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## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

### **CHAPTER 4**

1. Section 9.1.
  - a. This change confirms that sufficient reliable evidence exists to support the determination that Endovenous Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA) for the treatment of saphenous venous reflux w/ incompetent perforator veins is proven safe and effective. EFFECTIVE DATE: 05/01/11.
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2. Section 24.2. This change confirms that sufficient reliable evidence exists to support the determination that the SynCardia temporary Total Artificial Heart (TAH) is proven safe and effective for the treatment of end-stage biventricular heart failure when used as a bridge to heart transplantation. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/18/2005.

### **APPENDIX A**

3. This change adds Humanitarian Device Exemption (HDE) and Total Artificial Heart (TAH) to the Acronyms and Abbreviations list.



## Cardiovascular System

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### 1.0 CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODES

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### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

The cardiovascular system involves the heart and blood vessels, by which blood is pumped and circulated through the body.

### 3.0 POLICY

**3.1** Medically necessary services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the cardiovascular system are covered.

**3.2** Ventricular Assist Devices (VADs).

**3.2.1** VADs (external and implantable) are covered if the device is U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved and used in accordance with FDA approved indications.

**3.2.2** VADs as destination therapy (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code 33979) are covered if they have received approval from the FDA for that purpose and are used according to the FDA approved labeling instructions. Benefits are authorized when the procedure is performed at a TRICARE-certified heart transplantation center, a TRICARE-certified pediatric consortium heart transplantation center, or a Medicare facility which is approved for VAD implantation as destination therapy, for patients who meet all of the following conditions:

**3.2.2.1** The patient has chronic end-stage heart failure (New York Heart Association Class IV end-stage left ventricular failure for at least 90 days with a life expectancy of less than two years).

**3.2.2.2** The patient is not a candidate for heart transplantation.

**3.2.2.3** The patient's Class IV heart failure symptoms have failed to respond to optimal medical management, including a dietary salt restriction, diuretics, digitalis, beta-blockers, and ACE inhibitors (if tolerated) for at least 60 of the last 90 days.

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**3.2.2.4** The patient has Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF) less than 25%.

**3.2.2.5** The patient has demonstrated functional limitation with a peak oxygen consumption of less than 12 ml/kg/min; or the patient has a continued need for intravenous inotropic therapy owing to symptomatic hypotension, decreasing renal function, or worsening pulmonary congestion.

**3.2.2.6** The patient has the appropriate body size (by device per FDA labeling) to support the VAD implantation.

**3.3** Gamma and beta intracoronary radiotherapy (brachytherapy) is covered for the treatment of in-stent restenosis in native coronary arteries.

**3.4** Transmyocardial Revascularization (TMR) (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedures codes 33140 and 33141).

**3.4.1** Coverage is available for patients with stable class III or IV angina which has been found refractory to standard medical therapy, including drug therapy at the maximum tolerated or maximum safe dosages. In addition, the angina symptoms must be caused by areas of the heart not amenable to surgical therapies such as percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, stenting, coronary atherectomy or coronary bypass.

**3.4.2** Coverage is limited to those uses of the laser used in performing the procedure which have been approved by the FDA for the purpose for which they are being used.

**3.5** TMR as an adjunct to Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) is covered for patients with documented areas of the myocardium that are not amenable to surgical revascularization due to unsuitable anatomy.

**3.6** FDA approved IDE clinical trials. See [Chapter 8, Section 5.1, paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6](#) for policy.

**3.7** Endovenous Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA)/obliteration (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure codes 36475 and 36476) and endovenous laser ablation/therapy (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure codes 36478 and 36479) for the treatment of saphenous venous reflux with symptomatic varicose veins **and/or incompetent perforator veins** is covered when:

**3.7.1** One of the following indications is present:

**3.7.1.1** Persistent symptoms interfering with activities of daily living in spite of conservative/non-surgical management. Symptoms include aching, cramping, burning, itching and/or swelling during activity or after prolonged standing.

**3.7.1.2** Significant recurrent attacks of superficial phlebitis.

**3.7.1.3** Hemorrhage from a ruptured varix.

**3.7.1.4** Ulceration from venous stasis where incompetent varices are a contributing factor.

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**3.11.7** All procedures are performed in a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved facility that has been determined to be competent in performing the evaluation, procedure, and follow-up necessary to ensure optimal patient outcomes.

#### **4.0 EXCLUSIONS**

**4.1** Thermogram; cephalic (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure code 93760); peripheral (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure code 93762) are unproven.

**4.2** Percutaneous Myocardial Laser Revascularization (PMR) is unproven.

**4.3** Cardiomyoplasty (Cardiac Wrap) for treatment of heart failure is unproven.

**4.4** Minimally Invasive CABG surgery to include Minimally Invasive Direct Coronary Artery Bypass (MIDCAB) and Port Access Coronary Artery Bypass (PACAB) are unproven.

**4.5** Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA) in the treatment of obstructive lesions of the vertebral and cerebral arteries is unproven. PTA of the carotid artery without stenting is unproven. PTA of the carotid artery with stenting but without embolic protection (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure code 37216) is unproven.

**4.6** Signal-Average Electrocardiography (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure code 93278) is unproven.

**4.7** Percutaneous transluminal mechanical thrombectomy vein(s) including intraprocedural pharmacological thrombolytic injections and fluroscopic guidance (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure code 37187) is unproven.

**4.8** Percutaneous transluminal mechanical thrombectomy, vein(s) including intraprocedural pharmacological thrombolytic injections and fluroscopic guidance, repeat treatment on subsequent day during course of thrombolytic therapy (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure code 37188) is unproven.

**4.9** Intracranial angioplasty with stenting (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure code 61635) of the venous sinuses for treatment of pseudotumor cerebri (also known as idiopathic intracranial hypertension and benign intracranial hypertension) is unproven.

#### **5.0 EFFECTIVE DATES**

**5.1** March 1, 2001, for gamma and beta intracoronary radiotherapy (brachytherapy).

**5.2** January 1, 2002, for TMR.

**5.3** October 1, 2003, for VADs as destination therapy.

**5.4** December 1, 2003, for endovenous RFA/obliteration.

**5.5** January 1, 2005, for ABPM.

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**5.6** March 17, 2005, for PTA of the carotid artery with stenting in beneficiaries at high risk for CEA.

**5.7** March 21, 2006, for percutaneous transluminal mechanical thrombectomy for acute limb ischemia.

**5.8** January 1, 2007, for pulmonary vein isolation/ablation.

**5.9** January 1, 2009, for endovenous laser ablation/therapy.

**5.10** May 1, 2011, for endovenous RFA/obliteration for the treatment of incompetent perforator veins.

**5.11** July 27, 2012, for endovenous laser ablation/therapy for the treatment of incompetent perforator veins.

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**2.3.14** Insulin-requiring diabetes mellitus (because the diabetes is often accompanied by occult vascular disease and because the diabetes and its complications are exacerbated by chronic corticosteroid therapy).

**2.3.15** Asymptomatic severe peripheral or cerebrovascular disease (because of accelerated progression in some patients after cardiac transplantation and chronic corticosteroid treatment).

**2.3.16** Peptic ulcer disease (because of the likelihood of early postoperative exacerbation); and

**2.3.17** Current or recent history of diverticulitis (considered as a source of active infection which may be exacerbated with the initiation of immunosuppressant therapy).

**2.4** Services and supplies related to heart transplantation are covered for:

**2.4.1** Evaluation of a potential candidate's suitability for heart transplantation whether or not the patient is ultimately accepted as a candidate for transplantation.

**2.4.2** Pre- and post-transplant inpatient hospital and outpatient services.

**2.4.3** Pre- and post-operative services of the transplant team.

**2.4.4** The donor acquisition team, including the costs of transportation to the location of the donor organ and transportation of the team and the donated organ to the location of the transplantation center.

**2.4.5** The maintenance of the viability of the donor organ after all existing legal requirements for excision of the donor organ have been met.

**2.4.6** Blood and blood products.

**2.4.7** U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved immunosuppression drugs to include off-label uses when reliable evidence documents the off-label use is safe, effective, and provided in accordance with nationally accepted standards of practice in the medical community (proven).

**2.4.8** Complications of the transplant procedure, including inpatient care, management of infection and rejection episodes.

**2.4.9** Periodic evaluation and assessment of the successfully transplanted patient.

**2.4.10** Cardiac rehabilitation.

**2.4.11** Deoxyribonucleic Acid-Human Leucocyte Antigen (DNA-HLA) tissue typing in determining histocompatibility.

**2.4.12** Donor costs.

**2.4.13** Transportation of the patient by life support air ambulance and the services of a certified life support attendant.

**2.5** Ventricular assist devices are covered if the device is FDA approved and used in accordance with FDA approved indications.

**2.6** The SynCardia temporary Total Artificial Heart (TAH) for the treatment of end-stage biventricular heart failure is covered when used as a bridge to heart transplantation.

**2.7** TAHs as destination therapy may be covered if the device has received a Humanitarian Device Exemption (HDE) from the FDA, and the device is used in accordance with FDA approved indications. See [Chapter 8, Section 5.1](#) for the policy regarding HDEs.

### **3.0 POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

**3.1** For beneficiaries who reside in TRICARE regions but fail to obtain preauthorization for heart transplantation, benefits may be extended if the services or supplies otherwise would qualify for benefits but for the failure to obtain preauthorization. If preauthorization is not received, the appropriate preauthorizing authority is responsible for reviewing the claims to determine whether the beneficiary's condition meets the clinical criteria for the heart transplant. Charges for transplant and transplant-related services provided to TRICARE Prime enrollees who failed to obtain PCM referral and contractor authorization will be reimbursed only under POS rules.

**3.2** Benefits will only be allowed for transplants performed at a TRICARE or Medicare approved heart transplantation center. Benefits are also allowed for transplants performed at a pediatric facility that is TRICARE-certified as a heart transplantation center on the basis that the center belongs to a pediatric consortium program whose combined experience and survival data meet the TRICARE criteria for certification. The contractor in whose jurisdiction the center is located is the certifying authority for TRICARE authorization as a heart transplantation center. Refer to [Chapter 11, Section 7.1](#) for organ transplant center certification requirements.

**3.3** Heart transplantation will be paid under the Diagnostic Related Group (DRG).

**3.4** Claims for transportation of the donor organ and transplant team shall be adjudicated on the basis of billed charges, but not to exceed the transport service's published schedule of charges, and cost-shared on an inpatient basis. Scheduled or chartered transportation may be cost-shared.

**3.5** Charges made by the donor hospital will be cost-shared on an inpatient basis and must be fully itemized and billed by the transplant center in the name of the TRICARE patient.

**3.6** Acquisition and donor costs are not considered to be components of the services covered under the DRG. These costs must be billed separately on a standard Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 1450 UB-04 claim form in the name of the TRICARE patient.

**3.7** When a properly preauthorized transplant candidate is discharged less than 24 hours after admission because of extenuating circumstances, such as the available organ is found not suitable or other circumstances which prohibit the transplant from being timely performed, all otherwise authorized services associated with the admission shall be cost-shared on an inpatient basis, since the expectation at admission was that the patient would remain more than 24 hours.

**3.8** Heart transplantations performed on an emergency basis in an unauthorized heart transplant facility may be cost-shared only when the following conditions have been met:

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**3.8.1** The unauthorized center must consult with the nearest TRICARE or Medicare-approved center regarding the transplantation case; and

**3.8.2** It must be determined and documented by the transplant team physician(s) at the approved center that transfer of the patient (to the approved center) is not medically reasonable, even though transplantation is feasible and appropriate.

**4.0 EXCLUSIONS**

**4.1** Expenses waived by the transplant center (e.g., beneficiary/sponsor not financially liable).

**4.2** Services and supplies not provided in accordance with applicable program criteria (i.e., part of a grant or research program; unproven procedure).

**4.3** Administration of an unproven immunosuppressant drug that is not FDA approved or has not received approval as an appropriate "off-label" drug indication.

**4.4** Pre- or post-transplant nonmedical expenses (e.g., out-of-hospital living expenses, to include hotel, meals, privately owned vehicle for the beneficiary or family members).

**4.5** Transportation of an organ donor.

**4.6** Prolonged extracorporeal circulation for cardiopulmonary insufficiency (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure codes 33960 and 33961).

**4.7** AlloMap<sup>®</sup> molecular expression testing for cardiac transplant rejection surveillance.

**5.0 EFFECTIVE DATES**

**5.1** November 7, 1986, for heart transplants.

**5.2** The date of FDA approval for ventricular assist devices.

**5.3** July 18, 2005, for the SynCardia temporary TAH as a bridge to heart transplantation.

**5.4** The date of FDA approval for TAHs as destination therapy.

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FEV <sub>1</sub>	Forced Expiratory Volume
FFM	Foreign Force Member
FHL	Familial Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards (or System)
FIPS PUB	FIPS Publication
FISH	Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization
FISMA	Federal Information Security Management Act
FL	Form Locator
FMCRA	Federal Medical Care Recovery Act
FMRI	Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging
FOBT	Fecal Occult Blood Testing
FOC	Full Operational Capability
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FOUO	For Official Use Only
FPO	Fleet Post Office
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FR	Federal Register Frozen Records
FRC	Federal Records Center
FSH	Follicle Stimulating Hormone
FSO	Facility Security Officer
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
FX	Foreign Exchange (lines)
FY	Fiscal Year
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
<b>GAF</b>	<b>Geographic Adjustment Factor</b>
GAO	General Accounting Office
GDC	Guglielmi Detachable Coil
GFE	Government Furnished Equipment
GHP	Group Health Plan
GHz	Gigahertz
GIFT	Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer
GIQD	Government Inquiry of DEERS
GP	General Practitioner
GPCI	Geographic Practice Cost Index
H/E	Health and Environment
HAC	Health Administration Center Hospital Acquired Condition
HAVEN	Home Assessment Validation and Entry
HBA	Health Benefits Advisor

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HBO	Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
HCC	Health Care Coverage
HCDP	Health Care Delivery Program
HCF	Health Care Finder
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HCG	Human Chorionic Gonadotropin
HCIL	Health Care Information Line
HCM	Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
HCO	Healthcare Operations Division
HCP	Health Care Provider
HCPC	Healthcare Common Procedure Code (formerly HCFA Common Procedure Code)
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (formerly HCFA Common Procedure Coding System)
HCPR	Health Care Provider Record
HCSR	Health Care Service Record
HDC	High Dose Chemotherapy
HDC/SCR	High Dose Chemotherapy with Stem Cell Rescue
<b>HDE</b>	<b>Humanitarian Device Exemption</b>
HDGC	Hereditary Diffuse Gastric Cancer
HDL	Hardware Description Language
HDR	High Dose Radiation
HEAR	Health Enrollment Assessment Review
HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HepB-Hib	Hepatitis B and Hemophilus influenza B
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHA PPS	Home Health Agency Prospective Payment System
HHC	Home Health Care
HHC/CM	Home Health Care/Case Management
HHRG	Home Health Resource Group
HHS	Health and Human Services
HI	Health Insurance
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America
HIC	Health Insurance Carrier
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number
HINN	Hospital-Issued Notice Of Noncoverage
HINT	Hearing in Noise Test
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (of 1996)
HIPEC	Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy
HIPPS	Health Insurance Prospective Payment System
HIQH	Health Insurance Query for Health Agency
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HL7	Health Level 7

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HLA	Human Leukocyte Antigen
HMAC	Hash-Based Message Authentication Code
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HNPCC	Hereditary Non-Polyposis Colorectal Cancer
HOPD	Hospital Outpatient Department
HPA&E	Health Program Analysis & Evaluation
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
HPV	Human Papilloma Virus
HRA	Health Reimbursement Arrangement
HRG	Health Resource Group
HRS	Heart Rhythm Society
HRT	Heidelberg Retina Tomograph Hormone Replacement Therapy
HSCRC	Health Services Cost Review Commission
HSWL	Health, Safety and Work-Life
HTML	HyperText Markup Language
HTTP	HyperText Transfer (Transport) Protocol
HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer (Transport) Protocol Secure
HUAM	Home Uterine Activity Monitoring
HUD	Humanitarian Use Device
HUS	Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome
HVPT	Hyperventilation Provocation Test
IA	Information Assurance
IATO	Interim Approval to Operate
IAVA	Information Assurance Vulnerability Alert
IAVB	Information Assurance Vulnerability Bulletin
IAVM	Information Assurance Vulnerability Management
IAW	In accordance with
IBD	Inflammatory Bowel Disease
IC	Individual Consideration Integrated Circuit
ICASS	International Cooperative Administrative Support Services
ICD	Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
ICD-10-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification
ICD-10-PCS	International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedure Coding System
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICMP	Individual Case Management Program
ICMP-PEC	Individual Case Management Program For Persons With Extraordinary Conditions
ICN	Internal Control Number
ICSP	Individual Corporate Services Provider
ID	Identification Identifier

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IDB	Intradiscal Biacuplasty
IDD	Internal or Intervertebral Disc Decompression
IDE	Investigational Device Exemption Investigational Device
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDES	Integrated Disability Evaluation System
IDET	Intradiscal Electrothermal Therapy
IDME	Indirect Medical Education
IdP	Identity Protection
IDTA	Intradiscal Thermal Annuloplasty
IE	Interface Engine Internet Explorer
IEA	Intradiscal Electrothermal Annuloplasty
IEP	Individualized Educational Program
IFC	Interim Final Rule with comment
IFR	Interim Final Rule
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IG	Implementation Guidance
IgA	Immunoglobulin A
IGCE	Independent Government Cost Estimate
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IHS	Indian Health Service
IIHI	Individually Identifiable Health Information
IIP	Implantable Infusion Pump
IM	Information Management Instant Message/Messaging Intramuscular
IMRT	Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy
IND	Investigational New Drugs
INR	International Normalized Ratio Intramuscular International Normalized Ratio
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
IOC	Initial Operational Capability
IOD	Interface Operational Description
IOLs	Intraocular Lenses
IOM	Internet Only Manual
IOP	Intraocular Pressure
IORT	Intra-Operative Radiation Therapy
IP	Inpatient
IPC	Information Processing Center (outdated term, see SMC)
IPHC	Intraperitoneal Hyperthermic Chemotherapy
IPN	Intraperitoneal Nutrition
IPP	In-Person Proofing

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IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IPS	Individual Pricing Summary
IPSEC	Secure Internet Protocol
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
IQM	Internal Quality Management
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IRR	Individual Ready Reserve
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IRTS	Integration and Runtime Specification
IS	Information System
ISN	Investigation Schedule Notice
ISO	International Standard Organization
ISP	Internet Service Provider
IT	Information Technology
ITSEC	Information Technology Security Evaluation Criteria
IV	Initialization Vector Intravenous
IVD	Ischemic Vascular Disease
IVF	In Vitro Fertilization
JC	Joint Commission (formerly Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO))
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JCIH	Joint Committee on Infant Hearing
JCOS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JFTR	Joint Federal Travel Regulations
JNI	Japanese National Insurance
JTF-GNO	Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations
JUSDAC	Joint Uniformed Services Dental Advisory Committee
JUSMAC	Joint Uniformed Services Medical Advisory Committee
JUSPAC	Joint Uniformed Services Personnel Advisory Committee
KB	Knowledge Base
KO	Contracting Officer
LAA	Limited Access Authorization
LAC	Local Agency Check
LAK	Lymphokine-Activated Killer
LAN	Local Area Network
LASER	Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
LCD	Local Coverage Determination
LCF	Long-term Care Facility
LCIS	Lobular Carcinoma In Situ
LDL	Low Density Lipoprotein
LDLT	Living Donor Liver Transplantation

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LDR	Low Dose Rate
LDT	Laboratory Developed Test
LGS	Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome
LH	Luteinizing Hormone
LLLT	Low Level Laser Therapy
LNT	Lexical Neighborhood Test
LOC	Letter of Consent
LOD	Letter of Denial/Revocation Line of Duty
LOI	Letter of Intent
LOS	Length-of-Stay
LOT	Life Orientation Test
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LSIL	Low-grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesion
LSN	Location Storage Number
LTC	Long-Term Care
LUPA	Low Utilization Payment Adjustment
LV	Left Ventricle [Ventricular]
LVEF	Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
LVRS	Lung Volume Reduction Surgery
LVSD	Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction
MAC	Maximum Allowable Charge Maximum Allowable Cost
MAC III	Mission Assurance Category III
MAID	Maximum Allowable Inpatient Day
MB&RB	Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Branch
MBI	Molecular Breast Imaging
MCIO	Military Criminal Investigation Organization
MCS	Managed Care Support
MCSC	Managed Care Support Contractor
MCSS	Managed Care Support Services
MCTDP	Myelomeningocele Clinical Trial Demonstration Protocol
MD	Doctor of Medicine
MDI	Mental Developmental Index Multiple Daily Injection
MDR	MHS Data Repository
MDS	Minimum Data Set
MEB	Medical Evaluation Board
MEC	Marketing and Education Committee
MEI	Medicare Economic Index
MEPS	Military Entrance Processing Station
MEPRS	Medical Expense Performance Reporting System

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MESA	Microsurgical Epididymal Sperm Aspiration
MET	Microcurrent Electrical Therapy
MFCC	Marriage and Family Counseling Center
MGCRB	Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board
MGIB	Montgomery GI Bill
MH	Mental Health
MHCC	Maryland Health Care Commission
MHO	Medical Holdover
MHS	Military Health System
MHSO	Managing Health Services Organization
MHSS	Military Health Services System
MI	Myocardial Infarction
MI&L	Manpower, Installations, and Logistics
MIA	Missing In Action
MIAP	Multi-Host Internet Access Portal
MIDCAB	Minimally Invasive Direct Coronary Artery Bypass
mild®	Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression
MIRE	Monochromatic Infrared Energy
MLNT	Multisyllabic Lexical Neighborhood Test
MMA	Medicare Modernization Act
MMEA	Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act (of 2010)
MMP	Medical Management Program
MMPCMHP	Maryland Multi-Payer Patient-Centered Medical Home Program
MMPP	Maryland Multi-Payer Patient
MMSO	Military Medical Support Office
MMWR	Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
MNR	Medical Necessity Report
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOH	Medal Of Honor
MOMS	Management of Myelomeningocele Study
MOP	Mail Order Pharmacy
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPI	Master Patient Index
MR	Magnetic Resonance Medical Review Mentally Retarded
MRA	Magnetic Resonance Angiography
MRHFP	Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MRPU	Medical Retention Processing Unit
MRS	Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy
MS	Microsoft® Multiple Sclerosis

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MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MSC	Military Sealift Command
MSIE	Microsoft® Internet Explorer
MSP	Medicare Secondary Payer
MST	Mountain Standard Time
MSUD	Maple Syrup Urine Disease
MSW	Masters of Social Work Medical Social Worker
MT	Mountain Time
MTF	Military Treatment Facility
MUE	Medically Unlikely Edits
MV	Multivisceral (transplant)
MVS	Multiple Virtual Storage
MWR	Morale, Welfare, and Recreation
N/A	Not Applicable
N/D	No Default
NAC	National Agency Check
NACHA	National Automated Clearing House Association
NACI	National Agency Check Plus Written Inquiries
NACLC	National Agency Check with Law Enforcement and Credit
NADFM	Non-Active Duty Family Member
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NAS	Naval Air Station Non-Availability Statement
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NAVMED	Naval Medical (Form)
NBCC	National Board of Certified Counselors
NCCI	National Correct Coding Initiatives
NCD	National Coverage Determination
NCE	National Counselor Examination
NCF	National Conversion Factor
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCMHCE	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination
NCPAP	Nasal Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
NCPDP	National Council of Prescription Drug Program
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
NDAA	National Defense Authorization Act
NDC	National Drug Code
NDMS	National Disaster Medical System
NED	National Enrollment Database
NETT	National Emphysema Treatment Trial

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NF	Nursing Facility
NG	National Guard
NGPL	No Government Pay List
NHLBI	National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
NHSC	National Health Service Corps
NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NII	Networks and Information Integration
NIPRNET	Nonsecure Internet Protocol Router Network
NIS	Naval Investigative Service
NISPOM	National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NLDA	Nursery and Labor/Delivery Adjustment
NLT	No Later Than
NMA	Non-Medical Attendant
NMES	Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation
NMOP	National Mail Order Pharmacy
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
NMT	Nurse Massage Therapist
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NoPP	Notice of Private Practices
NOSCASTC	National Operating Standard Cost as a Share of Total Costs
NP	Nurse Practitioner
NPDB	National Practitioner Data Bank
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NPPES	National Plan and Provider Enumeration System
NPR	Notice of Program Reimbursement
NPS	Naval Postgraduate School
NPWT	Negative Pressure Wound Therapy
NQF	National Quality Forum
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRS	Non-Routine [Medical] Supply
NSDSMEP	National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs
NSF	Non-Sufficient Funds
NTIS	National Technical Information Service
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee
NUCC	National Uniform Claims Committee
O/ATIC	Operations/Advanced Technology Integration Center
OA	Office of Administration
OAE	Otoacoustic Emissions
OASD(HA)	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)
OASD (H&E)	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Environment)

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OASD (MI&L)	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Installations, and Logistics)
OASIS	Outcome and Assessment Information Set
OB/GYN	Obstetrician/Gynecologist
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OCE	Outpatient Code Editor
OCHAMPUS	Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
OCMO	Office of the Chief Medical Officer
OCONUS	Outside of the Continental United States
OCR	Office of Civil Rights Optical Character Recognition
OCSP	Organizational Corporate Services Provider
OCT	Optical Coherence Tomograph
OD	Optical Disk
OF	Optional Form
OGC	Office of General Counsel
OGC-AC	Office of General Counsel-Appeals, Hearings & Claims Collection Division
OGP	Other Government Program
OHI	Other Health Insurance
OHS	Office of Homeland Security
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OP/NSP	Operation/Non-Surgical Procedure
OPD	Outpatient Department
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OPPS	Outpatient Prospective Payment System
OR	Operating Room
OSA	Obstructive Sleep Apnea
OSAS	Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome
OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Act
OSS	Office of Strategic Services
OT	Occupational Therapy (Therapist)
OTC	Over-The-Counter
OTCD	Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency
OUSD	Office of the Undersecretary of Defense
OUSD (P&R)	Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)
P/O	Prosthetic and Orthotics
P&T	Pharmacy And Therapeutics (Committee)
PA	Physician Assistant
PACAB	Port Access Coronary Artery Bypass
PACO <sub>2</sub>	Partial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide

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SVO	SIT Validation Office
SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
SWLS	Satisfaction With Life Scale
T-3	TRICARE Third Generation
TAD	Temporary Additional Duty
TAFIM	Technical Architecture Framework for Information Management
<b>TAH</b>	<b>Total Artificial Heart</b>
TAMP	Transitional Assistance Management Program
TAO	TRICARE Alaska Office TRICARE Area Office
TAR	Total Ankle Replacement
TARO	TRICARE Alaska Regional Office
TB	Tuberculosis
TBD	To Be Determined
TBE	Tick Borne Encephalitis
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TC	Technical Component
TCMHC	TRICARE Certified Mental Health Counselor
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TCSRC	Transitional Care for Service-Related Conditions
TDD	Targeted Disc Decompression
TDEFIC	TRICARE Dual Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract
TDP	TRICARE Dental Program/Plan
TDY	Temporary Duty
TED	TRICARE Encounter Data
TEE	Transesophageal Echocardiograph [Echocardiography]
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act
TEOB	TRICARE Explanation of Benefits
TEPRC	TRICARE Encounter Pricing (Record)
TEPRV	TRICARE Encounter Provider (Record)
TET	Tubal Embryo Transfer
TF	Transfer Factor
TFL	TRICARE For Life
TFMDP	TRICARE (Active Duty) Family Member Dental Plan
TGRO	TRICARE Global Remote Overseas
TGROHC	TGRO Host Country
TIFF	Tagged Imaged File Format
TIL	Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes
TIMPO	Tri-Service Information Management Program Office
TIN	Taxpayer Identification Number
TIP	Thermal Intradiscal Procedure
TIPS	Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt

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TIS	TRICARE Information Service
TLAC	TRICARE Latin America/Canada
TLC	Total Lung Capacity
TMA	TRICARE Management Activity
TMA-A	TRICARE Management Activity - Aurora
TMAC	TRICARE Maximum Allowable Charge
TMCPA	Temporary Military Contingency Payment Adjustment
TMH	Telemental Health
TMI&S	Technology Management Integration & Standards
TMOP	TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy
TMR	Transmyocardial Revascularization
TMS	Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation
TNEX	TRICARE Next Generation (MHS Systems)
TNP	Topical Negative Pressure
TOB	Type of Bill
TOE	Target of Evaluation
TOL	TRICARE Online
TOM	August 2002 TRICARE Operations Manual 6010.51-M February 2008 TRICARE Operations Manual 6010.56-M
TOP	TRICARE Overseas Program
TOPO	TRICARE Overseas Program Office
TPA	Third Party Administrator
TPC	Third Party Collections
TPharm	TRICARE Pharmacy
TPL	Third Party Liability
TPM	August 2002 TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.54-M February 2008 TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.57-M
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
TPOCS	Third Party Outpatient Collections System
TPR	TRICARE Prime Remote
TPRADFM	TRICARE Prime Remote Active Duty Family Member
TPRADSM	TRICARE Prime Remote Active Duty Service Member
TPRC	TRICARE Puerto Rico Contract(or)
TPSA	Transitional Prime Service Area
TQMC	TRICARE Quality Monitoring Contractor
TRDP	TRICARE Retiree Dental Program
TRI	TED Record Indicator
TRIAP	TRICARE Assistance Program
TRIP	Temporary Records Information Portal
TRM	August 2002 TRICARE Reimbursement Manual 6010.55-M February 2008 TRICARE Reimbursement Manual 6010.58-M
TRO	TRICARE Regional Office
TRO-N	TRICARE Regional Office-North

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TRO-S	TRICARE Regional Office-South
TRO-W	TRICARE Regional Office-West
TRPB	TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Benefits
TRR	TRICARE Retired Reserve
TRRx	TRICARE Retail Pharmacy
TRS	TRICARE Reserve Select
TRSA	TRICARE Reserve Select Application
TSC	TRICARE Service Center
TSF	Target of Evaluation Security Functions
TSM	August 2002 TRICARE Systems Manual 7950.1-M February 2008 TRICARE Systems Manual 7950.2-M
TSP	Target of Evaluation Security Policy
TSR	TRICARE Select Reserve
TSRDP	TRICARE Select Reserve Dental Program
TSRx	TRICARE Senior Pharmacy
TSS	TRICARE Senior Supplement
TSSD	TRICARE Senior Supplement Demonstration
TTOP	TRICARE Transitional Outpatient Payment
TTPA	Temporary Transitional Payment Adjustment
TTY	Teletypewriter
TUNA	Transurethral Needle Ablation
TYA	TRICARE Young Adult
UAE	Uterine Artery Embolization
UARS	Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome
UB	Uniform Bill
UBO	Uniform Business Office
UCBT	Umbilical Cord Blood Stem Cell Transplantation
UCC	Uniform Commercial Code Urgent Care Center
UCSF	University of California San Francisco
UIC	Unit Identification Code
UIN	Unit Identifier Number
UM	Utilization Management
UMO	Utilization Management Organization
UMP	User Maintenance Portal
UPIN	Unique Physician Identification Number
UPPP	Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty
URFS	Unremarried Former Spouse
URL	Universal Resource Locator
US	Ultrasound United States
USA	United States of America
USACID	United States Army Criminal Investigation Division

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USAF	United States Air Force
USAO	United States Attorneys' Office
USC	United States Code
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USCO	Uniformed Services Claim Office
USD	Undersecretary of Defense
USD (P&R)	Undersecretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)
USDI	Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence
USFHP	Uniformed Services Family Health Plan
USHBP	Uniformed Services Health Benefit Plan
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USMTF	Uniformed Services Medical Treatment Facility
USN	United States Navy
USPDI	United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Information
USPHS	United States Public Health Service
USPS	United States Postal Service
USPSTF	U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
USS	United Seaman's Service
USTF	Uniformed Services Treatment Facility
UV	Ultraviolet
VA	Veterans Affairs (hospital) Veterans Administration
VAC	Vacuum-Assisted Closure
VAD	Ventricular Assist Device
VAMC	VA Medical Center
VATS	Video-Assisted Thoroscopic Surgery
VAX-D	Vertebral Axial Decompression
VD	Venereal Disease
VO	Verifying Office (Official)
VPN	Virtual Private Network
VPOC	Verification Point of Contact
VRDX	Reason Visit Diagnosis
VSAM	Virtual Storage Access Method
VSD	Ventricular Septal Defect
WAC	Wholesale Acquisition Cost
WAN	Wide Area Network
WATS	Wide Area Telephone Service
WC	Worker's Compensation
WebDOES	Web DEERS Online Enrollment System (application)
WEDI	Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange
WHS	Washington Headquarters Services
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children (Program)

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WII	Wounded, Ill, and Injured
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
WORM	Write Once Read Many
WRAMC	Walter Reed Army Medical Center
WTC	World Trade Center
WTRR	Wire Transfer Reconciliation Report
WTU	Warrior Transition Unit
WWW	World Wide Web
X-Linked SCID	X-Linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome
XML	eXtensible Markup Language
ZIFT	Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer

2D	Two Dimensional
3D	Three Dimensional

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