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## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

### **CHAPTER 4**

1. Section 8.1. Nitric oxide expired gas determination (CPT procedure code 95012) for asthma is unproven.
2. Section 18.5.
  - a. Added HCPCS Procedure Code S2404 to the range, and added coverage for prenatal surgical repair of myelomeningocele when the gestational age of the fetus is 19.0 to 25.9 weeks and myelomeningocele is present with an upper boundary located between T1 through S1 with evidence of hindbrain herniation. Prenatal fetal surgery in the treatment of myelomeningocele is proven, effective February 9, 2011.
  - b. Noted that enrollment in the In-Utero Fetal Surgical Repair of Myelomeningocele Clinical Trial Demonstration Project terminated on December 7, 2010.
  - c. Added to EXCLUSIONS: The in-utero surgical repair of myelomeningocele in patients who have one or more of the following: (1) fetal anomaly unrelated to myelomeningocele; (2) severe kyphosis; (3) risk of pre-term birth (e.g., short cervix or previous pre-term birth); or (4) maternal body mass index of 35 or more.

### **CHAPTER 7**

3. Section 14.1. CPT Procedure Code Ranges clarified as follows: 95004-95010, 95015-95199. Nitric oxide expired gas determination for asthma is unproven and added to the EXCLUSIONS listing.

### **CHAPTER 8**

4. Section 2.3. Added coverage for the use of FDA-approved External Infusion Pumps (EIPs) for Type 2 diabetes mellitus when there is documentation by the physician of poor diabetic control and the patient has failed to achieve glycemic control after six months of Multiple Daily Injection (MDI). External insulin infusion pumps for Type 2 diabetes mellitus are proven, effective August 1, 2010.

### **APPENDIX A**

5. Added new acronyms.



## Respiratory System

Issue Date: August 26, 1985  
Authority: [32 CFR 199.4\(c\)\(2\)](#)

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

30000 - 32488, 32491, 32500 - 32999, 96570, 96571

### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

The respiratory system is comprised of the tubular and cavernous organs and structures by means of which pulmonary ventilation and gas exchange between ambient air and the blood are brought about.

### 3.0 POLICY

**3.1** Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the respiratory system are covered.

**3.2** Resection of pneumatoceles is a covered procedure.

**3.3** Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS) is a covered procedure, see [Section 8.2](#).

**3.4** Endoscopic thoracic sympathectomy (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code 32664) is covered for treatment of severe primary hyperhidrosis when appropriate nonsurgical therapies have failed and the hyperhidrosis results in significant functional impairment.

### 4.0 EXCLUSIONS

**4.1** Pillar palatal implant system for the treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) is unproven.

**4.2** Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (UPPP) (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code 42145) for the treatment of Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome (UARS) is unproven).

**4.3** Nitric oxide expired gas determination (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code 95012) for asthma is unproven.

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**5.0 EFFECTIVE DATE**

December 1, 2006, for endoscopic thoracic sympathectomy for severe primary hyperhidrosis.

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## Fetal Surgery

Issue Date: April 17, 2003

Authority: [32 CFR 199.4\(c\)\(2\)\(i\)](#)

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### 1.0 HCPCS PROCEDURE CODES

S2401- S2405, S2411

### 2.0 DEFINITION

Fetal surgery is defined as an intervention consisting of opening of the gravid uterus (by either a traditional cesarean surgical incision or through single or multiple fetoscopic port incisions), surgically correcting a fetal abnormality, and either returning the fetus to the uterus (or restoring uterine closure, if the intervention has been accomplished without removal of the fetus) for completion of gestational development.

### 3.0 POLICY

**3.1** Fetal surgery is covered for the following indications:

**3.1.1** Prenatal surgical intervention consisting of vesicoamniotic shunting in fetuses with hydronephrosis due to bilateral urinary tract obstruction together with evidence of progressive oligohydramnios and evidence of adequate renal function as generally defined by normal urinary electrolytes, and with no other lethal abnormalities or chromosomal defects.

**3.1.2** Prenatal intervention of either an open in-utero resection of malformed pulmonary tissue or placement of a thoraco-amniotic shunt in cases of hydrothorax or large cystic lesions for fetuses congenital cystic adenomatoid malformation or extralobar pulmonary sequestration, who are of less than 32 weeks' gestation and who have evidence of progressive hydrops, placentomegaly and/or the beginnings of maternal mirror syndrome.

**3.1.3** Twin-twin transfusion syndrome, gestation age of less than 25 weeks' gestation at the time of diagnosis.

**3.1.4** Sacrococcygeal teratoma in the presence of fetal hydrops and/or placentomegaly in fetuses with less than 28 weeks of gestation.

**3.1.5** Prenatal surgical repair of myelomeningocele when the gestational age of the fetus is 19.0 to 25.9 weeks and myelomeningocele is present with an upper boundary located between T1 through S1 with evidence of hindbrain herniation.

**3.2** Other conditions when determined by medical review to be medically necessary and appropriate treatment for the patient's medical condition and that reliable evidence has established in-utero surgery as safe and effective treatment.

#### **4.0 CONSIDERATIONS**

**4.1** The enrollment into the Department of Defense (DoD) In-Utero Fetal Surgical Repair of Myelomeningocele Clinical Trial Demonstration Project terminated on December 7, 2010, based on clear evidence of efficacy in the prenatal surgery group.

**4.2** For dates of services on or after October 1, 2009, coverage for prenatal surgical intervention of temporary tracheal occlusion of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) for fetuses with a prenatal diagnosis of CDH (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code S2400), shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, based on the Rare Disease policy. Procedural guidelines for review of rare disease are contained in Chapter 1, Section 3.1.

#### **5.0 EXCLUSIONS**

**5.1** The in-utero surgical repair of myelomeningocele in patients who have one or more of the following:

- Fetal anomaly unrelated to myelomeningocele.
- Severe kyphosis.
- Risk of pre-term birth (e.g., short cervix or previous pre-term birth).
- Maternal body mass index of 35 or more.

**5.2** The in-utero repair for aqueductal stenosis (HCPCS S2409) and procedures performed in-utero, not otherwise classified.

**5.3** In-utero surgery for other conditions for which the safety and effectiveness has not been established.

#### **6.0 EFFECTIVE DATE**

Prenatal surgical repair of myelomeningocele is covered, effective February 9, 2011.

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## Allergy Testing And Treatment

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### 1.0 CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODE RANGES

95004 - 95010, 95015 - 95199

### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

The testing and treatment of conditions related to allergies.

### 3.0 POLICY

Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of allergies are covered.

### 4.0 EXCLUSIONS

**4.1** Unproven allergy testing. The following are examples of unproven allergy testing. This list is NOT intended to be all-inclusive:

- In vitro histamine release
- Provocative and neutralization testing for food, environmental chemicals, inhalant allergens, and endogenous hormones.
- Sublingual testing.
- Cytotoxic leukocyte test for food and inhalant allergies.
- Rebuck skin window test.
- Passive transfer (Prausnitz-Kustner) test.
- Serial skin-test end point titration for routine testing.
- Kinesiology testing. This test involves muscle strength measurements after food ingestion or sublingual application of food extracts.

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- Reaginic Pulse test. This test measures the increase of pulse rates after ingestion of a suspected allergic food substance.
- Enzyme-Linked Immunoabsorbent Assay (ELISA).
- Electrodermal diagnosis.
- Chemical analysis of body tissue.
- Recall skin tests.
- In vitro lymphocyte proliferation.
- Food challenge testing performed in connection with clinical ecology programs.
- Nitric oxide expired gas determination (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure code 95012) for asthma is unproven

**4.2** Unproven allergy treatment. The following are examples of unproven allergy treatment. This list is NOT intended to be all-inclusive:

- Sublingual antigen therapy.
- Sublingual neutralization therapy for food and inhalant allergy.
- Urine autoinjection (autogenous urine immunization).
- Intracutaneous (intradermal) and subcutaneous neutralization therapy for food allergies.
- Immunotherapy involving any injection of a food antigen.
- Chemical exposure avoidance, special diet therapy, drug therapy and neutralization therapy for environmental allergies.
- Total serum IgE concentration in cord blood.

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## External And Implantable Infusion Pump (IIP)

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

36260 - 36262, 36530 - 36535, 62350 - 62368, 96530

### 2.0 HCPCS PROCEDURE CODES

Level II Codes E0780, E0784, Q0081, Q0084-Q0085

### 3.0 DESCRIPTION

**3.1** An External Infusion Pump (EIP) is a device designed to deliver measured amounts of a drug through injection over a period of time into a patient in a controlled manner.

**3.2** An Implantable Infusion Pump (IIP) system delivers therapeutic plasma levels of active drug to a target organ or body compartment for prolonged periods of time. The bulk flow of drug is generated either by fluorocarbon propellant (nonprogrammable IIP) or direct electromechanical action powered by a battery (programmable IIP). The pump is surgically implanted in a subcutaneous pocket and connects to a dedicated catheter that has been placed in the appropriate compartment. Constant or variable-rate infusions are possible over long periods of time (several weeks to years) with minimal human intervention (refilling or reprogramming) while retaining the capability for external control of rate and volume of primary and supplemental drug delivery. In addition to the pump itself, dependent on the type of pump used, the components of the system may include any of the following: reservoir, optional access port, connectors, various size catheters, micropore filter, hand-held programmer, and a variety of accessories.

### 4.0 POLICY

#### 4.1 External Infusion Pump (EIP)

**4.1.1** Claims may be reimbursed for medically necessary U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved EIPs when used according to label specifications in delivering continuous or intermittent drug therapy on an inpatient or outpatient basis.

**4.1.2** Supplies for the effective use of the EIP must be FDA approved. Such supplies include those drugs and biologicals prescribed for usage directly into the EIP in order to achieve the therapeutic benefit of the EIP, or to assure the proper functioning of the equipment.

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**4.1.3** EIPs and otherwise covered medical supplies required in the administration of the drug therapy performed in the home are covered.

**4.1.4** Other medical conditions requiring the use of an infusion of medicine from a FDA-approved EIP may be cost shared when medical review determines the treatment to be medically necessary and generally accepted medical practice. Examples of covered medical conditions requiring the use of FDA-approved EIPs.

**4.1.4.1** Cancer chemotherapy agents.

**4.1.4.2** Morphine when used in the treatment of intractable pain.

**4.1.4.3** Desferoxamine.

**4.1.4.4** Insulin: **When the patient has one of the following indications (list is all-inclusive):**

- When the diagnosis is insulin dependent Type 1 diabetes mellitus and there is documentation by the physician of poor diabetic control; **OR**
- For Cystic Fibrosis-Related Diabetes (CFRD) under the rare disease policy as described in [Chapter 1, Section 3.1](#); **OR**
- For Type 2 diabetes mellitus when there is documentation by the physician of poor diabetic control **AND** the patient has failed to achieve glycemic control after six months of Multiple Daily Injection (MDI) therapy.

**4.1.4.5** Antibiotic therapy.

**4.1.4.6** Heparin therapy in treatment of thromboembolic disease.

**4.1.5** EIPs are cost shared as Durable Medical Equipment (DME). (See the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual (TRM), [Chapter 1, Section 11](#) for more information on reimbursement of DME.)

## **4.2 Implantable Infusion Pump (IIP)**

Claims may be reimbursed for services and supplies related to the use of medically necessary, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved IIPs when used according to pump label specifications. This may include but is not limited to implantation, refilling, servicing, maintenance, and removal of the pump and/or accessories. Uses may include but are not limited to the following (please note "EXCLUSIONS" and "EFFECTIVE DATES" listed below):

**4.2.1** Treatment of primary liver cancer or metastatic colorectal liver cancer where the metastases are limited to the liver with continuous hepatic artery infusions of chemotherapeutic agents (e.g., floxuridine, doxorubicin hydrochloride, cisplatin, methotrexate, with bacteriostatic water or physiologic saline and/or heparin);

**4.2.2** Treatment of osteomyelitis with administration of antibiotics (e.g., clindamycin);

**4.2.3** Treatment of chronic intractable pain of malignant or nonmalignant origin by administration of opioid drugs (e.g., morphine) intrathecally or epidurally in patients who have a life expectancy of at least three months and who have not responded to less invasive medical therapy. Documentation of the following must be provided in order for TRICARE to consider a claim for payment:

**4.2.3.1** Inadequate response to noninvasive methods of pain management such as systemic opioids, including attempts to eliminate physical and behavioral abnormalities which may cause an exaggerated reaction to pain, and

**4.2.3.2** A preliminary trial of intraspinal opioid with a temporary intrathecal/epidural catheter to evaluate pain relief, side effects, and patient acceptance.

**4.2.4** Treatment of chronic intractable spasticity with administration of anti-spasmodic drugs (e.g., baclofen) in patients who have proven unresponsive to less invasive medical therapy. The following must be provided in order to consider a claim for payment:

**4.2.4.1** Documentation of inadequate control of spasticity or intolerable side effects resulting from at least a six week trial of noninvasive methods of spasm control with drugs such as oral antispasmodics alone or combined with anticonvulsants (depending on the disease progression and the patient's symptoms), and

**4.2.4.2** Documentation of a favorable response to a trial intrathecal dose of the antispasmodic drug prior to pump implantation;

**4.2.5** Second level review is required for all other IIP uses. Reimbursement may be considered for other uses of IIPs (not specifically excluded in [paragraph 6.0](#)) with documentation of the following:

**4.2.5.1** The medical necessity of the drug;

**4.2.5.2** The medical necessity and appropriateness of an IIP to deliver the drug; and

**4.2.5.3** The IIP use adheres to the FDA approved labeling for the pump and the drug.

## **5.0 POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

**5.1** FDA-approved IIPs are labeled for specific drugs and routes of administration, e.g., intravenous fluorouracil (5-FU), intra-arterial floxuridine, epidural morphine sulfate, intrathecal morphine sulfate, and intrathecal baclofen. Payments of claims may be considered for IIPs used according to label specifications.

**5.2** Reimbursement will follow the appropriate methodology for the place where the services are delivered, i.e., services provided in a hospital will be reimbursed according to the appropriate inpatient reimbursement methodology; reimbursement for physician's office services will follow appropriate outpatient reimbursement procedures. When the implantation is performed on an inpatient basis, charges for the pump and the related equipment, supplies, and drugs will be included in the hospital charges. If services performed in the physician's office are primarily for

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maintenance and refilling of the infusion system, reimbursement is limited to the charges for the maintenance and refilling services; no allowance may be made for an office visit.

**5.3** In addition to IIPs, implanted access ports and pulsatile pumps forming a self-sealing patent access portal for the administration of intravenous medications (e.g., Port-a cath, Medi-port and Infusiport systems) may be cost-shared. These systems are distinguished from IIPs by the method of controlling the drug delivery rate. Access ports deliver drugs by passive diffusion. Pulsatile pumps deliver drugs when the patient manually compresses the device. Drug delivery rates in IIPs are controlled by vapor pressure or by direct electromechanical action.

**6.0 EXCLUSIONS**

**6.1** TRICARE currently classifies the use of implantable infusion pumps in the treatment of thromboembolic disease and diabetes as unproven. TRICARE may not, therefore, reimburse charges for the use of IIPs for these indications.

**6.2** IIP labels include specific contraindications. Claims for IIPs and related services and supplies for pumps not used in accordance with FDA approved label specifications may not be reimbursed.

**7.0 EFFECTIVE DATES**

**7.1** Chemotherapy for malignancies: March 14, 1988.

**7.2** Antibiotics for osteomyelitis: February 2, 1989.

**7.3** Opioids for chronic intractable pain of malignant origin: July 25, 1991.

**7.4** Opioids for chronic intractable pain of nonmalignant origin: October 28, 1991.

**7.5** Antispasmodics for chronic intractable spasticity: August 12, 1992.

**7.6** External insulin infusion pumps for Type 2 diabetes mellitus: August 1, 2010.

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LVEF	Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
LVRS	Lung Volume Reduction Surgery
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 <b>Multiple Daily Injection</b>
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
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

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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 Medical Review 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
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
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
NCF	National Conversion Factor

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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
NICHHD	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
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
<b>NRS</b>	<b>Non-Routine [Medical] Supply</b>
NSDSMEP	National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs
NTIS	National Technical Information Service
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee

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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
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

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PACAB	Port Access Coronary Artery Bypass
PACO <sub>2</sub>	Partial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide
PAO <sub>2</sub>	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 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
PCMRS	PCM Panel Reassignment (Application) PCM Reassignment System
PCO	Procurement (Procuring) Contracting Officer
PCP	Primary Care Physician Primary Care Provider
PCS	Permanent Change of Station
PD	Passport Division
PDA	Patent Ductus Arteriosus 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
PDI	Potentially Disqualifying Information
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

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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 Personnel Identity Protection
PIRFT	Percutaneous Intradiscal Radiofrequency Thermocoagulation (PIRFT)
PIT	PCM Information Transfer
PIV	Personal Identity Verification
PK	Public Key
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 Present On Admission
POA&M	Plan of Action and Milestones
POC	Pharmacy Operations Center Plan of Care Point of Contact
POL	May 1996 TRICARE/CHAMPUS Policy Manual 6010.47-M
POS	Point of Sale (Pharmacy only) Point of Service 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

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PPS	Prospective Payment System Ports, Protocols and Services
PPSM	Ports, Protocols, and Service Management
PPV	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine
PQI	Potential Quality Indicator 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 Physician Scarcity Area
PSAB	Personnel Security Appeals Board
PSCT	Peripheral Stem Cell Transplantation
PSD	Personnel Security Division
PSG	Polysomnography
PSI	Personnel Security Investigation
PST	Pacific Standard Time
PT	Pacific Time Physical Therapist Physical Therapy Prothrombin Time
PTA	Pancreas Transplant Alone 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 Quality Issue
QII	Quality Improvement Initiative
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization
QIP	Quality Improvement Program
QLE	Qualifying Life Event

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QM	Quality Management
QUIG	Quality Indicator Group
RA	Radiofrequency Annuloplasty 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 Refund Control Number
RCS	Report Control Symbol
RD	Regional Director Registered Dietitian
RDBMS	Relational Database Management System
RDDDB	Reportable Disease Database
REM	Rapid Eye Movement
RF	Radiofrequency
RFA	Radiofrequency Ablation
RFI	Request For Information
RFP	Request For Proposal
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 Rough Order of Magnitude
ROT	Read-Only Table
ROTC	Reserved Officer Training Corps
ROVER	RHHI OASIS Verification
RPM	Record Processing Mode
RRA	Regional Review Authority
RTC	Residential Treatment Center
rTMS	Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation
RUG	Resource Utilization Group
RV	Residual Volume Right Ventricle [Ventricular]
RVU	Relative Value Unit
SAAR	System Authorization Access Request
SAD	Seasonal Affective Disorder

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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 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
SelRes	Selected Reserve
SF	Standard Form
SGDs	Speech Generating Devices
SHCP	Supplemental Health Care Program
SI	Sensitive Information Small Intestine (transplant) Special Indicator (code) 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

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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 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
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 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

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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
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
TPA	Third Party Administrator

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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)
TQMC	TRICARE Quality Monitoring Contractor
TRDP	TRICARE Retiree Dental Program
TRI	TED Record Indicator
TRIAP	TRICARE Assistance Program
TRM	August 2002 TRICARE Reimbursement Manual 6010.55-M 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
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
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

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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
URFS	Unremarried Former Spouse
URL	Universal Resource Locator
US	Ultrasound 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
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

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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
2D	Two Dimensional
3D	Three Dimensional

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