a minimum, this includes Unit testing, Integration testing, System testing, and Regression testing. Maintainers are also responsible for performing Interface Testing.
Standard*	N/A	A standard is an established norm or requirement.
Standardized Infection Rate*	SIR	SIR is a statistic used to track healthcare associated infections (HAIs) over time, at a national, state, or facility level. SIR compares the actual number of HAIs at each hospital with the predicted number of infections.
Standardized Readmission Ratio*	SRR	SRR reflects the number of readmission events for patients at a dialysis facility, relative to the number of expected readmission events. Expected readmission events are based on overall national rates, characteristics of the patients at the dialysis facility, and the number of discharges.
Standardized Transfusion Ratio*	STrR	STrR is the ratio of observed to expected transfusion events in adult dialysis patients.
State Exchange Resource Tracking System	SERTS	SERTS is a CMS content management system that State officers use to track State Marketplace implementation milestones and answers to technical assistance questions States submit.
State Exchange Resource Virtual System	SERVIS	SERVIS is the Frontend to SERTS for States that allows States to submit a technical question and see a subset of SERTS documents, events, news and announcements, and submitted answers.

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State Health Insurance Assistance Program	SHIP	SHIP provides free help to New Jersey Medicare beneficiaries who have problems with, or questions about their health insurance. SHIP is a Statewide program sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services with major funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
State Innovation Models	SIM	The SIM Initiative supports the development and testing of state-based models for multi-payer payment and health care delivery system transformation with the aim of improving health system performance for residents of participating states. The projects will focus on people enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
State Operations and Technical Assistance	SOTA	The SOTA initiative provides support and assistance to states on Medicaid and CHIP changes under the Affordable Care Act.
State Partnership Marketplace	SPM	With an SPE, States can continue to serve as the primary points of contact for issuers and consumers, and work with the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Marketplace that best meets the needs of State residents.
State Summary	SS	SS is an MSIS data mart that contains eligibility and claim data aggregated to the monthly, quarterly, and annual levels by State.
State-Based Exchange	SBE	An SBE is a health insurance Marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act.
State-Based Marketplace	SBM	An SBM is a transparent and competitive insurance marketplace within a specific State where individuals and small businesses can buy qualified health benefit plans. Marketplaces offer a choice of health plans that meet certain benefits and cost standards.
Stateful Packet Inspection	SPI	SPI (also Stateful inspection or dynamic packet filtering) is a firewall architecture that works at the network layer. SPI tracks each connection traversing all interfaces of the firewall and makes sure they are valid.
Statement of Objectives	N/A	A Statement of Objectives is a defined set of needs or outcomes that a customer wishes to be satisfied, but is unclear how to fulfill the need.
Statement of Work	SOW	An SOW is a formal document that captures and defines the work activities, deliverables, and timeline a vendor executes in performance of specified work for a customer.



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Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Carrier	SADMERC	SADMERC performs large-scale analysis for all four DMERCs.
Statistical Analysis System	SAS	SAS is a programming language consisting of a suite of modules designed for business intelligence and customer relationship management.
Status Verification Office	SVO	The SVO is an office with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service that provides status verification.
Stewards of Change	N/A	Stewards of Change is a business with a social mission, to provide public, private and nonprofit human service agencies with cross-sector innovations to take social change to scale, and to create a connected health, education, judicial, and human service system that is customer-centric, family-focused, community-engaged, and technology-enabled.
Storage Area Network*	SAN	A SAN is a dedicated storage network that provides access to consolidated, block level storage.
Storage Management Group	SMG	SMG is group within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services responsible for managing files on the mainframe. They support file backup to tape, space allocation to the larger file, and file deletion.
Storage Technology Corporation	STK	See StorageTek.
StorageTek	STK	STK (also Storage Technology Corporation) is a data storage, technology company. Current StorageTek products focus on tape backup equipment and software to manage storage systems.
Stored Procedure*	N/A	A stored procedure is a subroutine available to applications accessing a relational database system.
Stored Process Web Application	SPWA	SAS SPWA is a is a Java Web application that can execute stored processes and return results to a Web browser.
Strategic Service Management	STSM	STSM is a CMMI process area for establishing and maintaining standard services in concert with strategic needs and plans.
Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, or Threats*	SWOT	SWOT is a strategic planning method to evaluate the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats involved in a project or in a business venture. It involves specifying the objective of the business venture or project and identifying the internal and external factors that are favorable and unfavorable to achieve that objective.

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Stress Testing*	N/A	This is a form of testing that determines the stability of a given system or entity. It involves testing beyond normal operational capacity, often to a breaking point, in order to observe the results.
Structured Query Language Net	SQL*Net	SQL*Net (up to and including version 7) is Oracle's client/server middleware product that offers transparent connection from client tools to the database or from one database to another.
Structured Query Language*	SQL	SQL is a database computer language designed for managing data in relational database management systems.
Stub	N/A	To Stub is to replace a method, a function, or an entire object with a version that produces hard-coded responses.
Student and Exchange Visitor Information System	SEVIS	SEVIS is the Web-accessible database for monitoring information about exchange visitors, international students, and scholars subject to this program.
Sub Health Plan	SHP	An SHP is a health plan where a controlling health plan directs their business activities, actions, or policies.
Sub Health Plan Identifier	SHPID	An SHPID is the identifier for a health plan where a controlling health plan directs their business activities, actions, or policies.
Subcontractor Management Plan	N/A	The Subcontractor Management Plan is document describing the managerial approach to selecting subcontractors, identifying the services that the subcontractors provide, establishing and maintaining agreements with the subcontractors, executing agreement, and monitoring subcontractor performance. This plan is one of the subordinates to the Project Management Plan (PMP.)
Subcutaneous*	SC	SC means situated or applied under the skin.
Subject Matter Expert*	SME	A SME (pronounce as smee) is a person who is an expert in a particular area or topic.
Submission Engine Validation Tool	SEVT	SEVT is a testing tool which allows for format validation of data files against the most current published data submission specifications.
Submitter ID Number	SID	The submitter ID number is the value that identifies your organization to the HETS 270/271 system.
Subscriber*	N/A	The subscriber is the person uniquely identified to an information source.
Subversion	SVN	SVN is a free, open-source version control system.

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Sun	N/A	Sun, also Sun Microsystems, is a large computer manufacturer.
SunOS	N/A	SunOS is a version of the UNIX operating system developed by Sun Microsystems for their workstation and server computer systems. The SunOS name is usually only used to refer to versions 1.0 to 4.1.4 of SunOS. These versions were based on Berkeley Software Distribution, while SunOS version 5.0 and later are based on UNIX System V Release 4, and are marketed under the brand name Solaris.
Super-Delete	N/A	Super-Delete is a formalized process at CMS where physical delete of individual records leaves no history or audit inside a table structure.
Supplemental Medical Insurance	SMI	SMI is health insurance sold by private insurance companies to supplement an original Medicare plan. Medicare SMI, commonly known as Medigap, covers additional healthcare costs that may not be covered under the traditional Medicare plan, such as emergency room services and ambulatory surgical procedures.
Supplemental Security Income	SSI	SSI is a Social Security program that pays benefits to disabled adults and <a href="#">children</a> who have limited income and resources.
Supplier Agreement Management	SAM	SAM is the CMMI process area for managing the acquisition of products from suppliers.
Support Contractor*	SC	An SC is a contractor under a contract, the primary purpose of which is to furnish independent and impartial advice or technical assistance directly to the Government in support of the Government's management and oversight of a program or effort.
Supporting Business Service	SBS	An SBS provides a supporting or utility function for a business service. The Hub, and possibly the Marketplace and other agencies, implement SBSs. All Federal DSH business services are SBSs.
Surrogate Key*	SK	The SK is a unique identifier for either an entity in the modeled world or an object in the database.
SUSE Linux	N/A.	SUSE Linux is a computer operating system built on top of the Linux kernel.
SWF	N/A	SWF, or .swf, is a file format for multimedia, vector graphics, and ActionScript in the Adobe Flash environment.

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Sybase	N/A	Sybase is an Enterprise software and services company.
Symantec	N/A	Symantec Corporation is the largest maker of security software for personal computers.
Syncsort	N/A	Syncsort is a sort/merge/copy and data management utility.
SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security	SANS	The SANS Institute is a private U.S. company that specializes in Internet security training.
Syslog	N/A	Syslog is a standard for logging program messages. It allows separation of the software that generates messages from the system that stores them and the software that reports and analyzes them. It also provides devices that would otherwise be unable to communicate a means to notify administrators of problems or performance.
System Activity Report	SAR	A SAR provides information about system activities.
System Administration, Audit, Networking, and Security	SANS	The SANS Institute is a private U.S. company that specializes in Internet security training.
System Administrator*	SA	A system administrator is a person who maintains and operates a computer system and/or network.
System and Communication Protection	SC	SC is the formal, documented procedures to facilitate the implementation of a system and communication protection policy and associated system and communication protection controls.
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System and Information Integrity	SI	SI consists of formal, documented procedures to facilitate the implementation of the system and information integrity policy and associated system and information integrity controls.
System and Services Acquisition	SA	SA consists of formal, documented procedures to facilitate the implementation of the system and services acquisition policy and associated system and services acquisition controls.
System Design Document	SDD	The SDD documents both high-level system design and low-level detailed design specifications.

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System Design Review	SDR	An SDR is a technical review that evaluates the manner in which a project's system requirements allocated to configuration items, manufacturing considerations, next phase planning, production plans, and the engineering process that produced the allocation. This review occurs when the system definition is at a point where defining system characteristics and configuration items is complete. A successful SDR establishes a functional baseline.
System Development Life Cycle*	SDLC	SDLC is an approach to develop an information system or software product using a linear sequence of steps that progress from start to finish.
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System Development Management Plan	SDMP	This plan is part of project management and includes a strategy to align development with the organization's broader objectives, standards for new systems, project management policies for timing and budgeting, procedures describing the process, and evaluation of quality of change.
System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing	SERFF	SERFF enables companies to send and States to receive, comment on, and approve or reject insurance industry rate and form filings.
System Integration Testing*	SIT	SIT is a testing process that exercises a software system's coexistence with others. System integration testing takes multiple integrated systems that have passed system testing as input and tests their required interactions. Following this process, the deliverable systems move into acceptance testing.
System Life Cycle Framework*	SLC	This framework is a comprehensive set of policies, processes, procedures, standards, artifacts, reviews, and resources that provides guidance for IT investment and system life cycle management.
System Management Basic Input Output System	SMBIOS	SMBIOS is a specification that defines data structures (and access methods) in BIOS and allows a user or application to store and retrieve information specifically about the computer in question.
System Management Facility	SMF	The SMF is a feature of the Solaris operating system that creates a supported, unified model for services and service management on each Solaris system and replaces init.d scripts. The SMF introduces Dependency order.

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System Manager Subsystem	SMS	The SMS provides file management and validation. It is the primary file transfer and retention manager for National Provider Identifier Crosswalk System.
System of Records	SOR	An SOR is a group of any records under the control of any agency from which information retrieval is by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifier assigned to the individual. The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish notice of its systems of records in the federal Register. This notice is a System of Records Notice (SORN).
System of Records Notice	SORN	An SORN is a notice describing each system of records proposed for establishment or significant revision by a federal agency that the agency must publish in the federal Register for review and comment by the public and other interested parties as part of the prescribed review and approval process.
System of Reference	N/A	The System of Reference is any applications system, other than the System of Record, where data is stored and used, but not maintained.
System Problem Report*	SPR	An SPR represents an issue/problem found in the operation of the software where the results do not match the expected outcome of a requirement.
System Requirement*	SR	An SR is a prerequisite hardware component or software resource.
System Requirements Specifications	SyRS	SyRS are a structured collection of information that embodies the requirements of a system.
System Security Officer	SSO	See ISSO.
System Security Plan	SSP	The SSP documents the current level of existing security controls within the system that protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the system and its information.
System Test Summary Report	SYS TSR	The SYS TSR is a draft TSR that contains the results of a release system test and contributes to the final TSR.
System Testing*	N/A	System testing of software or hardware is testing conducted on a complete, integrated system to evaluate the system's compliance with its specified requirements. System testing falls within the scope of black-box testing, and as such, requires no knowledge of the inner design of the code or logic.

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System Trust	SysTrust	SysTrust is an assurance service that increases the comfort of management, customers, and business partners with systems that support a business or particular activity.
System Usability Scale	SUS	An SUS is a simple, ten-item attitude Likert scale giving a global view of subjective assessments of usability.
Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program	SAVE Program	The SAVE Program enables federal, State and local benefit-issuing agencies to obtain immigration status information to determine applicant eligibility for many public benefits.
Systemic Clarification Question	SCQ	A Facility POC submits an SCQ if he or she believes an issue within the ESRD QIP scoring process may impact multiple facilities.
Systems Engineering Life cycle	SELC	SELC is an approach to develop an information system or software product using a linear sequence of steps that progress from start to finish.
Systems Implementation Staff	SIS	SIS is a component of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (CCSQ).
Systems Management Division	SMD	SMD is a division within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Center for Program Integrity/Data Analytics and Control Group.
Systems Modeling Language*	SysML	SysML is a general-purpose modeling language for systems engineering applications.
Systems Network Architecture	SNA	SNA is a set of network protocols IBM originally designed for IBM mainframe computers. SNA evolved over the years and now supports peer-to-peer networks of workstations.
Systems Security Group	SSG	The SSG of the OIS serves as the principal advisor and technical authority for IT systems security policies, processes, procedures, templates, and guidance.
Systems Security Manual	SSM	This manual provides overview of primary roles and responsibilities, a program management planning table to assist System Security Officers and other security staff in coordinating system security programs at business partner sites, and the collection of CMS policies, procedures, standards, and guidelines found on the CMS Information Security (IS) Virtual Handbook Website at: <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/InformationSecurity/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/InformationSecurity/</a> .

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TA1 Segment	N/A	This is the Interchange Acknowledgement segment of an X12 document. This segment reports the receipt of the contents of one interchange control header and trailer envelope where that envelope surrounds one or more functional groups. This acknowledgment transfers between the interchange receiver and sender as addressed in the interchange header. The TA1 reports the results of the syntactical analysis of the interchange control header and trailer. There is no acknowledgment for the TA1, thereby preventing an endless loop of acknowledgments.
Tableau	N/A	Tableau is business intelligence software that allows data connection in a few clicks and visualization and creation of interactive, sharable dashboards with a few more clicks.
Tablespace*	N/A	A tablespace is a logical storage unit within an Oracle database.
Tabletop Test	N/A	In a tabletop test, participants gather in a room to walk through plan activities step-by-step. Tabletop exercises can effectively demonstrate whether team members know their duties in an emergency.
Tag*	N/A	A tag is a marker to highlight notable revisions in the history of the repository.
Tagged Image File Format	TIFF	TIFF is a file format for storing images, popular among graphic artists, the publishing industry, and both amateur and professional photographers in general.
TAP Files	N/A	TAP files are used to capture claims data in the National Claims History system.
Tape Management System	TMS	TMS is computer software that manages the usage and retention of computer backup tapes.
Tar	N/A	Tar (derived from tape archive) is both a file format and the name of a program that handles such files.
Target Enterprise Architecture	TEA	TEA is a well-defined practice for conducting enterprise analysis, design, planning, and implementation, using a holistic approach at all times, for the successful development and execution of strategy. TEA applies architecture principles and practices to guide organizations through the business, information, process, and technology changes necessary to execute their strategies. These practices use various aspects of an enterprise to identify, motivate, and achieve these changes.



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Target Life Cycle*	TLC	The TLC is a full replacement of the CMS Expedited Life Cycle (XLC). The TLC replaces the creation of prescribed artifacts with business flexibility, and replaces point-in-time gate reviews with continuous evaluation and situational reviews.
Task*	N/A	The team adds Tasks at the beginning of a Sprint and breaks the Task down into hours. Each Task should not exceed 12 hours, but it's common for teams to insist that a Task take no more than a day to finish.
Taxpayer Identification Number	TIN	A TIN identifies entities for tax-related purposes such as filing tax returns, or other actions such as opening a bank account.
Team Backlog*	N/A	The team backlog contains user and enabler stories that originate from the program backlog, as well as stories that arise locally from the team's local context. It may include other work items as well, representing all the things a team needs to do to advance their portion of the system.
Team Lead	TL	A TL provides guidance, instruction, direction, and leadership to a group of other individuals (the team).
TeamForge	N/A	TeamForge is an integrated, Web-based platform that enables teams to work collaboratively through the various stages of the life cycle.
Technical Advisory Board	TAB	A TAB is a body that provides non-binding strategic technical advice to the executive leadership of a company.
Technical Advisory Group	TAG	A TAG analyzes technical options and suggests solutions.
Technical Change Control Board	TCCB	TCCB is a committee of stakeholders of critical systems who approve major software updates before allowing them into production.
Technical Compliance Board	TCB	The TCB is a CMS group that oversees stage gate reviews and ensures that findings are addressed.
Technical Design Board	TDB	The TDB is a CMS group that reviews the technical design of software development projects.
Technical Direction Board	TDB	The TDB is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) decisionmaking body that decides what technologies project teams can use.
Technical Expert Panel	TEP	A TEP is a group of stakeholders and experts who provide technical input to the measure contractor on the development, selection, and maintenance of measures for which CMS contractors are responsible.

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Technical Lead*	TL	A TL defines and coordinates all the technical tasks for the development of the software system.
Technical Reference Architecture	TRA	This standard provides the authoritative technical architecture approach and technical reference standards for the CMS Enterprise IT architecture.
Technical Reference Model	TRM	The TRM is a foundation that describes the standards, specifications, and technologies supporting the delivery, exchange, and construction of business (or service) components and E-Gov solutions.
Technical Review	N/A	A Technical Review is a form of peer review in which a team of qualified personnel examines the suitability of the software product for its intended use and identifies discrepancies from specifications and standards.
Technical Review Board	TRB	A TRB is a committee that ensures the technology choices made by the organization are the best option for all groups and departments.
Technical Writing Group	TWG	The TWG is the group of technical writing and documentation management specialists at QSSI who write, edit, and format for Section 508 Compliance, and/or format for client template requirements documents produced by QSSI using a set of quality checklists.
Technology Management Group	TMG	TMG of OIS serves as the principal advisor and technical authority for infrastructure management policies, processes, procedures, templates, and guidance.
TeckPros	N/A	TechPros provides a full life cycle of consulting and technology services with global capabilities.
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf	TDD	See TTY.
Telecommunications Industry Association	TIA	TIA is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop voluntary, consensus-based industry standards for a wide variety of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) products, and currently represents nearly 400 companies.
Teletypewriter*	TTY	A TTY is a special device that lets people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech-impaired use the telephone to communicate, by allowing them to type text messages. Hearing users refer to this device as a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) but the Deaf community does not accept this term. They still prefer the term, TTY.

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Telnet	N/A	Telnet is a network protocol used on the Internet or local area networks to provide a bidirectional interactive text-oriented communication facility using a virtual terminal connection.
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	TANF	TANF is a federal program to provide cash assistance to indigent American families with dependent children through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
Temporary Protected Status	TPS	TPS is the status individuals receive who are seeking provisional refuge because conditions in their country (i.e., war or disaster) pose a risk to their safety and security.
Terabyte*	TB	A TB is a unit of information equal to 1000 gigabytes.
Teradata	N/A	Teradata Corporation is a vendor specializing in data warehousing and analytic applications.
Teradata Parallel Transporter	TPT	TPT is a parallel multi-function load environment that provides scalable access to data sources from a single interface using a single structured query language-like scripting language or an open application programming interface.
Teradata Tools and Utilities	TTU	TTU is a Windows install package that includes SQL Assistant, load and unload utilities, database management, administration and drivers, etc.
Terminal Access Controller Access-Control System	TACACS	TACACS is a remote authentication protocol used in communications with an authentication server commonly used in UNIX networks.
Terracotta	N/A	Terracotta is a computer software company that specializes in increasing scalability, availability, and performance of real-time Big Data applications.
Terremark	N/A	Terremark, a Verizon company, is a provider of information technology services.
Terremark digitalOps	N/A	The Terremark digitalOps service delivery platform combines end-to-end systems management workflow with a comprehensive customer portal.
Test Case Specification*	TCS	A TCS describes the purpose of a specific test, identifies the required inputs and expected results, provides step-by-step procedures for executing the test, and outlines the pass/fail criteria for determining acceptance.
Test Case*	TC	A TC provides steps, expected results, and actual results for a testing scenario.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Test Environment	TEST	TEST is the environment where all testing of the system occurs.
Test Harness	N/A	A test harness, or automated test framework, is a collection of software and test data configured to test a program unit by running it under varying conditions and monitoring its behavior and outputs.
Test Incident Report	TIR	A TIR is a detailed report of the actual versus expected results of a test, when a test has failed, and anything indicating why the test failed.
Test Phase*	N/A	The primary purpose of the Test Phase is to determine whether the automated system/application software or other IT solution developed or acquired and preliminarily tested during the Development Phase is ready for implementation.
Test Plan	TP	The TP describes all of the activities, resources, and responsibilities related to a particular release, including the scheduling of that release.
Test Qualification Method	N/A	With the Test Qualification Method, compliance with requirements validation is by evaluating or executing an item under controlled conditions, configurations, and inputs in order to observe the response. The tester(s) then quantify and analyze the results.
Test Readiness Review	TRR	A TRR assesses contractor readiness for testing configuration items, including hardware and software.
Test Report*	TR	A TR is a document that summarizes the outcome of testing in terms of items tested, summary of results, effectiveness of testing and lessons learned.
Test Scenario*	N/A	A test scenario is any series of actions that are associated and that can be tested.
Test Summary Report	TSR	The TSR summarizes the testing activities performed during the development of a system or system release.
TestComplete	N/A	TestComplete is an automated testing tool, developed by SmartBear Software which aims to allow testers to create software quality tests.
Test-Driven Development	TDD	TDD is a software development process that relies on the repetition of a very short development cycle: the developer writes an (initially failing) automated test case that defines a desired improvement or new function, produces the minimum amount of code to pass that test, and refactors the new code to acceptable standards.

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Testing Qualification Method	N/A	Test Qualification Method includes evaluating and executing test scenarios under controlled conditions, configurations, and inputs in order to observe responses from the Federal DSH.
The Joint Commission	TJC	TJC is a United States-based nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c) organization that accredits more than 20,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States.
Theme	N/A	A theme is a top-level objective that may span projects and products. A theme may be broken down into sub-themes, which are more likely to be product-specific. The team may use themes at both the program and product level to drive strategic alignment and communicate a clear direction.
Thin Client	N/A	A thin client (sometimes also called a lean or slim client) is a computer or a computer program that depends heavily on some other computer (its server) to fulfill its traditional computational roles.
Third Party Administrator	TPA	TPA is an entity responsible for making payment on behalf of a group health plan.
Third Party System	TPS	The primary purpose of the TPS is to process beneficiary premium billing accretions and deletions to third party premium payer accounts (State Medicaid agencies, Office of Personnel Management) and formal third party groups and surcharge only group payers for the following actions.
Threat Agent*	N/A	A threat agent is a method or thing used to exploit vulnerability in an information system, operation, or facility.
Threat Analysis*	N/A	Threat Analysis is the examination of all actions and events that might adversely affect a system or operation.
Threat*	N/A	A threat is any circumstance or event with the potential to cause harm to a system in the form of destruction, disclosure, modification of data, and/or denial or service.
TIBCO	N/A	TIBCO (previously The Information Bus Company) is a provider of infrastructure software for companies to use on-premise or as part of cloud computing environments.
TIBCO MFT Platform Server	N/A	TIBCO MFT Platform Server enables organizations to secure and control file-transfer activity on all major platforms.
Time Sharing Option*	TSO	TSO is a communication protocol from client workstation to mainframe.

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Title XIX	N/A	Title XIX of the Social Security Act provides for federal grants to the States for medical assistance program.
TIU Consulting	N/A	TIU Consulting provides solutions and structured troubleshooting for ecommerce, Websites, databases, and mobile applications.
Tivoli	N/A	IBM Tivoli is a provider of Integrated Service Management software.
Tivoli Common Reporting	TCR	TCR provides a software component and report definition guidelines and report templates that Tivoli products, business partners, and customers can use.
Tivoli Enterprise Portal	TEP	The TEP client, also known as the portal client, is a Java-based user interface that connects to the portal server.
Tivoli Enterprise Portal Server	TEPS	TEPS provides the core Presentation Layer for data retrieval, manipulation, analysis, and pre-formatting.
Tivoli Integrated Portal	TIP	TIP defines communication between portlets.
Tivoli Performance Viewer	TPV	The Tivoli Performance Viewer is a performance monitor for WebSphere Application Server shipped with WebSphere Application Server 5.0. The viewer retrieves performance data by periodically polling the administrative server. Data is collected continuously and retrieved as needed from within the viewer.
Tivoli Portal Client	N/A	Tivoli Portal Client provides access to the Tivoli Enterprise Portal.
Tivoli Workload Scheduler	TWS	The TWS, or maestro scheduler, is a workload automation product that plans, executes, and tracks jobs on several platforms and environments
To Be Determined*	TBD	TBD refers to something to be determined, decided, developed, or done, etc. in the future.
Toad	N/A	Toad is a software application for use in development and administration of various relational databases using SQL.
Total Cholesterol*	TC	TC is a direct cholesterol measurement that measures all cholesterol molecules in the blood, including low density lipoproteins (LDL), high density lipoproteins (HDL), and very low density lipoproteins (VLDL).
Total Cost of Ownership*	TCO	TCO is a financial estimate intended to help buyers and owners determine the direct and indirect costs of a product or system.

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Total Performance Score	TPS	The TPS is the weighted summation of all ESRD QIP quality of care measure scores. A facility must have at least one clinical measure score and one reporting measure score to receive a TPS.
Total Quality Score	TQS	CMS uses a set of standardized quality measures to determine the TQS for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Seamless Care Organizations (ESCOs).
Trace Number*	TRN	A TRN is tracking number used to identify a piece of information.
Traceability*	N/A	Traceability is the ability to trace relationships between two or more requirements.
Tracer Bullet	N/A	The Tracer Bullet is a Spike with the current architecture, current technology set, and current set of best practices that result in production quality code. It might just be a very narrow implementation of the functionality but is not throw-away code. It is of production quality and rest of the iterations can build on this code.
Trading Partner	TP	A Trading Partner may be an organization, group of organizations, or some other entity with which an agreement exists to exchange information
Trading Partner Agreement	TPA	A TPA describes specific healthcare data processing requirements. In addition, In addition, TPAs specify EDI processing functions and requirements. They cannot change standards in any way. TPAs are different for each health plan and payer. This gives the Trading Partners much needed flexibility.
Trading Partner Management	TPM	See TPMS.
Trading Partner Management System	TPMS	The TPMS manages and authenticates submitter IDs.
Training Plan	TrP	The TrP describes the overall goals, learning objectives, and activities to perform to develop, conduct, control, and evaluate instruction to provide to users, operators, administrators, and support staff who use, operate, and/or otherwise support an automated system/application or other IT solution.
Transaction and Code Sets	TCS	Transactions are electronic exchanges involving the transfer of information between two parties for specific purposes. Code sets refer to procedures, diagnoses, and drugs.

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Transaction Manager	TM	TM is a system software component that manages global transactions on behalf of application programs. TM coordinates commands from application programs and communication resource managers to start and complete global transactions by communicating with all resource managers participating in the transactions.
Transaction Portal Environment	TPE	A TPE is an environment that houses portals whose primary purpose is to provide users with a system with which to execute transactions or to receive updates of transactions executed by other users. Transaction portals are usually the integration of two or more disparate systems.
Transactions per Second*	TPS	TPS refers to the number of database transactions performed per second.
Transferrin Saturation*	TSAT	TSAT, measured as a percentage, is a medical laboratory value. It is the value of serum iron divided by the total iron-binding capacity.
Transition Plan	N/A	A Transition Plan is a document that describes the steps necessary to change contractor control of a project from the outgoing contractor to the incoming contractor.
Transition Resource Team	TRT	A TRT is a group of representatives from a contractor that is engaged in transitioning control of a project from the outgoing contractor to the incoming contractor.
Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol	TCP/IP	TCP/IP is a standard method of sending data packets across a computer network, focused on routing and connection issues.
Transparent Network Substrate	TNS	TNS is a proprietary Oracle computer networking technology that supports homogeneous peer-to-peer connectivity on top of other networking technologies, such as TCP/IP, SDP, and named pipes. TNS is mainly used for connection with Oracle databases.
Transport Layer Security*	TLS	TLS and its predecessor SSL are cryptographic protocols that provide security for communications over networks such as the Internet. TLS and SSL encrypt the segments of network connections at the transport layer end-to-end.
TransX	N/A	The TransX utility simplifies the loading of translated seed data and messages into a database and reduces internationalization and cost.
Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations	TPO	TPO concerns the protection of personal health information during the core health activities of treatment, payment, and health card operations per Privacy Rule 45 64.501.



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Trend Micro	N/A	Trend Micro is a company that specializes in Cloud security, and the development of Internet content security and threat management solutions.
Trianz Consulting	N/A	Trianz Consulting is a management consulting and information technology firm.
TRICARE	N/A	TRICARE is the Department of Defense healthcare program that provides healthcare coverage for medical services, medications, and dental care for military families and retirees and their and survivors.
Trigger	N/A	A Trigger is an action or activity that occurs that causes the scenario to begin.
Triglyceride*	TG	TG is an ester formed from glycerol and three fatty acid groups. TGs are the main constituents of natural fats and oils, and high concentrations in the blood indicate an elevated risk of stroke.
Triple Data Encryption Algorithm	TDEA	The TDEA is an approved cryptographic algorithm as required by FIPS 140-2, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules.
Tripwire	N/A	Tripwire is a software security and data integrity tool useful for monitoring and alerting on specific file changes on a range of systems. Tripwire functions as a host-based intrusion detection system.
True Out-of-Pocket Costs	TrOOP Costs	TrOOP Costs are annual prescription drug expenses that count toward the Part D out-of-pocket limit and trigger catastrophic coverage.
Trunk	N/A	The trunk is the main line of development in a Subversion repository.
Trusted Agent FISMA	TAF	TAF is a system that tracks key security statistics for FISMA systems to support compliance with FISMA.
Trusted Data Source	TDS	TDSs are recognized, primary sources of valid and trusted data. TDSs provide secure information to support business processes and include federal agencies, State agencies, and other entities.
Tuple	N/A	A tuple is an ordered list of elements.
Turbine	N/A	Turbine is a tool for aggregating streams of Server-Sent Event (SSE) JSON data into a single stream.

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Twiddle	N/A	Twiddle is a command execution tool.
Two-Factor Authentication*	N/A	Two-factor authentication is a security process in which the user provides two means of identification, one of which is typically a physical token, such as a card, and the other of which is typically something in memory, such as a security code.
Type of Bill	TOB	The TOB is a 3-digit alphanumeric code that identifies what type of provider is billing and in what sequence.
Type of Service	TOS	TOS is an indicator that the Medicare Administrative Contractor/carrier places on the Part B claim record. The indicator is mainly used for data purposes.
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service	USCIS	The USCIS is a component of the Department of Homeland Security. The USCIS promotes national security, works to eliminate immigration case backlogs, and improves customer services.
U.S. Code	USC	The USC is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the U.S.
U.S. Naval Observatory	USNO	The USNO is one of the oldest scientific agencies in the U.S., with a primary mission to produce positioning, navigation, and timing for the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Department of Defense.
U.S. Pharmacopeia	USP	USP is the official publication for U.S. drug product standards.
U.S. Postal Service	USPS	The USPS is an independent agency of the U.S. government responsible for providing postal service in the U.S. It is one of the few government agencies explicitly authorized by the U.S. Constitution.
UBenefit	N/A	UBenefit is a Cloud-based business application that assists subscribers in making benefit decisions.
Uber	N/A	Uber denotes an outstanding or supreme example of a particular kind of person or thing.
Ubuntu	NA	Ubuntu is a computer operating system based on the Debian Linux distribution and distributed as free and open source software.
UCS Transformation Format-8 bit	UTF-8	UTF-8 is a variable width encoding that can represent every character in the Unicode character set.
UK Ministry of Defense Architecture Framework	MODAF	MODAF is an architecture framework, which defines a standardized way of conducting Enterprise Architecture.

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Ultrasound Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	AAA	AAA is a one-time screening ultrasound for people at risk. Medicare only covers this screening upon referral due to your one-time Welcome to Medicare physical exam.
Unauthorized Disclosure*	N/A	Unauthorized disclosure is the exposure of information to individuals not authorized to receive it.
Uncompress*	N/A	The uncompress utility restores files to their original State after compression using the compress utility. In the instance of no file specification, the standard input will be uncompressed to the standard output.
Undertow	N/A	Undertow is a flexible Web server written in Java that is based on the J2SE New Input Output (NIO) API.
Underutilization by Drug Dosage Report	UuDD Report	The UuDD Report evaluates utilization management activities by analysis of PDE claims with potentially low dosages in COPR.
Unicast	N/A	Unicast transmission is the sending of messages to a single network destination identified by a unique address.
Unified Global Extract	UGE	The UGE is a Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System Provider extensible markup language file that contains information about Individual and Organizational Provider Enrollments.
Unified Modeling Language	UML	UML is a standardized general-purpose modeling language in the field of object-oriented software engineering.
Unified Profile for DoDAF/MODAF	UPDM	UPDM is the product of an Object Management Group initiative to develop a modeling standard that supports both the USA Department of Defense Architecture Framework and the UK Ministry of Defense Architecture Framework.
Uniform Resource Identifier*	N/A	A URI is a string of characters used to identify a name or a resource on the Internet.
Uniform Resource Locator*	URL	The URL is a global address of documents and other resources on the World Wide Web.
Uninterruptible Power Supply*	UPS	An uninterruptible power supply (or uninterruptible power source or battery/flywheel backup) is an electrical apparatus that provides emergency power to a load when the input power source, typically the utility mains, fails.
Unique Identifier*	UI	A UI is any identifier that is be unique among all identifiers used for a specific purpose.

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Unique Patient Identifier*	UPI	The UPI is a combination of the ESRD National Renal Administrators Association (NRAA) Facility identifier (ID) and patient electronic medical record number (MRN).
Unique Physician Identification Number	UPIN	See Unique Provider Identification Number.
Unique Practitioner Identification Number	UPIN	See Unique Provider Identification Number.
Unique Provider Identification Number	UPIN	UPIN is a six-position identifier with a suffix, assigned by the UPIN Registry, submitted on Part A, Part B, and DMEPOS claims to identify physicians, physician groups, non-physician practitioners, and referring or ordering physician/practitioners on Medicare claims. Assignment of UPINs ceased on June 29, 2007.
Unit of Measure*	UOM	UOM is a standard unit or system of units by which a quantity is accounted for and expressed.
Unit Testing*	N/A	Unit testing is a software testing methodology in which the tester conducts individual tests (unit tests) for each small part of a program
United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business	UN/CEFACT	UN/CEFACT is an organization that makes international EDI standards for electronic trade documents in XML format.
United Network for Organ Sharing	UNOS	UNOS is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization that administers the only Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) in the United States.
United States Code	USC	The USC is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States.
United States Department of Veterans Affairs	VA	The VA (sometimes incorrectly referred to as the Veteran's Administration) is a department of the Executive branch charged with providing benefits and care for veterans, surviving spouses, and children.
United States Digital Services	USDS	USDS is a part of the Executive Office of the President. It provides consultation services to federal agencies on information technology. It seeks to improve and simplify digital service and to improve federal Web sites.
United States Government Configuration Baseline	USGCB	USGCB is an initiative is to create security configuration baselines for Information Technology products widely deployed across the federal agencies.

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United States Postal Service	USPS	The USPS is an independent agency of the United States government responsible for providing postal service in the United States. It is one of the few government agencies explicitly authorized by the United States Constitution.
United States Renal Data System	USRDS	USRDS is a national data system that collects, analyzes, and distributes information about end-stage renal disease (ESRD) in the United States.
Unity Health	N/A	Unity Health is the manager of the Federal Government Community Health Program.
Universal Character Set*	UCS	UCS is a standard set of characters that is the basis for many character encodings. UCS contains nearly 100,000 abstract characters, each identified by an unambiguous name and an integer number called its code point.
Universal Content Management	UCM	UCM is a content management system made by Oracle Corporation. UCM is a product within the Oracle ECM suite.
Universal Database	UDB	The DB2 UDB is a multiuser version of DB2 that allows creation and management of single-partitioned or partitioned database environments.
Universal Product Code*	UPC	UPC is a barcode symbology that is widely used in North America, and in countries including the UK, Australia, and New Zealand for tracking trade items in stores.
Universal Serial Bus*	USB	USB is a specification to establish communication between devices and a host controller (usually personal computers).
Universal Tablespace*	UTS	UT is a combination of partitioned and segmented tablespace schemes.
Universally Unique ID	UUID	A UUID is an identifier standard in software construction. UUIDs enable distributed systems to uniquely identify information without significant central coordination.
University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center	UM-KECC	UM-KECC is a national center with a mission to promote health through improved clinical practice and patient outcomes with a focus on renal disease, chronic kidney disease, and organ transplantation.
UNIX	N/A	UNIX is a multi-user operating system used to create most of the programs and protocols that built the Internet.
UNIX System Services	USS	USS is IBM's implementation of UNIX OS that runs under z/OS
Untar	N/A	Untar uncompresses compressed tar files.

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Update*	U	An Update is used to change data on an existing record, such as the alignment date should not be open ended, but should be end-dated in the first quarter. An update record can only be submitted on a file with add or delete records. A replacement record is not valid on a file with update records.
Urea Kinetic Modeling	UKM	UKM is a hemodialysis prescription technique that includes calculation of a patients' protein catabolic rate.
Urea*	N/A	Urea is a colorless crystalline compound that is the main nitrogenous breakdown product of protein metabolism in mammals and is excreted in urine.
URS	URS	URS Corporation is a fully integrated engineering, construction, and technical services organization with the capabilities to support every stage of the project lifecycle.
URS-Apptis	N/A	URS-Apptis is a provider of information technology solutions and services for government and industry.
US Computer Emergency Readiness Team	US-CERT	US-CERT is a Federal under the Department of Homeland Security with the mission to improve the nation's cyber security posture, coordinate cyber information sharing, and proactively manage cyber risks to the nation while protecting the constitutional rights of Americans.
Usability Testing*	N/A	Usability testing is a technique used to evaluate a product by testing it on users.
Use Case*	N/A	A use case is a description of a system's behavior as it responds to a request that originates from outside that system. In other words, a use case describes who can do what with the system in question.
User Acceptance Testing*	UAT	UAT is testing where the end user assesses the program in any way deemed necessary and appropriate to determine whether the program is ready for production.
User Experience*	UX	UX refers to a person's emotions and attitudes about using a particular product, system, or service. It includes the practical, experiential, affective, meaningful, and valuable aspects of human-computer interaction and product ownership.
User Identification Number	UI Number	The UI number is the set of characters a user employs to identify him or her to the system as a valid user.
User Interface*	UI	A UI is a program that controls a display for the user (usually on a computer monitor) and that allows the user to interact with the system.

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User Manual	UM	A UM is a technical communication document that assists people using a particular system.
User Requirement*	UR	A UR is a something that users require a software system to do (functional requirement); alternatively, a UR is a standard for the performance of a system (non-functional requirement).
User Story*	N/A	A user story (or story) is a feature the team adds to the backlog that has a specific, suggested structure. A story is an independent, negotiable, valuable, estimable, small, testable requirement.
User*	N/A	A user is a person, organization, or other entity that employs the services provided by a telecommunication system, or by an information processing system, for transfer of information.
User-Centered Design*	UCD	UCD is a framework of processes (not restricted to interfaces or technologies) in which usability goals, user characteristics, environment, tasks and workflow of a product, service or process are given extensive attention at each stage of the design process.
Utilization of Disenrolled Beneficiaries Report	UDB Report	The UDP Report evaluates utilization of disenrolled beneficiaries for Part D plans' potential discriminatory practices by analysis of Prescription Drug Event (PDE) claims in COPR.
Validation and ID Protection	VIP	The VIP Service leverages a shared validation infrastructure operated by Symantec that enables enterprises to deploy and accept second-factor authentication without managing and operating their own self-standing authentication infrastructure.
Validation Environment	VAL	The VAL environment is the environment where the integrity and correctness of data are established.
Validation Readiness Review	VRR	The VRR provides assurance that the software about to enter Validation testing has completed thorough Development testing during the development of the automated system/application and is ready for turnover to the formal, controlled test environment where validation testing occurs.
Validation Testing*	N/A	Validation Testing validates the product or system fulfills the client requirements.
Validation*	VAL	Validation in CMMI is an SQC process that addresses the question: Are we building the correct product?

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Value-Based Payment Modifier	VBPM	VBPM is a budget-neutral payment modifier based on relative quality and cost of care.
Value-Based Purchasing	VBP	The goal of VBP is to align Medicare payments to performance on healthcare costs and quality of care measures. VBP is part of the CMS effort to transform Medicare from a passive payer to an active purchaser of higher quality and more efficient healthcare.
Vascular Access*	VA	VA is the means by which a Hemodialysis apparatus is connected to blood vessels.
vCenter	N/A	vCenter, formerly known as VirtualCenter, is the centralized management tool for the vSphere suite. VMware vCenter Server allows for the management of multiple ESX servers and virtual machines from different ESX servers through a single console application.
Velocity*	N/A	Velocity refers to the total effort a team is capable of in a Sprint. The team derives the number by adding all the Story Points from the last Sprint's Stories/Features. This is a guideline for the team and assists them in understanding how many stories they can do in a Sprint.
Vendor*	N/A	A vendor provides hardware, software, and/or ongoing technical support to healthcare providers or suppliers.
Ventech Solutions	N/A	Ventech Solutions is a public sector focused system integration and consulting services firm headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.
Verification and Validation*	V&V	Verification and validation is the process of checking that a product, service, or system meets specifications and that it fulfills its intended purpose. Verification refers to doing the thing right (following required processes and procedures); validation refers to doing the right thing (meeting the customers' needs).
Verification Information System	VIS	VIS is the system that supports the DHS SAVE Program and E-Verify Program.
Verification of Qualified Health Plan, Advance Payment of the Premium Tax Credit, and Cost-Sharing Reduction Enrollment	Verification of QHP, APTC, & CSR Enrollment	The Verification of QHP, APTC, & CSR Enrollment Service verifies whether an individual applying for coverage from an SBM is enrolled in a QHP, and receiving APTCs and/or CSRs from a different Marketplace, and the coverage date ranges if applicable.
Verification Testing*	N/A	Verification testing ensures that a product, service, or system (or portion thereof, or set thereof) meets a set of design requirements, specifications, and regulations.



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Verification*	VER	VER is a CMMI process area for ensuring that selected work products meet their specified requirements.
Verify Annual Household Income and Family Size	IFSV	The IFSV Service, previously and incorrectly VAH or VHI, retrieves tax return information from the IRS for use in evaluating taxpayer eligibility and enrollee continued eligibility for insurance affordability programs. The household income part of the service retrieves Social Security benefit amounts from the SSA, quarterly wage information from the trusted data source, and unemployment insurance income from the trusted data source.
Verify Current Household Income	N/A	The Verify Current Household Income Service retrieves the Social Security benefit amount from the SSA, quarterly wage information from the trusted data source (TDS), and unemployment insurance income from the TDS.
Verify Death (Death Master File) - Periodic Death Match	Verify Death (DMF) Periodic Death Match	The Verify Death (DMF) Periodic Death Match Service notifies the Federally Facilitated Marketplace and State Based Marketplaces (Medicaid/CHIP) about deceased enrollee updates that are actively enrolled in one or more Qualified Health Plan at the point of pre-defined quarterly timeframe (or as required) identification of the enrollee records.
Verify Employer-Sponsored Insurance Minimal Essential Coverage	Verify ESI MEC	The Verify ESI MEC Service retrieves information from the federal Employee Health Benefits Program, operated by the Office of Personnel Management, for use in evaluating applicant eligibility and enrollee continued eligibility for insurance affordability programs.
Verify Incarceration Status	N/A	The Verify Incarceration Status Service assists in determining eligibility by communicating an individual's full name, date of birth, and Social Security Number to the Social Security Administration to verify applicant incarceration status.
Verify Lawful Presence	VLP	The VLP Service retrieves immigration status from the DHS for use in evaluating eligibility determinations made by the Marketplace, and verification of information for participation in Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Basic Health Program.
Verify Non-Employer Sponsored Insurance Minimal Essential Coverage	Verify Non-ESI MEC	The Verify Non-ESI MEC Service determines whether the individual is already eligible for MEC through public health plans, including Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Basic Health Program, Medicare, the Veterans Health Program, TRICARE, and the Peace Corps.

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VeriSign	N/A	VeriSign operates intelligent infrastructure services that enable people and businesses to find, connect, secure, and transact, by providing encrypted communications when viewing Web pages, logging into an account, and downloading reports.
VeriSign Identity Protection	VIP	VIP provides two-factor and risk-based token-less authentication.
Veritas NetBackup	N/A	Veritas NetBackup provides a simple yet comprehensive selection of innovative clients and agents to optimize the performance and efficiency of your backup and recovery environment.
Verizon Business Network Services	VBNS	VBNS provides data communications services for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Department of Health and Human Services.
Verizon Business Network Services	VBNS	This network provides data communications services for CMS and HHS.
Version Description Document	VDD	The VDD is the primary configuration control artifact used to identify, track, and control versions of automated systems and/or applications for release to the operational environment.
Very Early Smoke Detection Apparatus*	VESDA	A VESDA is a laser based smoke detection system.
Very Large Database*	VLDB	A VLDB is a database that contains an extremely high number of tuples (database rows), or occupies an extremely large physical file system storage space.
Veteran's Administration	N/A	See VA.
Veterans Health Administration	VHA	The VHA is the component of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that implements the medical assistance program of the VA through the administration and operation of numerous VA outpatient clinics, hospitals, medical centers, and long-term healthcare facilities.
Veterans Health Program	VHP	The VHP is a health program specifically for veterans.

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Violence Against Women Act	VAWA	The VAWA is a federal law that provides \$1.6 billion toward investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women, imposes automatic and mandatory restitution on those convicted, and allows civil redress in cases prosecutors chose to leave unprosecuted. The Act also establishes the Office on Violence Against Women within the Department of Justice. Its coverage extends to male victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
Virtual Central Processing Unit	vCPU	A vCPU is a virtual central processing unit assigned to a virtual machine within the VMware ESXi infrastructure.
Virtual Data Mart*	VDM	A VDM is a set of views or aggregation tables used to facilitate reporting. The information about the objects is in the same set of views/tables in the data dictionary views.
Virtual Desktop Infrastructure*	VDI	VDI is virtualization technology that hosts a desktop operating system on a centralized server in a data center. VDI is a variation on the client-server computing model, sometimes referred to as server-based computing.
Virtual Internet Protocol	VIP	A VIP address (or VIPA) is an Internet Protocol address assigned to multiple applications residing on a single server, multiple domain names, or multiple servers.
Virtual Internet Protocol Address	VIPA	A VIPA (or VIP address) is an Internet Protocol address assigned to multiple applications residing on a single server, multiple domain names, or multiple servers.
Virtual Local Area Network*	VLAN	A VLAN is a group of hosts with a common set of requirements that communicate as if attached to the same broadcast domain, regardless of their physical location.
Virtual Machine*	VM	A VM is a simulation of a machine (abstract or real) that is usually different from the target machine (where the simulation is taking place).
Virtual Observer*	N/A	Virtual Observer is a call recording and quality optimization suite of software.
Virtual Private Cloud*	VPC	A VPC is an on-demand configurable pool of shared computing resources allocated within a public cloud environment, providing a certain level of isolation between the different organizations using the resources.
Virtual Private Network	VPN	A VPN is a network set up for use by a limited number of individuals, such as employees of a company, operating over a large area. The network typically uses encryption to keep information secure.

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Virtual Storage Access Method	VSAM	VSAM is a mass storage access method that contains logical rather than physical datasets.
Virus*	N/A	A virus is a software program capable of reproducing itself and usually capable of causing great harm to files or other programs on the same computer.
Visual Basic	VB	Visual Basic is the third-generation event-driven programming language and integrated development environment from Microsoft for its COM programming model.
Visual SourceSafe	VSS	VSS is a source control, software package generally for small software development projects. VSS creates a virtual library of computer files. While most commonly used for source code, VSS can actually handle any type of file in its database.
Vital Information System to Improve Outcomes in Nephrology	VISION	VISION supports electronic data entry and encrypted transmission of ESRD patient and facility data from dialysis facilities directly to their networks and CMS.
vMotion	N/A	vMotion allows the migration of operational guest virtual machines between similar but separate hardware hosts sharing the same storage (or, with vMotion Storage, separate storage is also usable). Each of these transitions is completely transparent to any users on the virtual machine at the time of migration.
VMware	N/A	VMware is an American software company that provides Cloud and virtualization software and services.
VMware, Inc.	N/A	VMware, Inc.(Vmware) is an American software company that provides cloud and virtualization software and services,
Voice Carry Over*	VCO	VCO is a telephone call that uses an operator's typed text to allow a person who cannot hear but does speak to use their voice while receiving responses from a person who can hear.
Voice Over Internet Protocol	VoIP	VoIP refers to the communication protocols, technologies, methodologies, and transmission techniques involved in the delivery of voice communications and multimedia sessions over IP networks, such as the Internet.
Volume Serial Number	VOLSER	VOLSER refers to the number and barcode listed on data tapes.
Voluntary Product Accessibility Template	VPAT	VPAT is the former name of the Section 508 Product Assessment.

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vSphere	N/A	vSphere, (formerly developed as VMware Infrastructure 4) is VMware's first Cloud operating system, able to manage large pools of virtualized computing infrastructure, including software and hardware.
Vulnerability Analysis*	N/A	Vulnerability analysis is the examination of a system to determine the adequacy of security measures, identify security deficiencies, and provide data to predict the effectiveness of proposed security measures.
Vulnerability Assessment*	N/A	Vulnerability assessment is the process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing (or ranking) the vulnerabilities in a system.
Vulnerability*	N/A	A vulnerability is a weakness in system security procedures, system design, implementation, internal controls, etc. that could be exploited to violate system security policy and result in one or more system loss categories.
Walkthrough*	N/A	A walkthrough is a type of peer review in which participants present, discuss, and step through a work product to find errors. Walkthroughs of requirements documentation are used to verify the correctness of requirements.
Walld	N/A	Walld is a service used to send messages to all terminals connected to a system.
Warm Site*	N/A	A warm site is a location that has the basic infrastructure of a cold site, but also has sufficient computer and telecommunications equipment installed and available to operate the system at the site. However, the equipment is not loaded with the software or data required to operate the system.
Washington Publishing Company	WPC	WPC provides assistance to the public regarding Transaction and Code Sets issues.
Waterfall*	N/A	The waterfall model is a sequential (non-iterative) design process, used in software development processes, in which progress is seen as flowing steadily downwards (like a waterfall) through the phases of conception, initiation, analysis, design, construction, testing, production/implementation and maintenance.
Web Accessibility Initiative-Accessible Rich Internet Applications	WAI-ARIA or ARIA	WAI-ARIA is a technical specification published by the World Wide Web Consortium that specifies how to increase the accessibility of Web pages, in particular, dynamic content and user interface components developed with Ajax, HTML, JavaScript and related technologies.

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Web Application Bridge	WAB	WAB is a feature that uses reverse proxy technology to integrate different web applications natively inside WebSphere Portal pages so that WebSphere Portal becomes the single window of access to users.
Web Application Integrator	WAI	WAI for IBM WebSphere Portal (WebAppIntegrator) is a solution that allows you to integrate external Web applications with WebSphere Portal version 6.0 or later. It allows organizations to centralize access to external Web applications within the enterprise.
Web Browser	N/A	A Web browser is a software application for retrieving, presenting, and traversing information resources on the World Wide Web.
Web Client	N/A	A Web client is a software application launched via a Web browser.
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines	WCAG	WCAG are part of a series of web accessibility guidelines published by the Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), the main international standards organization for the Internet. They consist of a set of guidelines for making content accessible, primarily for people with disabilities, but also for all user agents, including highly limited devices, such as mobile phones.
Web Content Management	WCM	WCM is a software system that provides Web site authoring, collaboration, and administration tools designed to allow users with little knowledge of Web programming languages or markup languages to create and manage Web site content with relative ease.
Web Developer*	WD	A WD is a software developer or software engineer who develops World Wide Web applications, or distributed network applications that run over HTTP from a Web server to a Web browser.
Web Report Studio	WRS	WRS is part of the SAS Enterprise Business Intelligence Server, and provides access to query and reporting capabilities on the Web.
Web Server	N/A	A Web server is a computer program that delivers (serves) content, such as Web pages, using the HTTP, over the WWW.
Web Service Level Agreement	WSLA	A WSLA is a standard for service level agreement compliance monitoring of Web services.

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Web Services Addressing	WS-Addressing	WS-Addressing is a specification of transport-neutral mechanisms that allow Web services to communicate addressing information. It essentially consists of two parts: a structure for communicating a reference to a Web service endpoint, and a set of Message Addressing Properties that associate addressing information with a particular message.
Web Services Description Language	WSDL	WSDL is a draft specification from World Wide Web Consortium to describe networked services in terms of what they can do, where they reside on the network, and how to invoke them.
Web Services for Remote Portlets	WSRP	WSRP is an OASIS-approved network protocol standard designed for communications with remote portlets.
Web Services Interoperability Organization	WS-I	WS-I is an industry consortium chartered to promote interoperability amongst the stack of Web services specifications. WS-I does not define standards for Web services; rather, it creates guidelines and tests for interoperability.
Web Services Policy	WS-P	WS-P is a machine-readable language Web service capabilities and requirements as policies.
Web Services Security	WSS or WS-Security	WSS is a flexible and feature-rich extension to SOAP to apply security to Web services. The protocol specifies how to enforce integrity and confidentiality on messages, and allows the communication of various security token formats.
Webarchive File*	WAR File	WAR (.war) is a file format available on Macintosh OS X and Windows for saving and reviewing complete Web pages using the Safari browser.
Web-Based Data Collection Tool	WBDCT	WBDCT allows providers associated with Hospital Quality Reporting, or any of their authorized vendors, to enter information related to the environment in which care is provided.
Web-Based Enterprise Management	WBEM	WBEM is a set of systems management technologies that unifies the management of distributed computing environments.
WebCenter	N/A	WebCenter is Oracle's portfolio of user engagement software products built on top of the JSF-based Oracle Application Development Framework. WebCenter is targeted at enterprise and larger accounts that have significant content management requirements and the need to deliver that information with internal or external portals, customer-facing websites or within integrated business applications.

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WebCenter Content	WCC	WCC is Oracle's Enterprise Content Management (ECM) platform.
WebCenter Interaction	WCI	WCI, formerly called BEA AquaLogic User Interaction, is an integrated collection of components used to create enterprise portals, collaborative communities, and composite and social applications.
WebGate	N/A	WebGate is an out-of-the-box plug-in that intercepts Web resource requests and forwards them to the Access Server for authentication and authorization.
WebLogic	N/A	WebLogic is a server software application that runs on a middle tier, between back-end databases and related applications and browser-based thin clients.
WebLogic Server	WLS	WLS is a Java EE application server developed by Oracle Corporation.
Webmetrics	N/A	Webmetrics is a provider of Web performance management platforms.
WebSphere	N/A	WebSphere is a set of Java-based tools from IBM that allow customers to create and manage sophisticated business Websites.
WebSphere Application Server	WAS	WAS is a software application server that is the flagship product within IBM's WebSphere brand.
WebSphere Business Integration	WBI	WBI is a suite of products used to integrate both legacy and newly created applications.
WebSphere Business Integration Message Broker	WBIMB	See WMB.
WebSphere Message Broker	WMB	The WMB (previously the WebSphere Business Integration Message Broker or WBIMB) is an information broker from the WebSphere product family that allows business information to flow between disparate applications across multiple hardware and software platforms.
WebSphere Message Queue	WebSphere MQ	IBM WebSphere MQ is a family of network software products, previously known as MQSeries, a trademark that IBM rebranded in 2002 to join the suite of WebSphere products. WebSphere MQ, often referred to simply as MQ by users, is IBM's Message Oriented Middleware offering. It allows independent and potentially non-concurrent applications on a distributed system to communicate with each other.



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WebSphere Operational Decision Management	WODM	An IBM WebSphere tool that provides an elegant development environment, along with a dedicated business user interface, for automating and governing frequently occurring, repeatable business decisions. It provides visibility on how decisions are updated by the team; collaboration across the team using social media style communication; and governance to manage decisions including intuitive versioning capabilities.
WebSphere Portal Server	WPS	WPS is an IBM product that enables companies to build and manage Web portals.
Weekly Automatic Call Distribution Report	Weekly ACD Report	This is a weekly report that lists auto-generated calls for the week.
Weekly Status Report*	WSR	The WSR keeps management apprised of daily and weekly tasks.
Weighted Shortest Job First*	WSJF	WSJF is a prioritization model used to sequence jobs (ex., Features, Capabilities, and Epics) to produce maximum economic benefit. In SAFE, WSJF is estimated as the Cost of Delay (CoD) divided by job size.
WellPoint	N/A	WellPoint is the largest managed health care, for-profit company in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.
White List*	N/A	A white list is a list or register of entities, applications, or e-mail domains receive a particular privilege, service, mobility, access, or recognition. As a verb, to white list means to authorize access or grant membership.
White-Box*	N/A	White-box testing (also known as clear box testing, glass box testing, transparent box testing, and structural testing) is a method of testing software that tests internal structures or workings of an application, as opposed to its functionality (i.e. black-box testing).
WhiteHat Security	N/A	WhiteHat Security helps prevent Website attacks by providing Web security solutions.
Wide Area Network	WAN	WAN is a computer network that covers a broad area (i.e., any network whose communications links cross metropolitan, regional, or national boundaries).
WildFly	N/A	WildFly, formerly known as JBoss, is an application server authored by JBoss, now developed by Red Hat. WildFly is written in Java, and implements the Java Platform, Enterprise Edition (Java EE) specification. WildFly is free and open-source software that runs on multiple platforms.
Windows 2003	W2003	W2003 is the Microsoft 2003 server operating system.

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Windows Media Video	WMV	WMV is a video compression format for several proprietary codecs developed by Microsoft.
Windows SharePoint	WSP	WSP is a file extension for a solution file that Windows uses.
Windows Software Update Service	WSUS	WSUS enables IT administrators to deploy the latest Microsoft product updates to computers that are running the Windows operating system. By using WSUS, administrators can fully manage the distribution of updates that are released through Microsoft Update to computers in their network.
WinZip	N/A	WinZip is a proprietary file archiver and compressor for Microsoft Windows.
Wireless Access Point	WAP	A WAP is a device that allows wireless devices to connect to a wired network using Wi-Fi, or related standards.
Wireless Local Area Network*	WLAN	WLAN is a wireless computer network that links two or more devices using a wireless distribution method within a limited area, such as a home, school, computer laboratory, or office building.
Work Breakdown Structure*	WBS	A WBS is a tool used to define and group a project's discrete work elements (or tasks) in a way that helps organize and define the total work scope of the project.
Work in Progress*	WIP	WIP is an organization's partially finished products waiting for completion and eventual use or the value of these items.
Work Product List*	WPL	A WPL captures artifacts under configuration control for a project.
Workflow Manager	WFM	A WFM provides a set of controls for managing workflow.
Workforce Investment Act	WIA	The government enacted the WIA of 1998 to replace the Job Training Partnership Act and certain other federal job training law with new workforce investment systems (or workforce development).
Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange	WEDI	WEDI (pronounced wee dee) is a not-for-profit user group in the U.S. for users of EDI in public and private healthcare.
Workstation on Wheels	WOW	A WOW is a mobile workstation commonly used in the Healthcare field.
World Wide Web	WWW	The WWW is the set of all information accessible using computers and networking, each unit of information identified by a URI.

Term	Acronym	Definition
World Wide Web Consortium	W3C	W3C is the main international standards organization for the World Wide Web (abbreviated WWW or W3).
X.509	N/A	X.509 is an International Telecommunications Union Telecommunication Standardization Sector standard for a public key infrastructure and Privilege Management Infrastructure.
X12	N/A	X12 is a messaging standard format developed by ANSI. X12 exchanges specific data between two or more Trading Partners.
Xcelsius	N/A	Xcelsius is a customizable data visualization software package that enables users of different skill levels to create dashboards from various data sources.
Xebium	N/A	Xebium is an open source test tool.
XenApp	N/A	XenApp (formerly Citrix WinFrame Server, Citrix MetaFrame Server, and Citrix Presentation Server) is a thin client product that allows users to connect to their corporate applications. XenApp can host applications on central servers and allow users to interact with them remotely or stream and deliver them to user devices for local execution.
XML Contentbase Connector	XCC	The XDBC is an interface to communicate with the MarkLogic Server from a Java or .NET middleware application layer.
XML Database Connector	XDBC	See XML Contentbase Connector.
XML Path Language	XPath	XPath is a query language for selecting nodes from an XML document or computing values from the content of an XML document.
XML Schema Definition	XSD	XSD is a term for the XML Schema language.
XML-binary Optimized Packaging	XOP	XOP is a mechanism defined for the serialization of Extensible Markup Language information sets that contain binary data, as well as deserialization back into the XML information set.
XProc	N/A	XProc is a Worldwide Web Consortium Recommendation to define an Extensible Markup Language transformation language to define Extensible Markup Language Pipelines
XQuery	N/A	XQuery is a query and functional programming language that queries collections of XML data.
XStream	N/A	XStream is a simple library to serialize objects to XML and back again.

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Xymphony Discovery Protocol	XDP	XDP allows system service members and administrators to quickly and easily locate Telesis IP systems in a network.
Yale-New Haven Health Services Corporation	YNHHSC	YNHHSC, doing business as Yale New Haven Health System, provides managed healthcare services in Connecticut.
z/Admin	N/A	z/Admin is the Consul z/Secure administration tool.
z/Audit	N/A	z/Audit is the Consul z/Secure auditing product for z/OS systems with RACF
z/Linux	N/A	Linux on system z, or z/Linux, is the collective term for the Linux operating system compiled to run on IBM mainframes, especially System z machines. Other terms with the same meaning include Linux on System z10, Linux on System z9, Linux on zSeries, Linux/390, zLinux, Linux on System z, etc.
z/Lock	N/A	z/Lock is the Consul z/Secure tool for verifying the contents of RACF commands down to the parameter level
z/Operating System	z/OS	z/OS is the IBM operating system that includes and integrates functions previously provided by many IBM software products.
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z/Virtual System Extended	z/VSE	z/VSE is an operating system for IBM mainframe computers, the latest one in the DOS/360 lineage, which originated in 1965. It is less common than prominent z/OS and is mostly on smaller machines.
Zettabyte File System	ZFS	ZFS is a combined file system and logical volume manager designed by Sun Microsystems. The features of ZFS include data integrity, support for high storage capacities, integration of the concepts of file system and volume management, snapshots and copy-on-write clones, continuous integrity checking and automatic repair, etc. ZFS is open-source software.
ZIP File	N/A	ZIP is a file format for data compression and archiving. A ZIP File contains one or more compressed files that reduce file size.
Zone Improvement Plan Code	ZIP Code	A ZIP Code is a system of postal codes used by the U.S. Postal Service.

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Zuul	N/A	Zuul is a JVM-based router and server-side load balancer by Netflix.