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4. Section 20.1. Allows for off-label use of the vagus nerve stimulator for children with Lennox Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) (a rare disorder) refractory to medical treatment. Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression (mild®) for the treatment of Degenerative Disc Disease and/or spinal stenosis is unproven.
5. Section 21.1. Autologous serum eye drops for the treatment of dry eye syndrome, keratitis, or ocular hypertension is unproven.

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## Chapter 1

## Section 3.1

### Rare Diseases

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#### 1.0 DESCRIPTION

TRICARE defines a rare disease as any disease or condition that affects less than 200,000 persons in the United States.

#### 2.0 POLICY

**2.1** Coverage for treatment of rare diseases may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Case-by-case review is not required for drugs, devices, medical treatments, and procedures that have already been established as safe and effective for treatment of rare diseases.

**2.1.1** In reviewing the case, any or all of the following sources may be used to determine if the proposed benefit is considered safe and effective.

**2.1.2** Trials published in refereed medical literature.

**2.1.3** Formal technology assessments.

**2.1.4** National medical policy organization positions.

**2.1.5** National professional associations.

**2.1.6** National expert opinion organizations.

**2.2** If case review indicates that the proposed benefit for a rare disease is safe and effective for that disease, benefits may be allowed. If benefits are denied, an appropriate appealing party may request an appeal.

**2.3** Off-label use of rituximab may be considered for cost-sharing for the treatment of recurrent nodular CD20 positive lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin's disease. The effective date is January 1, 2003.

**2.4** Off-label use of rituximab may be considered for cost-sharing in reducing proteinuria for the treatment of Immunoglobulin A (IgA) nephropathy (proliferative glomerulonephritis). The effective date is May 1, 2007.

**2.5** Effective May 13, 2009, Intraperitoneal Hyperthermic Chemotherapy (IPHC) (Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)<sup>1</sup> procedure codes 77600, 77605, and 96445) in conjunction with cytoreductive surgery or peritonectomy for treatment of pseudomyxoma peritonei resulting from appendiceal carcinoma may be covered on a case-by-case basis for adult patients when all of the following criteria are met:

- There is no evidence of distant metastasis.
- There is evidence of low histological aggressiveness of the disease.
- The patient has not undergone preoperative systemic chemotherapy.
- The patient's condition does not preclude major surgery.
- The chemotherapeutic agents used are Mitomycin C, Cisplatin (also known as Cisplatinum), or Fluorouracil.

**2.6** External Infusion Pumps (EIPs) for insulin may be considered for cost-sharing when the diagnosis is Cystic Fibrosis-Related Diabetes (CFRD) with fasting hyperglycemia. See [Chapter 8, Section 2.3](#) for policy regarding EIPs. Effective January 21, 2009.

**2.7** Post-operative proton beam radiosurgery/radiotherapy (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure codes 77520, 77522, 77523, and 77525) may be considered for cost-sharing when the diagnosis is sacral chordoma. See [Chapter 5, Section 3.1](#) for policy regarding proton beam radiosurgery/radiotherapy.

**2.8** Extracorporeal photopheresis (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code 36522) may be considered for cost-sharing when the diagnosis is Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome (BOS) that is refractory to immunosuppressive drug treatment. See [Chapter 4, Section 9.2](#) for policy regarding photopheresis.

### **3.0 EXCLUSIONS**

**3.1** Intracranial angioplasty with stenting (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code 61635) of the venous sinuses for treatment of pseudotumor cerebri (also known as idiopathic intracranial hypertension and benign intracranial hypertension) is unproven.

**3.2** Off-label use of rituximab for pediatric Immunoglobulin A (IgA) is unproven.

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**3.12** Chemical peeling (exfoliation) for any of the following:

- Treatment of aging skin.
- Treatment or removal of facial wrinkles.
- Treatment of acne or of acne scars.

**3.13** Revision of scars resulting from surgery and/or a disease process, except disfiguring and extensive scars resulting from neoplastic surgery.

**3.14** Dermabrasion of the face (except when performed as part of surgery to restore body form following accidental injury or revision of disfiguring and extensive scars resulting from neoplastic surgery).

**3.15** Removal of tattoos.

**3.16** Hair transplants.

**3.17** Electrolysis or laser hair removal.

**3.18** Insertion of prosthetic testicles for transsexualism, or such other conditions as gender dysphoria.

**3.19** Body contouring.

**3.20** Rhytidectomy (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure codes 15824 - 15826, 15828, and 15829) except for treatment of facial palsy or significant facial burns or other significant major facial trauma.

**3.21** Facial implants (except when performed as part of surgery to restore body form following accidental injury or revision of disfiguring and extensive scars resulting from neoplastic surgery).

**3.22** Face transplant, maxillary transplant, and facial Composite Tissue Allotransplantation (CTA).

**3.23** When it is determined that a cosmetic, reconstructive and/or plastic surgery procedure does not qualify for benefits, all related services and supplies are excluded, including any institutional costs.

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known as: Intradiscal Electrothermal Annuloplasty (IEA), Intradiscal Electrothermal Therapy (IDET), Intradiscal Thermal Annuloplasty (IDTA), Percutaneous Intradiscal Radiofrequency Thermocoagulation (PIRFT), Coblation Percutaneous Disc Decompression, Nucleoplasty (also known as Percutaneous Radiofrequency (RF) Thermomodulation or Percutaneous Plasma Discectomy), Radiofrequency Annuloplasty (RA), Intradiscal Biacuplasty (IDB), Percutaneous (or Plasma) Disc Decompression (PDD), Targeted Disc Decompression (TDD), Cervical Intradiscal RF Lesioning.

**5.15** Total hip resurfacing (HCPCS code S2118) for treatment of degenerative hip disease is unproven.

**5.16** Spinal manipulation under anesthesia (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure codes 00640 and 22505) for the treatment of back pain is unproven.

**5.17** Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression (mild<sup>®</sup>) for the treatment of Degenerative Disc Disease (DDD) and/or spinal stenosis is unproven.

**6.0 EFFECTIVE DATES**

**6.1** February 6, 2006, for percutaneous vertebroplasty and balloon kyphoplasty.

**6.2** May 1, 2008, for TAR.

**6.3** May 1, 2008, for core decompression of the femoral head.

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## Nervous System

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

61000 - 61626, 61680 - 62264, 62268 - 62284, 62290 - 63048, 63055 - 64484, 64505 - 64560, 64565 - 64580, 64595, 64600 - 64650, 64680 - 64999, 95961, 95962, 95970 - 95975, 95978, 95979

### 2.0 POLICY

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

**2.2** Therapeutic embolization (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code 61624) may be covered for the following indications. The list of indications is not all inclusive. Other indications are covered when documented by reliable evidence as safe, effective and comparable or superior to standard care (proven).

- Cerebral Arteriovenous Malformations (AVMs).
- Vein of Galen Aneurysm.
- Inoperable or High-Risk Intracranial Aneurysms.
- Dural Arteriovenous Fistulas.
- Meningioma.
- Pulmonary Arteriovenous Malformations (PAVMs).

**2.3** Implantation of depth electrodes is covered. Implantation of a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved vagus nerve stimulator **may be covered for the following indications:**

- **As adjunctive therapy in reducing the frequency of seizures in adults and adolescents over 12 years of age, which are refractory to anti-epileptic medication.**
- **As therapy for children 12 years of age or younger who have a diagnosis of medically refractory Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) (a rare disease).**

**Note:** Battery replacement is also covered.

**2.4** Spinal cord and deep brain stimulation are covered in the treatment of chronic intractable pain. Coverage includes:

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**2.4.1** The accessories necessary for the effective functioning of the covered device.

**2.4.2** Repair, adjustment, replacement and removal of the covered device and associated surgical costs.

**2.5** The Guglielmi Detachable Coil (GDC) may be cost-shared for embolizing unruptured intracranial aneurysms that, because of their morphology, their location, or the patient's general medical condition, are considered by the treating neurosurgical team to be:

**2.5.1** Very high risk for management by traditional operative techniques; or

**2.5.2** Inoperable; or

**2.5.3** For embolizing other vascular malformation such as AVMs and arteriovenous fistulae of the neurovasculature, to include arterial and venous embolizations in the peripheral vasculature.

**2.6** Thoracic epidural steroid injections for the treatment of pain due to symptomatic thoracic disc herniations may be considered for cost-sharing when a patient meets all of the following criteria:

- Pain is radicular; and
- Pain is unresponsive to conservative treatment.

**2.7** Non-pulsed Radiofrequency (RF) denervation (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure codes 64622, 64623, 64626, 64627) for the treatment of chronic cervical and lumbar facet pain is covered when the following criteria are met:

**2.7.1** No prior spinal fusion surgery in the vertebral level being treated, and

**2.7.2** Low back (lumbosacral) or neck (cervical) pain, suggestive of facet joint origin as evidenced by absence of nerve root compression as documented in the medical record on history, physical and radiographic evaluations; and the pain is not radicular, and

**2.7.3** Pain has failed to respond to three months of conservative management which may consist of therapies such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications, acetaminophen, manipulation, physical therapy, and a home exercise program, and

**2.7.4** A trial of controlled diagnostic medial branch blocks under fluoroscopic guidance has resulted in at least a 50% reduction in pain; and

**2.7.5** If there has been a prior successful RF denervation, a minimum time of six months has elapsed since prior RF treatment (per side, per anatomical level of the spine).

**2.8** Endoscopic laminotomy (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure code 63030) is covered for the treatment of lumbar spinal stenosis. The endoscopic spinal system used in the procedure must be FDA approved.

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### 3.0 EXCLUSIONS

- 3.1** N-butyl-2-cyanoacrylate (Histacryl Bleu®), iodinated poppy seed oils (e.g., Ethiodol®), and absorbable gelatin sponges are not FDA approved.
- 3.2** Transcutaneous, percutaneous, functional dorsal column electrical stimulation in the treatment of multiple sclerosis or other motor function disorders is unproven.
- 3.3** Deep brain neurostimulation in the treatment of insomnia, depression, anxiety, and substance abuse is unproven.
- 3.4** Psychosurgery is not in accordance with accepted professional medical standards and is not covered.
- 3.5** Endovascular GDC treatment of wide-necked aneurysms and rupture is unproven.
- 3.6** Cerebellar stimulators/pacemakers for the treatment of neurological disorders are unproven.
- 3.7** Dorsal Root Entry Zone (DREZ) thermocoagulation or microcoagulation neurosurgical procedure is unproven.
- 3.8** Extraoperative electrocortigraphy for stimulation and recording in order to determine electrical thresholds of neurons as an indicator of seizure focus is unproven.
- 3.9** Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES) for the treatment of denervated muscles is unproven.
- 3.10** Stereotactic cingulotomy is unproven.
- 3.11** Sacral nerve neurostimulator (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure codes 64561, 64581, 64585, and 64590). See [Section 14.1](#) for coverage policy for the urinary system and the Sacral Nerve Root Stimulation (SNS).
- 3.12** Laminoplasty, cervical with decompression of the spinal cord, two or more vertebral segments with reconstruction of the posterior bony elements (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure codes 63050 and 63051).
- 3.13** Balloon angioplasty, intracranial, percutaneous (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure code 61630) is unproven.
- 3.14** Transcatheter placement of intravascular stent(s) intracranial (e.g., atherosclerotic or venous sinus stenosis) including angioplasty, if performed (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure code 61635) is unproven.
- 3.15** Balloon dilation of intracranial vasospasm, initial vessel (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure code 61640) each additional vessel in same family (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure code 61641) or different vascular family (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure code 61642) is unproven.
- 3.16** Endoscopic thoracic sympathectomy.

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**3.17** Trigger point injection for migraine headaches.

**3.18** Sphenopalatine ganglion block (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure code 64505) for the treatment of chronic migraine headaches and neck pain is unproven.

**3.19** RF denervation (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure codes 64626, 64627) for the treatment of thoracic facet pain is unproven. Pulsed Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA) for spinal pain is unproven.

**3.20** Implantation of Occipital Nerve Stimulator for the treatment of chronic intractable migraine headache is unproven.

**3.21** Cryoablation of Occipital Nerve (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure code 64640) for the treatment of chronic intractable headache is unproven.

**3.22** Spinal cord and deep brain neurostimulation in the treatment of chronic intractable headache or migraine pain is unproven.

**3.23** Thermal Intradiscal Procedures (TIPs) (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure codes 22526, 22527, 62287, and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code S2348) are unproven. TIPs are also known as: Intradiscal Electrothermal Annuloplasty (IEA), Intradiscal Electrothermal Therapy (IDET), Intradiscal Thermal Annuloplasty (IDTA), Percutaneous Intradiscal Radiofrequency Thermocoagulation (PIRFT), Coblation Percutaneous Disc Decompression, Nucleoplasty (also known as Percutaneous RF thermomodulation or Percutaneous Plasma Diskectomy), Radiofrequency Annuloplasty (RA), Intradiscal Biacuplasty (IDB), Percutaneous (or Plasma) Disc Decompression (PDD), Targeted Disc Decompression (TDD), Cervical Intradiscal RF Lesioning.

**3.24** Laser ablation of paravertebral facet joint nerves (CPT<sup>4</sup> procedure codes 64622 and 64623) is unproven. **(This applies only to laser ablation and should not be applied to RFA.)**

**3.25** Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression (mild®) for the treatment of Degenerative Disc Disease (DDD) and/or spinal stenosis is unproven.

#### **4.0 EFFECTIVE DATES**

**4.1** January 1, 1989, for PAVM.

**4.2** April 1, 1994, for therapeutic embolization for treatment of meningioma.

**4.3** July 14, 1997, for GDC.

**4.4** The date of FDA approval of the embolization device for all other embolization procedures.

**4.5** June 1, 2004, for Magnetoencephalography.

**4.6** June 10, 2008, for thoracic epidural steroid injections.

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**4.7** January 1, 2009, for non-pulsed RF denervation for the treatment of chronic cervical and lumbar facet pain.

**4.8** January 1, 2009, for endoscopic laminotomy for the treatment of lumbar spinal stenosis.

**4.9** October 1, 2011, for vagus nerve stimulator for treatment of LGS in children 12 years of age or younger.

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## Eye And Ocular Adnexa

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

**0192T**, 65091 - 65755, 65772 - **66172, 66180** - 68899, 77600 - 77615

### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

The eye is the organ of vision and the ocular adnexa are the appendages or adjunct parts; i.e., eyelids, lacrimal apparatus.

### 3.0 POLICY

**3.1** Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the eye or ocular adnexa are covered.

**3.2** Phototherapeutic Keratectomy (PTK) is covered for corneal dystrophies.

**3.3** Strabismus. Surgical procedures and eye examinations to correct, treat, or diagnose strabismus are covered.

**3.4** Corneal transplants. A corneal transplant (keratoplasty) is a covered surgical procedure. Relaxing keratotomy to relieve astigmatism following a corneal transplant is covered.

**3.5** Transpupillary thermotherapy (laser hyperthermia, CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure codes 77600 - 77615), with chemotherapy, is covered for the treatment of retinoblastoma. See also [Chapter 5, Section 5.1](#).

**3.6** Intrastromal Corneal Ring Segments (Intacs®) is covered for U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indications for beneficiaries with keratoconus who meet all of the following criteria: (1) are unable to achieve adequate vision using lenses or spectacles; and (2) for whom corneal transplant is the only remaining option. Coverage allowed effective July 17, 2005.

**3.7** **Optional ExPRESS Mini glaucoma Shunt (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure code 0192T) to reduce Intraocular Pressure (IOP) in the treatment of glaucoma, that cannot be controlled effectively with medications.**

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#### 4.0 EXCLUSIONS

**4.1** Refractive corneal surgery except as noted in [paragraph 3.4](#) (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure codes 65760, 65765, 65767, 65770, 65771).

**4.2** Eyeglasses, and contact lenses except as noted in [Chapter 7, Section 6.2](#).

**4.3** Orthokeratology.

**4.4** Orthoptics, also known as visual training, vision therapy, eye exercises, eye therapy, is excluded by [32 CFR 199.4\(g\)\(46\)](#) (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure code 92065).

**4.5** Epikeratophakia for treatment of aphakia and myopia is unproven.

**4.6** Transpupillary thermotherapy (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure code 0016T) for treatment of coroidal melanoma is unproven.

**4.7** Canaloplasty for the treatment of glaucoma (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure codes 66174 and 66175).

**4.8** Autologous serum eye drops for the treatment of dry eye syndrome, keratitis, or ocular hypertension is unproven.

#### 5.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2011, coverage for Optonal ExPRESS Mini Glaucoma Shunt.

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## Chapter 5

## Section 4.1

# Nuclear Medicine

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

78000 - 79999

### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

Nuclear Medicine uses very small amounts of radioactive materials or radiopharmaceuticals to diagnose and treat disease. Radiopharmaceuticals are substances that are attracted to specific organs, bones, or tissues. The radiopharmaceutical used in nuclear medicine emit gamma rays that can be detected externally by gamma or Positron Emission Tomography (PET) cameras. These cameras work in conjunction with computers used to form images that provide data and information about the area of body being imaged. The following techniques are used in the diagnosis, management, treatment, and prevention of disease:

- Planar, Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT);
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET);
- Tomography;
- Nuclear Medicine Scan;
- Radiopharmaceutical;
- Gamma Camera;
- In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) done in test tubes; and
- IVF done in patients.

### 3.0 POLICY

#### 3.1 PET is covered for:

**3.1.1** The diagnosis and management of seizure disorders.

**3.1.2** Evaluation of ischemic heart disease.

**3.1.3** The diagnosis, staging, restaging, and monitoring of treatment of pancreatic cancer.

**3.1.4** PET and PET/CT for the staging and restaging of differentiated (follicular, papillary, Hürthle cell) thyroid cancer.

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- 3.1.5** PET and PET/CT for ruling out recurrence of ovarian cancer.
- 3.1.6** PET and PET/CT for staging, restaging, and detection of recurrence of colorectal cancer.
- 3.1.7** PET/CT for metastatic bladder cancer.
- 3.1.8** Restaging of gastrointestinal stromal tumor (a rare disease).
- 3.1.9** The diagnosis and management of lung cancer when documented by reliable evidence as safe, effective, and comparable or superior to standard care (proven).
- 3.1.10** PET and PET/CT for the diagnosis, staging, and monitoring of treatment of lymphoma.
- 3.2** SPECT is covered for:
  - 3.2.1** Myocardial perfusion imaging utilizing SPECT.
  - 3.2.2** Brain imaging utilizing SPECT for the evaluation of seizure disorder.
  - 3.2.3** Prostatic radioimmunoscinigraphy imaging utilizing SPECT for the following indications:
    - 3.2.3.1** Metastatic spread of prostate cancer and for use in post-prostatectomy patients in whom there is a high suspicion of undetected cancer recurrence.
    - 3.2.3.2** Newly diagnosed patients with biopsy-proven prostate cancer at high risk for spread of their disease to pelvic lymph nodes.
  - 3.2.4** Indium<sup>111</sup> - for detecting the presence and location of myocardial injury in patients with suspected myocardial infarction.
  - 3.2.5** Indium<sup>111</sup> - labeled anti-TAG72 for tumor recurrence in colorectal and ovarian cancer.
  - 3.2.6** SPECT for other indications is covered when documented by reliable evidence as safe, effective, and comparable or superior to standard care (proven).
- 3.3** Indium<sup>111</sup> Pentetreotide (Octreoscan) Scintigraphy is covered for:
  - 3.3.1** The localization and monitoring of treatment of primary and metastatic neuroendocrine tumors.
  - 3.3.2** Other indications when documented by reliable evidence as safe, effective, and comparable or superior to standard care (proven).
- 3.4** Bone Density Studies (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure codes 78350 and 78351) are covered for:
  - 3.4.1** The diagnosis and monitoring of osteoporosis.

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**3.4.2** The diagnosis and monitoring of osteopenia.

**3.4.3** Patients must present with signs and symptoms of bone disease or be considered at high-risk for developing osteoporosis. High-risk factors for osteoporosis are those identified as the standard of care by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

#### **4.0 EXCLUSIONS**

**4.1** Bone density studies for the routine screening of osteoporosis.

**4.2** PET for the diagnosis and monitoring of treatment of Alzheimer's disease, fronto-temporal dementia or other forms of dementia is unproven.

**4.3** PET and PET/CT for the initial diagnosis of differentiated thyroid cancer and for medullary cell thyroid cancer.

**4.4** Ultrasound ablation (destruction of uterin fibroids) with Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) guidance (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure code 0071T) in the treatment of uterine leiomyomata is unproven.

**4.5** PET and PET/CT for the diagnosis, staging, restaging, and monitoring of treatment of gastric cancer is unproven.

**4.6** PET and PET/CT for the initial diagnosis, staging, and monitoring of treatment of ovarian cancer is unproven.

**4.7** PET and PET/CT for the initial diagnosis and monitoring of treatment of colorectal cancer is unproven.

**4.8** PET for the diagnosis of renal mass or possible Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC) recurrence.

**4.9** Scintimammography (HCPCS code S8080), Breast-Specific Gamma Imaging (BSGI) (CPT<sup>3</sup> procedure codes 78800, 78801), and Molecular Breast Imaging (MBI) are unproven for all indications.

#### **5.0 EFFECTIVE DATES**

**5.1** January 1, 1995, for PET for ischemic heart disease.

**5.2** December 1, 1996, for PET for lung cancer.

**5.3** October 14, 1990, for SPECT for myocardial perfusion imaging.

**5.4** January 1, 1991, for SPECT for brain imaging.

**5.5** October 28, 1996, for <sup>111</sup>In-Capromab Pendetide, CyT 356 (ProstaScint™).

**5.6** June 1, 1994, for Octreoscan Scintigraphy.

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- 5.7** May 26, 1994, for bone density studies.
- 5.8** January 1, 2006, for PET and PET/CT for pancreatic cancer.
- 5.9** February 16, 2006, for PET and PET/CT for thyroid cancer.
- 5.10** December 1, 2008, for PET and PET/CT for ruling out recurrence of ovarian cancer.
- 5.11** May 1, 2007, for PET and PET/CT for staging, restaging, and detection of recurrence of colorectal cancer.
- 5.12** January 1, 2010, for PET/CT for metastatic bladder cancer.
- 5.13** January 1, 2007, for PET and PET/CT for lymphoma.
- 5.14** January 1, 2010, for PET for gastrointestinal stromal tumor (a rare disease).

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ARVC	Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy
ASA	Adjusted Standardized Amount American Society of Anesthesiologists
ASAP	Automated Standard Application for Payment
ASC	Accredited Standards Committee Ambulatory Surgical Center
ASCA	Administrative Simplification Compliance Act
ASCUS	Atypical Squamous Cells of Undetermined Significance
ASD	Assistant Secretary of Defense Atrial Septal Defect 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	Birth Center
BCaBA	Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst
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
<b>BE&amp;SD</b>	<b>Beneficiary Education and Support Division</b>
BH	Behavioral Health
BI	Background Investigation
<b>BIA</b>	<b>Bureau of Indian Affairs</b>
BIPA	Benefits Improvement Protection Act
BL	Black Lung
BLS	Basic Life Support

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BMI	Body Mass Index
BMT	Bone Marrow Transplantation
BNAF	Budget Neutrality Adjustment Factor
BOS	Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome
BP	Behavioral Plan
BPC	Beneficiary Publication Committee
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
BRCA	BReast CAncer (genetic testing)
BRCA1/2	BReast CAncer Gene 1/2
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&P	Compensation and Pension
C/S	Client/Server
CA	Care Authorization
CA/NAS	Care Authorization/Non-Availability Statement
CABG	Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
CAC	Common Access Card
CACREP	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
CAF	Central Adjudication Facility
CAH	Critical Access Hospital
CAMBHC	Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Behavioral Health Care
CAP	Competitive Acquisition Program
CAP/DME	Capital and Direct Medical Education
CAPD	Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis
CAPP	Controlled Access Protection Profile
CAQH	Council for Affordable Quality Health
CAS	Carotid Artery Stenosis
CAT	Computerized Axial Tomography
CB	Consolidated Billing
CBC	Cypher Block Chaining
CBE	Clinical Breast Examination
CBHCO	Community-Based Health Care Organizations
CBP	Competitive Bidding Program
CBSA	Core Based Statistical Area
CC	Common Criteria Convenience Clinic Criminal Control (Act)

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CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPI-U	Consumer Price Index - Urban (Wage Earner)
CPNS	Certified Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
CPR	CAC PIN Reset
CPT	Chest Physiotherapy 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
CRS	Cytoreductive Surgery
CRSC	Combat-Related Special Compensation
CRT	Computer Remote Terminal
CSA	Clinical Support Agreement
CSE	Communications Security Establishment (of the Government of Canada)
CSP	Corporate Service Provider Critical Security Parameter
CST	Central Standard Time
CSU	Channel Sending Unit
CSV	Comma-Separated Value
CSW	Clinical Social Worker
CT	Central Time Computerized Tomography
CTA	<b>Composite Tissue Allotransplantation</b> Computerized Tomography Angiography
CTC	Computed Tomographic Colonography
CTCL	Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma
CTEP	Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program
CTX	Corporate Trade Exchange
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
DBN	DoD Benefits Number
DC	Direct Care
DCAA	Defense Contract Audit Agency
DCAO	Debt Collection Assistance Officer

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DCID	Director of Central Intelligence Directive
DCII	Defense Clearance and Investigation Index
DCIS	Defense Criminal Investigating Service Ductal Carcinoma In Situ
DCN	Document Control Number
DCP	Data Collection Period
DCPE	Disability Compensation and Pension Examination
DCR	Developed Character Reference
DCS	Duplicate Claims System
DCSI	Defense Central Security Index
DCWS	DEERS Claims Web Service
DD (Form)	Department of Defense (Form)
DDAS	DCII Disclosure Accounting System
<b>DDD</b>	<b>Degenerative Disc Disease</b>
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
DES	Data Encryption Standard Disability Evaluation System
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

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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 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
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

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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
DSMT	Diabetes Self-Management Training
DSO	DMDC Support Office
DSPOC	Dental Service Point of Contact
DSU	Data Sending Unit
DTF	Dental Treatment Facility
DTM	Directive-Type Memorandum
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
E-ID	Early Identification
E-NAS	Electronic Non-Availability Statement
e-QIP	Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing
E&M	Evaluation & Management
E2R	Enrollment Eligibility Reconciliation
EAL	Common Criteria Evaluation Assurance Level
EAP	Employee-Assistance Program Ethandamine phosphate
EBC	Enrollment Based Capitation
ECA	External Certification Authority
ECAS	European Cardiac Arrhythmia Society
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ECHO	Extended Care Health Option
ECT	Electroconvulsive Therapy
ED	Emergency Department
EDC	Error Detection Code
EDI	Electronic Data Information Electronic Data Interchange
EDIPI	Electronic Data Interchange Person Identifier
EDIPN	Electronic Data Interchange Person Number
EDI_PN	Electronic Data Interchange Patient Number

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EEG	Electroencephalogram
EEPROM	Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory
EFM	Electronic Fetal Monitoring
EFMP	Exceptional Family Member Program
EFP	Environmental Failure Protection
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer Environmental Failure Testing
EGHP	Employer Group Health Plan
E/HPC	Enrollment/Health Plan Code
EHHC	ECHO Home Health Care Extended Care Health Option Home Health Care
EHP	Employee Health Program
EHRA	European Heart Rhythm Association
EIA	Educational Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders
EID	Early Identification Enrollment Information for Dental
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 Enrollment Management Contractor
EMDR	Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing
EMG	Electromyogram
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment & Active Labor Act
ENTNAC	Entrance National Agency Check
EOB	Explanation of Benefits
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 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

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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 <sub>1</sub>	Forced Expiratory Volume
FFM	Foreign Force Member
FHL	Familial Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis
FI	Fiscal Intermediary
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards (or System)
FIPS PUB	FIPS Publication
FISH	Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization
FISMA	Federal Information Security Management Act
FL	Form Locator
FMCRA	Federal Medical Care Recovery Act
FMRI	Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging
FOBT	Fecal Occult Blood Testing
FOC	Full Operational Capability
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FPO	Fleet Post Office
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center
FR	Federal Register Frozen Records
FRC	Federal Records Center
FSO	Facility Security Officer
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FTP	File Transfer Protocol

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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 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)
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
HDGC	Hereditary Diffuse Gastric Cancer
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

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HHC	Home Health Care
HHC/CM	Home Health Care/Case Management
HHRG	Home Health Resource Group
HHS	Health and Human Services
HI	Health Insurance
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America
HIC	Health Insurance Carrier
HICN	Health Insurance Claim Number
HINN	Hospital-Issued Notice Of Noncoverage
HINT	Hearing in Noise Test
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (of 1996)
HIPEC	Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy
HIPPS	Health Insurance Prospective Payment System
HIQH	Health Insurance Query for Health Agency
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HL7	Health Level 7
HLA	Human Leukocyte Antigen
HMAC	Hash-Based Message Authentication Code
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HNPCC	Hereditary Non-Polyposis Colorectal Cancer
HOPD	Hospital Outpatient Department
HPA&E	Health Program Analysis & Evaluation
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
HPV	Human Papilloma Virus
HRA	Health Reimbursement Arrangement
HRG	Health Resource Group
HRS	Heart Rhythm Society
HRT	Heidelberg Retina Tomograph Hormone Replacement Therapy
HSCRC	Health Services Cost Review Commission
HSWL	Health, Safety and Work-Life
HTML	HyperText Markup Language
HTTP	HyperText Transfer (Transport) Protocol
HTTPS	Hypertext Transfer (Transport) Protocol Secure
HUAM	Home Uterine Activity Monitoring
HUD	Humanitarian Use Device
HUS	Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome
HVPT	Hyperventilation Provocation Test
IA	Information Assurance
IATO	Interim Approval to Operate
IAVA	Information Assurance Vulnerability Alert
IAVB	Information Assurance Vulnerability Bulletin

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IAVM	Information Assurance Vulnerability Management
IAW	In accordance with
IBD	Inflammatory Bowel Disease
IC	Individual Consideration Integrated Circuit
ICASS	International Cooperative Administrative Support Services
ICD	Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification
ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
ICMP	Individual Case Management Program
ICMP-PEC	Individual Case Management Program For Persons With Extraordinary Conditions
ICN	Internal Control Number
ICSP	Individual Corporate Services Provider
ID	Identification Identifier
IDB	Intradiscal Biacuplasty
IDD	Internal or Intervertebral Disc Decompression
IDE	Investigational Device Exemption Investigational Device
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDES	Integrated Disability Evaluation System
IDET	Intradiscal Electrothermal Therapy
IDME	Indirect Medical Education
IdP	Identity Protection
IDTA	Intradiscal Thermal Annuloplasty
IE	Interface Engine Internet Explorer
IEA	Intradiscal Electrothermal Annuloplasty
IEP	Individualized Educational Program
IFR	Interim Final Rule
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IG	Implementation Guidance
IgA	Immunoglobulin A
IGCE	Independent Government Cost Estimate
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IHS	Indian Health Service
IIHI	Individually Identifiable Health Information
IIP	Implantable Infusion Pump
IM	Information Management Instant Message/Messaging Intramuscular
IMRT	Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy
IND	Investigational New Drugs

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INR	International Normalized Ratio Intramuscular International Normalized Ratio
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
IOC	Initial Operational Capability
IOD	Interface Operational Description
IOLs	Intraocular Lenses
IOM	Internet Only Manual
IOP	Intraocular Pressure
IORT	Intra-Operative Radiation Therapy
IP	Inpatient
IPC	Information Processing Center (outdated term, see SMC)
IPHC	Intraperitoneal Hyperthermic Chemotherapy
IPN	Intraperitoneal Nutrition
IPP	In-Person Proofing
IPPS	Inpatient Prospective Payment System
IPS	Individual Pricing Summary
IPSEC	Secure Internet Protocol
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
IQM	Internal Quality Management
IRB	Institutional Review Board
IRR	Individual Ready Reserve
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IRTS	Integration and Runtime Specification
IS	Information System
ISN	Investigation Schedule Notice
ISO	International Standard Organization
ISP	Internet Service Provider
IT	Information Technology
ITSEC	Information Technology Security Evaluation Criteria
IV	Initialization Vector Intravenous
IVF	In Vitro Fertilization
JC	Joint Commission (formerly Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO))
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JCIH	Joint Committee on Infant Hearing
JCOS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JFTR	Joint Federal Travel Regulations
JNI	Japanese National Insurance
JTF-GNO	Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations
JUSDAC	Joint Uniformed Services Dental Advisory Committee
JUSMAC	Joint Uniformed Services Medical Advisory Committee
JUSPAC	Joint Uniformed Services Personnel Advisory Committee

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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
LCIS	Lobular Carcinoma In Situ
LDL	Low Density Lipoprotein
LDLT	Living Donor Liver Transplantation
LDR	Low Dose Rate
<b>LGS</b>	<b>Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome</b>
LLLT	Low Level Laser Therapy
LNT	Lexical Neighborhood Test
LOC	Letter of Consent
LOD	Letter of Denial/Revocation Line of Duty
LOI	Letter of Intent
LOS	Length-of-Stay
LOT	Life Orientation Test
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
LSIL	Low-grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesion
LSN	Location Storage Number
LTC	Long-Term Care
LUPA	Low Utilization Payment Adjustment
LV	Left Ventricle [Ventricular]
LVEF	Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction
LVN	Licensed Vocational Nurse
LVRS	Lung Volume Reduction Surgery
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

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MDI	Mental Developmental Index Multiple Daily Injection
MDQC	Mail Delivery Quality Code
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
MIAP	Multi-Host Internet Access Portal
MIDCAB	Minimally Invasive Direct Coronary Artery Bypass
<b>mild®</b>	<b>Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression</b>
MIRE	Monochromatic Infrared Energy
MLNT	Multisyllabic Lexical Neighborhood Test
MMA	Medicare Modernization Act
MMEA	Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act (of 2010)
MMP	Medical Management Program
MMSO	Military Medical Support Office
MMWR	Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
MNR	Medical Necessity Report
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOH	Medal Of Honor
MOMS	Management of Myelomeningocele Study
MOP	Mail Order Pharmacy
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPI	Master Patient Index
MR	Magnetic Resonance Medical Review Mentally Retarded
MRA	Magnetic Resonance Angiography

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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
NACLCL	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
NCE	National Counselor Examination
NCF	National Conversion Factor
NCI	National Cancer Institute
NCMHCE	National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination
NCPAP	Nasal Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
NCPDP	National Council of Prescription Drug Program
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
NDAA	National Defense Authorization Act
NDC	National Drug Code
NDMS	National Disaster Medical System

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

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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
OCMO	Office of the Chief Medical Officer
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
PACAB	Port Access Coronary Artery Bypass
PACO <sub>2</sub>	Partial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide
PAO <sub>2</sub>	Partial Pressure of Oxygen

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PAK	Pancreas After Kidney (transplant)
PAP	Papanicolaou
PAT	Performance Assessment Tracking
PatID	Patient Identifier
PAVM	Pulmonary Arteriovenous Malformation
PBM	Pharmacy Benefit Manager
PC	Peritoneal Carcinomatosis 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
PCSIB	Purchased Care Systems Integration Branch
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
PFP	Partnership For Peace

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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
PMPM	Per Member Per Month
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
RADDP	Remote Active Duty Dental Program
RAM	Random Access Memory
RAP	Request for Anticipated Payment
RAPIDS	Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System
RC	Reserve Component
RCC	Recurring Credit/Debit Charge Renal Cell Carcinoma
RCCPDS	Reserve Component Common Personnel Data System
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

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RV	Residual Volume 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 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
SFTP	Secure File Transfer Protocol
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

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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 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

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TBE	Tick Borne Encephalitis
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TC	Technical Component
TCMHC	TRICARE Certified Mental Health Counselor
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TCSRC	Transitional Care for Service-Related Conditions
TDD	Targeted Disc Decompression
TDEFIC	TRICARE Dual Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract
TDP	TRICARE Dental Program/Plan
TDY	Temporary Duty
TED	TRICARE Encounter Data
TEE	Transesophageal Echocardiograph [Echocardiography]
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act
TEOB	TRICARE Explanation of Benefits
TEPRC	TRICARE Encounter Pricing (Record)
TEPRV	TRICARE Encounter Provider (Record)
TET	Tubal Embryo Transfer
TF	Transfer Factor
TFL	TRICARE For Life
TFMDP	TRICARE (Active Duty) Family Member Dental Plan
TGRO	TRICARE Global Remote Overseas
TGROHC	TGRO Host Country
TIFF	Tagged Imaged File Format
TIL	Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes
TIMPO	Tri-Service Information Management Program Office
TIN	Taxpayer Identification Number
TIP	Thermal Intradiscal Procedure
TIPS	Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt
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

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TOB	Type of Bill
TOE	Target of Evaluation
TOL	TRICARE Online
TOM	August 2002 TRICARE Operations Manual 6010.51-M February 2008 TRICARE Operations Manual 6010.56-M
TOP	TRICARE Overseas Program
TOPO	TRICARE Overseas Program Office
TPA	Third Party Administrator
TPC	Third Party Collections
TPharm	TRICARE Pharmacy
TPL	Third Party Liability
TPM	August 2002 TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.54-M February 2008 TRICARE Policy Manual 6010.57-M
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition
TPOCS	Third Party Outpatient Collections System
TPR	TRICARE Prime Remote
TPRADFM	TRICARE Prime Remote Active Duty Family Member
TPRADSM	TRICARE Prime Remote Active Duty Service Member
TPRC	TRICARE Puerto Rico Contract(or)
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
TRO-N	TRICARE Regional Office-North
TRO-S	TRICARE Regional Office-South
TRO-W	TRICARE Regional Office-West
TRPB	TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Benefits
TRR	TRICARE Retired Reserve
TRRx	TRICARE Retail Pharmacy
TRS	TRICARE Reserve Select
TRSA	TRICARE Reserve Select Application
TSC	TRICARE Service Center
TSF	Target of Evaluation Security Functions
TSM	August 2002 TRICARE Systems Manual 7950.1-M February 2008 TRICARE Systems Manual 7950.2-M
TSP	Target of Evaluation Security Policy
TSR	TRICARE Select Reserve
TSRDP	TRICARE Select Reserve Dental Program
TSRx	TRICARE Senior Pharmacy
TSS	TRICARE Senior Supplement

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TSSD	TRICARE Senior Supplement Demonstration
TTOP	TRICARE Transitional Outpatient Payment
TTPA	Temporary Transitional Payment Adjustment
TTY	Teletypewriter
TUNA	Transurethral Needle Ablation
TYA	TRICARE Young Adult
UAE	Uterine Artery Embolization
UARS	Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome
UB	Uniform Bill
UBO	Uniform Business Office
UCBT	Umbilical Cord Blood Stem Cell Transplantation
UCC	Uniform Commercial Code Urgent Care Center
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

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USPHS	United States Public Health Service
USPS	United States Postal Service
USPSTF	U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
USS	United Seaman's Service
USTF	Uniformed Services Treatment Facility
UV	Ultraviolet
VA	Veterans Affairs (hospital) Veterans Administration
VAC	Vacuum-Assisted Closure
VAD	Ventricular Assist Device
VAMC	VA Medical Center
VATS	Video-Assisted Thoroscopic Surgery
VAX-D	Vertebral Axial Decompression
VD	Venereal Disease
VO	Verifying Office (Official)
VPN	Virtual Private Network
VPOC	Verification Point of Contact
VRDX	Reason Visit Diagnosis
VSAM	Virtual Storage Access Method
VSD	Ventricular Septal Defect
WAC	Wholesale Acquisition Cost
WAN	Wide Area Network
WATS	Wide Area Telephone Service
WC	Worker's Compensation
WebDOES	Web DEERS Online Enrollment System (application)
WEDI	Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange
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
WWW	World Wide Web
X-Linked SCID	X-Linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome
XML	eXtensible Markup Language
ZIFT	Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer
2D	Two Dimensional
3D	Three Dimensional

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