Medicare Program Part D Final Rule, Medicare Drug Benefit Effective CY 2006 (Title 1), PREAMBLE ACRONYMS QUOTED & EXCERPTED FROM Federal Register:
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V. ...In addition, because of the many organizations and terms to which we refer by acronym in this final rule, we are listing these acronyms and their corresponding terms in alphabetical order below:

ABN Advanced beneficiary notice
ADAP AIDS Drug Assistance Program
AEP Annual coordinated election period
AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AI/AN American Indians and Alaska Natives
AIC Amount in controversy ALJ Administrative Law Judge
AMA American Medical Association
AMCP Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy
ANCI American National Standards Institute AO Accreditation organization
ASAP American Society of Automation in Pharmacy
ASHP American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists
AWP Average wholesale price BBA Balanced Budget Act
BLS Bureau of Labor Statistics
CAHP Consumer Assessment of Health Plan
CBI Confidential business information
CBO Congressional Budget Office
CCIP Chronic care improvement programs
CCP Comprehensive Compliance Program
CFR Code of Federal Regulations CHOW Change of ownership
CMP competitive medical plan
CMS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
COB Coordination of benefit COBRA Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (of 1985)
CPI-PD Consumer Price Index for Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies
CPT Current Procedural Terminology CY Calendar year DAB Departmental Appeals Board
DHS Designated health services DME Durable medical equipment
DoD Department of Defense DOL Department of Labor
DUR Drug utilization review
EOB explanation of benefits
ERISA Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
ESRD End stage renal disease
FAR Federal Acquisition Regulation
FDA Food and Drug Administration
FEHBP Federal Employee Health Benefits Program
FFP Federal financial participation
FOIA Freedom of Information Act
FQHCs Federally qualified health centers
FPL Federal poverty level FR Federal Register
FSA Flexible savings account FY Fiscal year
HEDIS Health plan Employer Data and Information Set
HHS Department of Health and Human Services
HIC Health insurance claim
HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HMO Health maintenance organization

HPMS Health Plan Management System
HRA Health reimbursement account
HRSA Health Resources and Services Administration
HSA Health savings account
ICFs/MR Intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded
IDIQ Indefinite duration, indefinite quantity
IEP Initial enrollment period
IHS Indian Health Service
IRE Independent review entity
I/T/U Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations
JCHACO Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations
LIS Low-income subsidy
LTC Long term care MA Medicare Advantage (formerly Medicare+Choice)
MA-PD Medicare Advantage prescription drug plans
MAC Medicare Appeals Council
MAX Medicaid Analytic extract MCBS Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey
MMA Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003
MSA Medicare savings account
MSIS Medicaid Statistical Information System
MSP Medicare Secondary Payor
MTMP Medication Therapy Management Program
NAIC National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NCQA National Committee for Quality Assurance
NCPDP National Council for Prescription Drug Programs
NCVHS National Center for Vital and Health Statistics
NDC National Drug Code
NHE National Health Expenditure NPA National
PACE Association NPI National Provider Identifier
OACT Office of the Actuary
(CMS) OBRA Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OCR Office for Civil Rights
OEPI Open enrollment period for institutionalized individuals
OIG Office of the Inspector General
OPM Office of Personnel Management P&T Pharmaceutical and therapeutic
PBA Pharmacy benefit administrator
PBMs Pharmacy benefit managers
PBP Plan Benefit Package
PDP Private prescription drug plan
PDSC Phased-down State contribution
PFFS Private fee-for-service plan PHI Protected health information
PhRMA Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Researchers of America
PPO Preferred provider organization
PPV Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor
PSO Provider-sponsored organization
QDWIs Qualified disabled and working individuals
QIl Qualified individuals QIO Quality Improvement Organization
QMB Qualified Medicare beneficiaries
REACH Regional Education About Choices in Health
RHC Rural Health Center
SCHIP State Children's Health Insurance Program
SEP Special enrollment period
SHIP State health insurance assistance program
SLMB Special Low-Income Beneficiaries
SOW Scope of work
SPAP State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program

SPD Summary Plan Description
SPOC Single point of contact
SSA Social Security Administration
SSI Supplemental Security Income
SSRI Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
SSSGs Similarly Sized Subscriber Groups
TANF Temporary assistance for needy families
TrOOP True out-of-pocket U&C Usual and customary
URAC Utilization Review Accreditation Commission
USP U.S. Pharmacopoeia VA Department of Veterans Affairs
VDSA Voluntary data sharing agreement