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Chapter 12 Section 1.1

# TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP)

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## 1.0 GENERAL

**1.1** The TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) is the Department of Defense's (DoD's) program for the delivery of health care support services overseas (all locations outside of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia). The delivery of health care services overseas represents a unique situation that cannot be effectively addressed by applying all of the standards that apply in the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. TOP blends many of the features of the TRICARE program in the United States (U.S.) while allowing for significant cultural differences unique to health care practices and services in foreign countries.

**1.2** TOP provides health care coverage for all overseas beneficiaries, including Active Duty Service Members (ADSMs), eligible Reserve Component (RC) personnel, Active Duty Family Members (ADFMs) (including family members of eligible RC personnel), retired military and their respective family members, and transitional survivors. This coverage applies regardless of where the services are received. TOP also provides health care coverage for stateside beneficiaries residing in the 50 United States or the District of Columbia (excluding beneficiaries enrolled to the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP) and the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP)) who receive health care in an overseas location. TOP coverage includes dental care for ADSMs who are assigned, deployed, on Temporary Duty/Temporary Additional Duty (TDY/TAD) or in an authorized leave status in remote overseas locations. Specific TOP program eligibility and health care coverage is based upon beneficiary status, location, and enrollment elections. All beneficiaries must be eligible for TRICARE as verified via the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

**Note:** USFHP enrollees must be authorized to receive care by their USFHP Primary Care Manager (PCM), regardless of where the care is rendered. Claims for overseas care rendered to USFHP enrollees shall be sent to the USFHP for processing and payment. Claims for overseas care rendered to CHCBP enrollees shall be sent to the CHCBP contractor for processing and payment.

**1.3** TOP health care services are provided by Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs), MTF Partnership Providers, and a complement of network- and non-network host nation providers and institutions.

**1.4** Three geographic regions have been identified for the oversight of health care delivery overseas: TRICARE Eurasia-Africa (including the European continent, the Middle East, and Africa), TRICARE Pacific (including Asia, Australia, and the islands of the Pacific and Indian Oceans), and TRICARE Latin America and Canada (TLAC) (including Puerto Rico, the Caribbean basin, Latin America, South America, and Canada). Three TRICARE Area Offices (TAOs) have been established for

these geographic regions to provide management and oversight of TOP health care delivery for eligible TRICARE beneficiaries. The TAO Directors, working in concert with the MTFs, are responsible for organizing and managing health care delivery in their respective region. A single TRICARE Overseas health care support contractor (hereinafter referred to as the "TOP contractor") supports the TAOs, MTFs, beneficiaries, and host nation providers by providing or arranging for the delivery of health care services, claims processing services, and a variety of health care administrative services.

## 2.0 TRICARE PROGRAMS/SERVICES IN OVERSEAS LOCATIONS

**2.1** The following TRICARE programs or services are available under the TOP contract: TOP Prime, TOP Prime Remote, TOP Standard, TOP TRICARE for Life (TFL), TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS), TRICARE Plus, the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO), and the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP).

**2.2** The following TRICARE programs or services may be available in certain overseas locations, but are not administered under the TOP contract: TRICARE Dental Program (TDP), TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP), TFL, TRICARE Pharmacy (TPharm) Program, and the CHCBP.

**2.3** TRICARE Extra is not available overseas.

## 3.0 TOP BENEFIT POLICY

**3.1** TOP benefit policy applies to the scope of services and items which may be considered for coverage by TRICARE within the intent of 32 CFR 199.4 and 32 CFR 199.5. Specifically, TRICARE may cost-share a procedure that is determined to be appropriate medical care, is medically or psychologically necessary, is not unproven as defined in 32 CFR 199.2, and the TRICARE Policy Manual (TPM) does not explicitly exclude or limit coverage of the service or supply.

**3.2** While "appropriate medical care" references the norm for medical practice in the U.S., TOP gives consideration to the significant cultural differences unique to foreign countries. The TOP contractor shall exercise reasonable judgment to accommodate cultural differences relevant to the practices and delivery of host nation health care services. Services and supplies which otherwise fall within the range of TRICARE benefits (including, but not limited to, clinical preventive services, prescription drugs, and durable medical equipment) may be eligible for coverage under TOP when the diagnosis or description of illness supports the reasonableness of the procedure, service, or supply and is commonly accepted practice in a host country or overseas region. Services and supplies which are specifically excluded from TRICARE coverage cannot be covered under TOP simply because of cultural differences. A specific waiver is required if the service or supply would not normally be considered a TRICARE benefit. Refer to Section 1.2 for a list of authorized benefit variations for TOP.

**3.3** Cultural differences may apply to things like location of care (provider comes to the patient's home) or the manner in which care is provided (services commonly done by a provider class in the U.S. may be performed by a provider assistant or physician overseas, depending on the country). Cultural differences may also apply to the manner in which claims are submitted to TRICARE. For example, certain countries (e.g., Germany) may require a separate delineation of charges for health care delivery and administrative practices that are attendant to the delivery of health care. These charges may be payable under TRICARE if they are determined to be reasonable and customary for

a particular overseas location. Also, due to cultural differences, host nation providers may, and frequently do submit claims containing narrative summaries in lieu of diagnostic and/or procedural codes. These claims may be payable under TRICARE; however, the TOP contractor shall establish processes to ensure that narrative claims are converted to codes that accurately describe the services rendered and billed by the host nation provider. Fees for transplant donor searches in Germany may be reimbursed on a global flat fee basis since the German government does not permit health care facilities to itemize such charges. Itemized fees for supplies that are related or incidental to inpatient treatment in Japanese hospitals (e.g., hospital gowns) may be reimbursed if similar supplies would be covered under reimbursement methodologies used within the U.S. The TOP contractor shall implement internal management controls to ensure that payments are reasonable and customary for the location.

**3.4** The TOP benefit package includes pharmacy services through the TOP contractor for drugs dispensed by host nation pharmacies, institutions, and providers. The TOP benefit also includes limited services through the TPharm contract, to include retail network pharmacy services (in U.S. territories) and mail order pharmacy (MOP) services. The TPharm MOP may be used by all TOP beneficiaries provided certain criteria are met, such as a U.S. credentialed provider to write the prescription and a U.S. zip coded address to ship to (Army Post Office (APO), Fleet Post Office (FPO), or Diplomatic Pouch Mail). Additionally, ADSMs or ADFMs assigned to U.S. Embassies/State Departments may also use TPharm MOP services. TOP beneficiaries who are covered by Other Health Insurance (OHI) with a prescription drug benefit may not use TPharm MOP services unless the OHI plan does not cover the medication needed, or the OHI coverage limit has been met. The TPharm MOP cannot ship drugs which must be refrigerated (e.g., insulin) to an address outside the 50 United States and the District of Columbia.

**Note:** The TPharm retail network pharmacy benefit is available in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

## 4.0 APPLICABILITY OF TRICARE REQUIREMENTS

**4.1** All TRICARE requirements set forth in the TPM, the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual (TRM), TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM), and the TRICARE Systems Manual (TSM) apply to the TOP, unless specifically waived or superseded by the TOP contract, this chapter, or the TOM, Chapter 24.

**4.2** For purposes of TOP implementation, any applicable manual language that refers to "TRICARE Prime" shall apply to TOP Prime and TOP Prime Remote, language that refers to "Regional Directors" shall apply to TAO Directors, language that refers to "TRICARE Standard" shall apply to TOP Standard, and language that refers to "Managed Care Support Contractor(s)" (MCSC(s)) shall apply to the TOP contractor.

**4.3** Waiver of rigid application of the requirements for processing/review of claims has been granted by the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Director to overcome variations between U.S. standards of health care practice and standards of health care practice in foreign countries. Examples of these variations are:

- TOP host nation providers, network and non-network are not required to meet all TRICARE provider certification requirements to become a TOP host nation authorized provider; or

- Charges for taxi companies for driving physicians to accidents or private residences.

## 5.0 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The TOP contractor shall support the best value in the coordination and delivery of health care services in overseas locations for ADSM, ADFMs, and other TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries. This includes all health care services provided in an overseas location, regardless of the beneficiary's enrollment location or residence address. Contractor responsibilities under this contract include (but are not limited to) enrollment processing, host nation provider certification, network development and maintenance, Beneficiary and Provider Services (BPS) (including education and marketing), MTF optimization, medical management, fraud and abuse prevention and detection, medically-necessary patient evacuations and transfers, active duty dental care in remote overseas locations (except for U.S. territories), and claims processing. The TOP contractor is responsible for the processing of overseas claims for overseas Prime, Standard, TOP TFL, and pharmacy claims in non-Medicare overseas areas for beneficiaries considered to be within the TOP contractor's jurisdictional responsibility. The contractor shall provide a designated Point of Contact (POC) to assist the TAO Directors or designee(s). Additionally, every stateside regional MCSC shall offer traveling TOP beneficiaries use of existing toll free Health Care Finders (HCFs) numbers/services to locate a stateside TRICARE network provider. Specific contractor responsibilities are addressed in the TRICARE Manuals and in the TRICARE Overseas health care support contract. Refer to the TOM, Chapter 24 for additional TOP program instructions.

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Chapter 12 Section 1.2

# TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) Medical Benefit Variations

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## 1.0 GENERAL

**1.1** TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) medical benefits are based upon the scope of services and items which may be considered for coverage by TRICARE within the intent of 32 CFR 199.4 and 32 CFR 199.5. Specifically, TRICARE may cost-share a procedure that is determined to be appropriate medical care, is medically or psychologically necessary, is not unproven as defined in 32 CFR 199.2, and the TRICARE Policy Manual (TPM) does not explicitly exclude or limit coverage of the service or supply.

**1.2** Unique health care issues and challenges may arise in locations outside of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. In some situations, TRICARE may authorize coverage for a specific service or supply under the TOP, even though the service or supply would normally be excluded from coverage by TRICARE. Such situations are expected to be rare and must be approved by the government.

## 2.0 AUTHORIZED TOP MEDICAL BENEFIT VARIATIONS

### 2.1 Tick Borne Encephalitis (TBE) Vaccine

Cost-sharing of the TBE vaccine is authorized in endemic areas of Europe and Asia when an at-risk Active Duty Family Member (ADFM), retiree, or retiree family member receives the vaccine from a TRICARE authorized provider. When covered, the TBE vaccine shall be cost-shared as a clinical preventive service. See Chapter 7, Sections 2.1 and 2.2.

### 2.2 Medicare Certification of Organ Transplant Facilities

Medicare certification for organ transplant centers is only required for transplants performed in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories where Medicare is available. Organ transplantation is within the range of TRICARE covered benefits and is covered in overseas locations when it is medically necessary, reasonable, and commonly accepted practice in the country where the transplant is performed.

### 2.3 Non-U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Approved Drugs

Non-FDA approved prescription drugs may be cost-shared if the TOP contractor has substantiated that the drug is commonly used for the intended purpose in the host nation. The TOP contractor shall substantiate that the drug is commonly used in the host nation based on past

claims/country experience or by a web search on the drug in question. If a claim for a non-FDA approved drug is submitted by a provider that is required to comply the National Drug Coding (NDC) requirements as outlined in TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM), Chapter 24, Section 14, the TOP contractor shall contact TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) for assistance prior to processing the claim.

**2.4** Therapeutic mud baths (a form of balneotherapy which is used in some foreign countries to treat back pain, arthritis, or other medical conditions) is not a covered TRICARE benefit unless it can be established that pharmacological or other non-pharmacological treatments are unavailable in that particular country. Such cases are expected to be very rare and will require government review and approval prior to payment.

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# Appendix A

## Acronyms And Abbreviations

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| AA | Anesthesiologist Assistant |
| AA&E | Arms, Ammunition and Explosives |
| AAA | Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm |
| AAAHC | Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. |
| AAFES | Army/Air Force Exchange Service |
| AAMFT | American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy |
| AAP | American Academy of Pediatrics |
| AAPC | American Association of Pastoral Counselors |
| AARF | Account Authorization Request Form |
| AATD | Access and Authentication Technology Division |
| ABA | American Banking Association<br>Applied Behavioral Analysis |
| ABMT | Autologous Bone Marrow Transplant |
| ABPM | Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring |
| ABR | Auditory Brainstem Response |
| AC | Active Component |
| ACD | Augmentative Communication Devices |
| ACI | Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation |
| ACIP | Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices |
| ACO | Administrative Contracting Officer |
| ACOG | American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists |
| ACOR | Administrative Contracting Officer's Representative |
| ACS | American Cancer Society |
| ACSP | Autism Demonstration Corporate Services Provider |
| ACTUR | Automated Central Tumor Registry |
| AD | Active Duty |
| ADA | American Dental Association<br>American Diabetes Association<br>Americans with Disabilities Act |
| ADAMHA | Alcohol, Drug Abuse, And Mental Health Administration |
| ADAMHRA | Alcohol, Drug Abuse, And Mental Health Reorganization Act |
| ADCP | Active Duty Claims Program |
| ADD | Active Duty Dependent |
| ADDP | Active Duty Dental Program |
| ADFM | Active Duty Family Member |

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| ADL | Activities of Daily Living |
| ADP | Automated Data Processing |
| ADSM | Active Duty Service Member |
| AF | Atrial Fibrillation |
| AFOSI | Air Force Office of Special Investigations |
| AGR | Active Guard/Reserve |
| AHA | American Hospital Association |
| AHLTA | Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application |
| AHRQ | Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality |
| AI | Administrative Instruction |
| AIDS | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| AIIM | Association for Information and Image Management |
| AIS | Ambulatory Infusion Suite<br>Automated Information Systems |
| AIX | Advanced IBM Unix |
| AJ | Administrative Judge |
| ALA | Annual Letter of Assurance |
| ALB | All Lines Busy |
| ALL | Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia |
| ALOS | Average Length-of-Stay |
| ALS | Action Lead Sheet<br>Advanced Life Support |
| ALT | Autolymphocyte Therapy |
| AM&S | Acquisition Management and Support (Directorate) |
| AMA | Against Medical Advice<br>American Medical Association |
| AMCB | American Midwifery Certification Board |
| AMH | Accreditation Manual for Hospitals |
| AMHCA | American Mental Health Counselor Association |
| AML | Acute Myelogenous [Myeloid] Leukemia |
| ANSI | American National Standards Institute |
| AOA | American Osteopathic Association |
| APA | American Psychiatric Association<br>American Podiatry Association |
| APC | Ambulatory Payment Classification |
| API | Application Program Interface |
| APN | Assigned Provider Number |
| APO | Army Post Office |
| ART | Assisted Reproductive Technology |
| ARU | Automated Response Unit |
| ARVC | Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy |
| ASA | Adjusted Standardized Amount<br>American Society of Anesthesiologists |

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| ASAP | Automated Standard Application for Payment |
| ASC | Accredited Standards Committee<br>Ambulatory Surgical Center |
| ASCA | Administrative Simplification Compliance Act |
| ASCUS | Atypical Squamous Cells of Undetermind Significance |
| ASD | Assistant Secretary of Defense<br>Atrial Septal Defect<br>Autism Spectrum Disorder |
| ASD(C3I) | Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence |
| ASD(HA) | Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) |
| ASD (MRA&L) | Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics |
| ASP | Average Sale Price |
| ATA | American Telemedicine Association |
| ATB | All Trunks Busy |
| ATO | Approval to Operate |
| AVM | Arteriovenous Malformation |
| AWOL | Absent Without Leave |
| AWP | Average Wholesale Price |
| B&PS | Benefits and Provider Services |
| B2B | Business to Business |
| BACB | Behavioral Analyst Certification Board |
| BBA | Balanced Budget Act |
| BBP | Bloodborne Pathogen |
| BBRA | Balanced Budget Refinement Act |
| BC | Birthing Center |
| BCABA | Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst |
| BCAC | Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator |
| BCBA | Board Certified Behavior Analyst |
| BCBS | Blue Cross [and] Blue Shield |
| BCBSA | Blue Cross [and] Blue Shield Association |
| BCC | Biostatistics Center |
| BI | Background Investigation |
| BIPA | Benefits Improvement Protection Act |
| BL | Black Lung |
| BLS | Basic Life Support |
| BMI | Body Mass Index |
| BMT | Bone Marrow Transplantation |
| BNAF | Budget Neutrality Adjustment Factor |
| BP | Behavioral Plan |
| BPC | Beneficiary Publication Committee |
| BPS | Beneficiary and Provider Services |
| BRAC | Base Realignment and Closure |

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| BRCA | BReast CAncer (genetic testing) |
| BS | Bachelor of Science |
| BSGI | Breast-Specific Gamma Imaging |
| BSID | Bayley Scales of Infant Development |
| BSR | Beneficiary Service Representative |
| BWE | Beneficiary Web Enrollment |
| C&A | Certification and Accreditation |
| C&CS | Communications and Customer Service |
| C/S | Client/Server |
| CA | Care Authorization |
| CA/NAS | Care Authorization/Non-Availability Statement |
| CABG | Coronary Artery Bypass Graft |
| CAC | Common Access Card |
| CAD | Coronary Artery Disease |
| CAF | Central Adjudication Facility |
| CAH | Critical Access Hospital |
| CAMBHC | Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Behavioral Heath Care |
| CAP | Competitive Acquisition Program |
| CAP/DME | Capital and Direct Medical Education |
| CAPD | Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis |
| CAPP | Controlled Access Protection Profile |
| CAS | Carotid Artery Stenosis |
| CAT | Computerized Axial Tomography |
| CB | Consolidated Billing |
| CBC | Cypher Block Chaining |
| CBHCO | Community-Based Health Care Organizations |
| CBSA | Core Based Statistical Area |
| CC | Common Criteria<br>Criminal Control (Act) |
| CC&D | Catastrophic Cap and Deductible |
| CCDD | Catastrophic Cap and Deductible Data |
| CCEP | Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program |
| CCMHC | Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor |
| CCN | Case Control Number |
| CCPD | Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis |
| CCR | Cost-To-Charge Ratio |
| CCTP | Custodial Care Transitional Policy |
| CD | Compact Disc |
| CDC | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| CDCF | Central Deductible and Catastrophic Cap File |
| CDD | Childhood Disintegrative Disorder |
| CDH | Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia |

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| CD-I | Compact Disc- Interactive |
| CDR | Clinical Data Repository |
| CDRL | Contract Data Requirements List |
| CD-ROM | Compact Disc - Read Only Memory |
| CDT | Current Dental Terminology |
| CEA | Carotid Endarterectomy |
| CEIS | Corporate Executive Information System |
| CEO | Chief Executive Officer |
| CEOB | CHAMPUS Explanation of Benefits |
| CES | Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation |
| CFO | Chief Financial Officer |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CFRD | Cystic Fibrosis-Related Diabetes |
| CFS | Chronic Fatigue Syndrome |
| CGMS | Continuous Glucose Monitoring System |
| CHAMPUS | Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services |
| CHAMPVA | Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veteran Affairs |
| CHBC | Criminal History Background Check |
| CHBR | Criminal History Background Review |
| CHC | Civilian Health Care |
| CHCBP | Continued Health Care Benefits Program |
| CHCS | Composite Health Care System |
| CHEA | Council on Higher Education Accreditation |
| CHKT | Combined Heart-Kidney Transplant |
| CHOP | Children's Hospital of Philadelphia |
| CI | Counterintelligence |
| CIA | Central Intelligence Agency |
| CID | Central Institute for the Deaf |
| CIF | Central Issuing Facility<br>Common Intermediate Format |
| CIO | Chief Information Officer |
| CIPA | Classified Information Procedures Act |
| CJCSM | Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Manual |
| CL | Confidentiality Level (Classified, Public, Sensitive) |
| CLIA | Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment |
| CLIN | Contract Line Item Number |
| CLKT | Combined Liver-Kidney Transplant |
| CLL | Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia |
| CMAC | CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge |
| CMHC | Community Mental Health Center |
| CML | Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia |
| CMN | Certificate(s) of Medical Necessity |

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| CMO | Chief Medical Officer |
| CMP | Civil Money Penalty |
| CMR | Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance |
| CMS | Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services |
| CMVP | Cryptographic Module Validation Program |
| CNM | Certified Nurse Midwife |
| CNS | Central Nervous System<br>Clinical Nurse Specialist |
| CO | Contracting Officer |
| COB | Close of Business<br>Coordination of Benefits |
| COBC | Coordination of Benefits Contractor |
| COBRA | Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act |
| CoCC | Certificate of Creditable Coverage |
| COCO | Contractor Owned-Contractor Operated |
| COE | Common Operating Environment |
| CONUS | Continental United States |
| COO | Chief Operating Officer |
| COOP | Continuity of Operations Plan |
| COPA | Council on Postsecondary Accreditation |
| COPD | Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease |
| COR | Contracting Officer's Representative |
| CORF | Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility |
| CORPA | Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation |
| COTS | Commercial-off-the-shelf |
| CP | Cerebral Palsy |
| CPA | Certified Public Accountant |
| CPE | Contract Performance Evaluation |
| CPI | Consumer Price Index |
| CPI-U | Consumer Price Index - Urban (Wage Earner) |
| CPNS | Certified Psychiatric Nurse Specialists |
| CPR | CAC PIN Reset |
| CPT | Chest Physiotherapy<br>Current Procedural Terminology |
| CPT-4 | Current Procedural Terminology, 4th Edition |
| CQM | Clinical Quality Management |
| CQMP | Clinical Quality Management Program |
| CQMP AR | Clinical Quality Management Program Annual Report |
| CQS | Clinical Quality Studies |
| CRM | Contract Resource Management (Directorate) |
| CRNA | Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist |
| CRT | Computer Remote Terminal |
| CSA | Clinical Support Agreement |

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| CSE | Communications Security Establishment (of the Government of Canada) |
| CSP | Corporate Service Provider<br>Critical Security Parameter |
| CST | Central Standard Time |
| CSU | Channel Sending Unit |
| CSV | Comma-Separated Value |
| CSW | Clinical Social Worker |
| CT | Central Time<br>Computerized Tomography |
| CTA | Computerized Tomography Angiography |
| CTC | Computed Tomographic Colonography |
| CTCL | Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma |
| CTEP | Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program |
| CUC | Chronic Ulcerative Colitis |
| CVAC | CHAMPVA Center |
| CVS | Contractor Verification System |
| CY | Calendar Year |
| DAA | Designated Approving Authority |
| DAO | Defense Attache Offices |
| DBA | Doing Business As |
| DC | Direct Care |
| DCAA | Defense Contract Audit Agency |
| DCAO | Debt Collection Assistance Officer |
| DCID | Director of Central Intelligence Directive |
| DCII | Defense Clearance and Investigation Index |
| DCIS | Defense Criminal Investigating Service |
| DCN | Document Control Number |
| DCP | Data Collection Period |
| DCR | Developed Character Reference |
| DCS | Duplicate Claims System |
| DCSI | Defense Central Security Index |
| DD (Form) | Department of Defense (Form) |
| DDAS | DCII Disclosure Accounting System |
| DDP | Dependent Dental Plan |
| DDS | DEERS Dependent Suffix |
| DE | Durable Equipment |
| DECC | Defense Enterprise Computing Center |
| DED | Dedicated Emergency Department |
| DEERS | Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System |
| DELM | Digital Epiluminescence Microscopy |
| DENC | Detailed Explanation of Non-Concurrence |
| DepSecDef | Deputy Secretary of Defense |

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| DES | Data Encryption Standard |
| DFAS | Defense Finance and Accounting Service |
| DG | Diagnostic Group |
| DGH | Denver General Hospital |
| DHHS | Department of Health and Human Services |
| DHP | Defense Health Program |
| DIA | Defense Intelligence Agency |
| DIACAP | DoD Information Assurance Certification And Accreditation Process |
| DII | Defense Information Infrastructure |
| DIS | Defense Investigative Service |
| DISA | Defense Information System Agency |
| DISCO | Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office |
| DISN | Defense Information Systems Network |
| DISP | Defense Industrial Security Program |
| DITSCAP | DoD Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process |
| DLAR | Defense Logistics Agency Regulation |
| DLE | Dialyzable Leukocyte Extract |
| DLI | Donor Lymphocyte Infusion |
| DM | Disease Management |
| DMDC | Defense Manpower Data Center |
| DME | Durable Medical Equipment |
| DMEPOS | Durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies |
| DMI | DMDC Medical Interface |
| DMIS | Defense Medical Information System |
| DMIS-ID | Defense Medical Information System Identification (Code) |
| DMLSS | Defense Medical Logistics Support System |
| DMZ | Demilitarized Zone |
| DNA | Deoxyribonucleic Acid |
| DNA-HLA | Deoxyribonucleic Acid - Human Leucocyte Antigen |
| DNACI | DoD National Agency Check Plus Written Inquiries |
| DO | Doctor of Osteopathy<br>Operations Directorate |
| DOB | Date of Birth |
| DOC | Dynamic Orthotic Cranioplasty (Band) |
| DoD | Department of Defense |
| DoD AI | Department of Defense Administrative Instruction |
| DoDD | Department of Defense Directive |
| DoDI | Department of Defense Instruction |
| DoDIG | Department of Defense Inspector General |
| DoD P&T | Department of Defense Pharmacy and Therapeutics (Committee) |
| DOE | Department of Energy |
| DOEBA | Date of Earliest Billing Action |

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| DOES | DEERS Online Enrollment System |
| DOHA | Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals |
| DOJ | Department of Justice |
| DOLBA | Date of Latest Billing Action |
| DOS | Date Of Service |
| DP | Designated Provider |
| DPA | Differential Power Analysis |
| DPI | Designated Providers Integrator |
| DPO | DEERS Program Office |
| DPPO | Designated Provider Program Office |
| DRA | Deficit Reduction Act |
| DREZ | Dorsal Root Entry Zone |
| DRG | Diagnosis Related Group |
| DRPO | DEERS RAPIDS Program Office |
| DRS | Decompression Reduction Stabilization |
| DSAA | Defense Security Assistance Agency |
| DSC | DMDC Support Center |
| DSCC | Data and Study Coordinating Center |
| DS Logon | DoD Self-Service Logon |
| DSM | Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders |
| DSM-III | Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Third Edition |
| DSM-IV | Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition |
| DSMC | Data and Safety Monitoring Committee |
| DSMO | Designated Standards Maintenance Organization |
| DSO | DMDC Support Office |
| DSPOC | Dental Service Point of Contact |
| DSU | Data Sending Unit |
| DTF | Dental Treatment Facility |
| DTR | Derived Test Requirements |
| DTRO | Director, TRICARE Regional Office |
| DUA | Data Use Agreement |
| DVA | Department of Veterans Affairs |
| DVAHCF | Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Finder |
| DVD | Digital Video Disc |
| DWR | DSO Web Request |
| Dx | Diagnosis |
| DXA | Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry |
| ECAS | European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society |
| EHRA | European Heart Rhythm Association |
| E-ID | Early Identification |
| E-NAS | Electronic Non-Availability Statement |
| e-QIP | Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing |

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| E&M | Evaluation & Management |
| E2R | Enrollment Eligibility Reconciliation |
| EAL | Common Criteria Evaluation Assurance Level |
| EAP | Ethandamine phosphate |
| EBC | Enrollment Based Capitation |
| ECA | External Certification Authority |
| ECG | Electrocardiogram |
| ECHO | Extended Care Health Option |
| ECT | Electroconvulsive Therapy |
| ED | Emergency Department |
| EDC | Error Detection Code |
| EDI | Electronic Data Information<br>Electronic Data Interchange |
| EDIPI | Electronic Data Interchange Person Identifier |
| EDIPN | Electronic Data Interchange Person Number |
| EDI_PN | Electronic Data Interchange Patient Number |
| EEG | Electroencephalogram |
| EEPROM | Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory |
| EFM | Electronic Fetal Monitoring |
| EFMP | Exceptional Family Member Program |
| EFP | Environmnetal Failure Protection |
| EFT | Electronic Funds Transfer<br>Environmental Failure Testing |
| EGHP | Employer Group Health Plan |
| E/HPC | Enrollment/Health Plan Code |
| EHHC | ECHO Home Health Care<br>Extended Care Health Option Home Health Care |
| EHP | Employee Health Program |
| EIA | Educational Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders |
| EIDS | Executive Information and Decision Support |
| EIN | Employer Identification Number |
| EIP | External Infusion Pump |
| EKG | Electrocardiogram |
| ELN | Element Locator Number |
| ELISA | Enzyme-Linked Immunoabsorbent Assay |
| E/M | Evaluation and Management |
| EMC | Electronic Media Claim<br>Enrollment Management Contractor |
| EMDR | Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing |
| EMG | Electromyograma |
| EMTALA | Emergency Medical Treatment & Active Labor Act |
| ENTNAC | Entrance National Agency Check |
| EOB | Explanation of Benefits |

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| EOBs | Explanations of Benefits |
| EOC | Episode of Care |
| EOE | Evoked Otoacoustic Emission |
| EOG | Electro-oculogram |
| EOMB | Explanation of Medicare Benefits |
| ePHI | electronic Protected Health Information |
| EPO | Erythropoietin<br>Exclusive Provider Organization |
| EPR | EIA Program Report |
| EPROM | Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory |
| ER | Emergency Room |
| ERISA | Employee Retirement Income and Security Act of 1974 |
| ESRD | End Stage Renal Disease |
| EST | Eastern Standard Time |
| ESWT | Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy |
| ET | Eastern Time |
| ETIN | Electronic Transmitter Identification Number |
| EWPS | Enterprise Wide Provider System |
| EWRAS | Enterprise Wide Referral and Authorization System |
| F&AO | Finance and Accounting Office(r) |
| FAI | Femoroacetabular Impingement |
| FAP | Familial Adenomatous Polyposis |
| FAR | Federal Acquisition Regulations |
| FASB | Federal Accounting Standards Board |
| FBI | Federal Bureau of Investigation |
| FCC | Federal Communications Commission |
| FCCA | Federal Claims Collection Act |
| FDA | Food and Drug Administration |
| FDB | First Data Bank |
| FDL | Fixed Dollar Loss |
| Fed | Federal Reserve Bank |
| FEHBP | Federal Employee Health Benefit Program |
| FEL | Familial Erythrophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis |
| $FEV_1$ | 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 |

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| 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 |
| FPO | Fleet Post Office |
| FQHC | Federally Qualified Health Center |
| FR | Federal Register<br>Frozen Records |
| FRC | Federal Records Center |
| FSO | Facility Security Officer |
| FTE | Full Time Equivalent |
| FTP | File Transfer Protocol |
| FX | Foreign Exchange (lines) |
| FY | Fiscal Year |
| GAAP | Generally Accepted Accounting Principles |
| GAO | General Accounting Office |
| GBL | Government Bill of Lading |
| 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<br>Hospital Acquired Condition |
| HAVEN | Home Assessment Validation and Entry |
| HBA | Health Benefits Advisor |
| 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) |

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| 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 |
| HDL | Hardware Description Language |
| 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) |
| HIPPS | Health Insurance Prospective Payment System |
| HIQH | Health Insurance Query for Health Agency |
| HIV | Human Immunodeficiency Virus |
| HL7 | Health Level 7 |
| 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<br>Hormone Replacement Therapy |
| HSCRC | Health Services Cost Review Commission |
| HTML | HyperText Markup Language |

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| 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<br>Integrated Circuit |
| ICASS | International Cooperative Administrative Support Services |
| ICD | Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator |
| ICD-9-CM | International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification |
| 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<br>Identifier |
| IDB | Intradiscal Biacuplasty |
| IDD | Internal or Intervertebral Disc Decompression |
| IDE | Investigational Device Exemption<br>Investigational Device |
| IDEA | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act |
| IDET | Intradiscal Electrothermal Therapy |
| IDME | Indirect Medical Education |
| IdP | Identity Protection |
| IDTA | Intradiscal Thermal Annuloplasty |
| IE | Interface Engine<br>Internet Explorer |
| IEA | Intradiscal Electrothermal Annuloplasty |
| IEP | Individualized Educational Program |
| IFSP | Individualized Family Service Plan |
| IG | Implementation Guidance |
| IgA | Immunoglobulin A |
| IGCE | Independent Government Cost Estimate |
| IHI | Institute for Healthcare Improvement |

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| IHS | Indian Health Service |
| IIHI | Individually Identifiable Health Information |
| IIP | Implantable Infusion Pump |
| IM | Information Management<br>Intramuscular |
| IMRT | Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy |
| IND | Investigational New Drugs |
| INR | International Normalized Ratio<br>Intramuscular International Normalized Ratio |
| INS | Immigration and Naturalization Service |
| IOC | Initial Operational Capability |
| IOD | Interface Operational Description |
| IOLs | Intraocular Lenses |
| IOM | Internet Only Manual |
| IORT | Intra-Operative Radiation Therapy |
| IP | Inpatient |
| IPC | Information Processing Center (outdated term, see SMC) |
| IPHC | Intraperitoneal Hyperthermic Chemotherapy |
| IPN | Intraperitoneal Nutrition |
| 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<br>Intravenous |
| IVF | In Vitro Fertilization |
| JC | Joint Commission (formerly Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)) |
| JCAHO | Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations |
| JCOS | Joint Chiefs of Staff |
| JFTR | Joint Federal Travel Regulations |
| JNI | Japanese National Insurance |

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| 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 |
| LCF | Long-term Care Facility |
| LDL | Low Density Lipoprotein |
| LDLT | Living Donor Liver Transplantation |
| LDR | Low Dose Rate |
| LLLT | Low Level Laser Therapy |
| LNT | Lexical Neighborhood Test |
| LOC | Letter of Consent |
| LOD | Letter of Denial/Revocation |
| 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 |
| MAC | Maximum Allowable Charge<br>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 |

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| MD | Doctor of Medicine |
| MDI | Mental Developmental Index |
| MDR | MHS Data Repository |
| MDS | Minimum Data Set |
| MEC | Marketing and Education Committee |
| MEI | Medicare Economic Index |
| MEPS | Military Entrance Processing Station |
| MEPRS | Medical Expense Performance Reporting System |
| MET | Microcurrent Electrical Therapy |
| MFCC | Marriage and Family Counseling Center |
| MGCRB | Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board |
| MGIB | Montgomery GI Bill |
| MH | Mental Health |
| 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 |
| MIDCAB | Minimally Invasive Direct Coronary Artery Bypass |
| MIRE | Monochromatic Infrared Energy |
| MLNT | Multisyllabic Lexical Neighborhood Test |
| MMA | Medicare Modernization Act |
| MMP | Medical Management Program |
| MMSO | Military Medical Support Office |
| MMWR | Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report |
| MNR | Medical Necessity Report |
| MOA | Memorandum of Agreement |
| MOMS | Management of Myelomeningocele Study |
| MOP | Mail Order Pharmacy |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MPI | Master Patient Index |
| MR | Magnetic Resonance<br>Medical Review<br>Mentally Retarded |
| MRA | Magnetic Resonance Angiography |
| MRHFP | Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program |
| MRI | Magnetic Resonance Imaging |
| MRPU | Medical Retention Processing Unit |
| MS | Microsoft® |
| MSA | Metropolitan Statistical Area |

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| 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<br>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 |
| 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 | Non-Availability Statement |
| NATO | North Atlantic Treaty Organization |
| NAVMED | Naval Medical (Form) |
| NBCC | National Board of Certified Counselors |
| NCCI | National Correct Coding Initiatives |
| NCF | National Conversion Factor |
| NCI | National Cancer Institute |
| 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 |
| NF | Nursing Facility |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| NLT | No Later Than |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| OASD(HA) | Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) |
| OASD (H&E) | Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Environment) |
| 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 |
| OCONUS | Outside of the Continental United States |
| OCR | Office of Civil Rights |
| OCSP | Organizational Corporate Services Provider |
| OCT | Optical Coherence Tomograph |
| OD | Optical Disk |
| OF | Optional Form |

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| $PACO_2$ | Partial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide |
| $PAO_2$ | Partial Pressure of Oxygen |
| PAK | Pancreas After Kidney (transplant) |
| PAP | Papanicolaou |
| PAT | Performance Assessment Tracking |
| PatID | Patient Identifier |
| PAVM | Pulmonary Arteriovenous Malformation |
| PBM | Pharmacy Benefit Manager |
| PC | Personal Computer<br>Professional Component |
| PCA | Patient Controlled Analgesia |
| PCDIS | Purchased Care Detail Information System |
| PCI | Percutaneous Coronary Intervention |
| PCM | Primary Care Manager |
| PCMBN | PCM By Name |
| PCMRA | PCM Research Application |

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| PCMRS | PCM Panel Reassignment (Application)<br>PCM Reassignment System |
| PCO | Procurement (Procuring) Contracting Officer |
| PCP | Primary Care Physician<br>Primary Care Provider |
| PCS | Permanent Change of Station |
| PD | Passport Division |
| PDA | Patent Ductus Arteriosus<br>Personal Digital Assistant |
| PDD | Percutaneous (or Plasma) Disc Decompression |
| PDDBI | Pervasive Developmental Disorders Behavior Inventory |
| PDDNOS | Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified |
| PDF | Portable Document Format |
| PDQ | Physicians's Data Query |
| PDR | Person Data Repository |
| PDS | Person Demographics Service |
| PDTS | Pharmacy Data Transaction System |
| PDX | Principal Diagnosis |
| PE | Physical Examination |
| PEC | Pharmacoeconomic Center |
| PEP | Partial Episode Payment |
| PEPR | Patient Encounter Processing and Reporting |
| PERMS | Provider Education and Relations Management System |
| PET | Positron Emission Tomography |
| PFCRA | Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act |
| PFP | Partnership For Peace |
| PFPWD | Program for Persons with Disabilities |
| Phen-Fen | Pondimin and Redux |
| PHI | Protected Health Information |
| PHIMT | Protected Health Information Management Tool |
| PHP | Partial Hospitalization Program |
| PHS | Public Health Service |
| PI | Program Integrity (Office) |
| PIA | Privacy Impact Assessment (Online) |
| PIC | Personnel Investigation Center |
| PIE | Pulsed Irrigation Evacuation |
| PIN | Personnel Identification Number |
| PIP | Personal Injury Protection<br>Personnel Identity Protection |
| PIRFT | Percutaneous Intradiscal Radiofrequency Thermocoagulation (PIRFT) |
| PIT | PCM Information Transfer |
| PIV | Personal Identity Verification |
| PK | Public Key |

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| PKE | Public Key Enabling |
| PKI | Public Key Infrastructure |
| PKU | Phenylketonuria |
| PLS | Preschool Language Scales |
| PM-DRG | Pediatric Modified-Diagnosis Related Group |
| PMR | Percutaneous Myocardial Laser Revascularization |
| PNET | Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumors |
| PNT | Policy Notification Transaction |
| POA | Power of Attorney<br>Present On Admission |
| POA&M | Plan of Action and Milestones |
| POC | Pharmacy Operations Center<br>Plan of Care<br>Point of Contact |
| POL | May 1996 TRICARE/CHAMPUS Policy Manual 6010.47-M |
| POS | Point of Sale (Pharmacy only)<br>Point of Service<br>Public Official's Statement |
| POV | Privately Owned Vehicle |
| PPACA | Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act |
| PPD | Per Patient Day |
| PPN | Preferred Provider Network |
| PPO | Preferred Provider Organization |
| PPP | Purchasing Power Parity |
| PPS | Prospective Payment System<br>Ports, Protocols and Services |
| PPSM | Ports, Protocols, and Service Management |
| PPV | Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine |
| PQI | Potential Quality Indicator<br>Potential Quality Issue |
| PR | Periodic Reinvestigation |
| PRC | Program Review Committee |
| PRFA | Percutaneous Radiofrequency Ablation |
| PRG | Peer Review Group |
| PRO | Peer Review Organization |
| ProDUR | Prospective Drug Utilization Review |
| PROM | Programmable Read-Only Memory |
| PRP | Personnel Reliability Program |
| PRPP | Pharmacy Redesign Pilot Project |
| PSA | Prime Service Area<br>Physician Scarcity Area |
| PSAB | Personnel Security Appeals Board |
| PSCT | Peripheral Stem Cell Transplantation |

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| PSD | Personnel Security Division |
| PSG | Polysomnography |
| PSI | Personnel Security Investigation |
| PST | Pacific Standard Time |
| PT | Pacific Time<br>Physical Therapist<br>Physical Therapy<br>Prothrombin Time |
| PTA | Pancreas Transplant Alone<br>Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty |
| PTC | Processed To Completion |
| PTCA | Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty |
| PTK | Phototherapeutic Keratectomy |
| PTNS | Posterior Tibial Nerve Stimulation |
| PTSD | Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder |
| PVCs | Premature Ventricular Contractions |
| QA | Quality Assurance |
| QC | Quality Control |
| QI | Quality Improvement<br>Quality Issue |
| QII | Quality Improvement Initiative |
| QIO | Quality Improvement Organization |
| QIP | Quality Improvement Program |
| QLE | Qualifying Life Event |
| QM | Quality Management |
| QUIG | Quality Indicator Group |
| RA | Radiofrequency Annuloplasty<br>Remittance Advice |
| RAM | Random Access Memory |
| RAP | Request for Anticipated Payment |
| RAPIDS | Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System |
| RC | Reserve Component |
| RCN | Recoupment Case Number<br>Refund Control Number |
| RCS | Report Control Symbol |
| RD | Regional Director |
| RDBMS | Relational Database Management System |
| RDDB | Reportable Disease Database |
| REM | Rapid Eye Movement |
| RF | Radiofrequency |
| RFA | Radiofrequency Ablation |
| RFI | Request For Information |
| RFP | Request For Proposal |

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| RHC | Rural Health Clinic |
| RHHI | Regional Home Health Intermediary |
| RhoGAM | RRho (D) Immune Globulin |
| RN | Registered Nurse |
| RNG | Random Number Generator |
| RO | Regional Office |
| ROC | Resumption of Care |
| ROFR | Right of First Refusal |
| ROM | Read-Only Memory<br>Rough Order of Magnitude |
| ROT | Read-Only Table |
| ROTC | Reserved Officer Training Corps |
| ROVER | RHHI Outcomes and Assessment Information Set Verification |
| RPM | Record Processing Mode |
| RRA | Regional Review Authority |
| RTC | Residential Treatment Center |
| RUG | Resource Utilization Group |
| RV | Residual Volume<br>Right Ventricle [Ventricular] |
| RVU | Relative Value Unit |
| SAAR | System Authorization Access Request |
| SAD | Seasonal Affective Disorder |
| SADMERC | Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier |
| SAFE | Sexual Assault Forensic Examination |
| SAO | Security Assistant Organizations |
| SAP | Special Access Program |
| SAPR | Sexual Assault Prevention and Response |
| SAS | Sensory Afferent Stimulation |
| SAT | Service Assist Team |
| SBCC | Service Branch Classification Code |
| SBI | Special Background Investigation |
| SCA | Service Contract Act |
| SCH | Sole Community Hospital |
| SCHIP | State Children's Health Insurance Program |
| SCI | Sensitive Compartmented Information<br>Spinal Cord Injury |
| SCIC | Significant Change in Condition |
| SCOO | Special Contracts and Operations Office |
| SCR | Stem Cell Rescue |
| S/D | Security Division |
| SD (Form) | Secretary of Defense (Form) |
| SEP | Sensory Evoked Potentials |
| SES | Senior Executive Service |

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| SelRes | Selected Reserve |
| SF | Standard Form |
| SGDs | Speech Generating Devices |
| SHCP | Supplemental Health Care Program |
| SI | Sensitive Information<br>Small Intestine (transplant)<br>Special Indicator (code)<br>Status Indicator |
| SIDS | Sudden Infant Death Syndrome |
| SIF | Source Input Format |
| SII | Special Investigative Inquiry |
| SI/L | Small Intestine-Live (transplant) |
| SIOP-ESI | Single Integrated Operational plan-Extremely Sensitive Information |
| SIP | System Identification Profile |
| SIT | Standard Insurance Table |
| SMC | System Management Center |
| SNF | Skilled Nursing Facility |
| SNS | Sacral Nerve Root Stimulation |
| SOC | Start of Care |
| SOFA | Status Of Forces Agreement |
| SOIC | Senior Officer of the Intelligence Community |
| SON | Submitting Office Number |
| SOR | Statement of Reasons |
| SPA | Simple Power Analysis |
| SPECT | Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography |
| SPK | Simultaneous Pancreas Kidney (transplant) |
| SPOC | Service Point of Contact |
| SPR | SECRET Periodic Reinvestigation |
| SQL | Structured Query Language |
| SRE | Serious Reportable Event |
| SSA | Social Security Act<br>Social Security Administration |
| SSAA | Social Security Authorization Agreement |
| SSAN | Social Security Administration Number |
| SSBI | Single-Scope Background Investigation |
| SSDI | Social Security Disability Insurance |
| SSL | Secure Socket Layer |
| SSM | Site Security Manager |
| SSN | Social Security Number |
| SSO | Short-Stay Outlier |
| ST | Speech Therapy |
| STF | Specialized Treatment Facility |
| STS | Specialized Treatment Services |

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| STSF | Specialized Treatment Service Facility |
| SUBID | Sub-Identifier |
| SUDRF | Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Facility |
| SVO | SIT Validation Office |
| SVT | Supraventricular Tachycardia |
| SWLS | Satisfaction With Life Scale |
| TAD | Temporary Additional Duty |
| TAFIM | Technical Architecture Framework for Information Management |
| TAMP | Transitional Assistance Management Program |
| TAO | TRICARE Alaska Office<br>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 |
| 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 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 |
| 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<br>February 2008 TRICARE Operations Manual 6010.56-M |
| TOP | TRICARE Overseas Program |
| TPA | Third Party Administrator |
| TPC | Third Party Collections |
| TPharm | TRICARE Pharmacy |
| TPL | Third Party Liability |
| TPM | August 2002 TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.54-M<br>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) |
| TQMC | TRICARE Quality Monitoring Contractor |
| TRDP | TRICARE Retiree Dental Program |
| TRI | TED Record Indicator |
| TRM | August 2002 TRICARE Reimbursement Manual 6010.55-M<br>February 2008 TRICARE Reimbursement Manual 6010.58-M |
| TRO | TRICARE Regional Office |
| 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 |

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| TSF | Target of Evaluation Security Functions |
| TSM | August 2002 TRICARE Systems Manual 7950.1-M<br>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 |
| TTPA | Temporary Transitional Payment Adjustment |
| TTY | Teletypewriter |
| TUNA | Transurethral Needle Ablation |
| 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 |
| UCCI | United Concordia Companies, Inc. |
| 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 |
| URF | Unremarried Former Spouses |
| URL | Universal Resource Locator |
| US | Ultrasound<br>United States |
| USA | United States of America |
| USACID | United States Army Criminal Investigation Division |
| 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 |

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| 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)<br>Veterans Administration |
| VAC | Vacuum-Assisted Closure |
| VAD | Ventricular Assist Device |
| VAMC | VA Medical Center |
| VATS | Video-Assisted Thorascopic 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 |
| WEDI | Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange |
| WIC | Women, Infants, and Children (Program) |
| 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 |
| X-Linked SCID | X-Linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome |
| XML | eXtensible Markup Language |
| ZIFT | Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer |

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| 2D | Two Dimensional |
| 3D | Three Dimensional |

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