

**LIST OF ACRONYMS  
FOR  
MEDICARE NATIONAL CORRECT CODING INITIATIVE POLICY MANUAL**

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**CMS issues the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System containing Medicare payment rates for hospital outpatient and ASC services.**

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|------------|---|
| AA         | Anesthesia Assistant  |
| A/B MAC    | A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor                      |
| ABN        | Advanced Beneficiary Notice                                 |
| AMA        | American Medical Association                                |
| AOC        | Add-on Code   |
| ASC        | Ambulatory Surgical/Surgery Center                          |
| CBC        | Complete Blood Count  |
| CCMI       | Correct Coding Modifier Indicator                           |
| CFR        | Code of Federal Regulations                                 |
| CMS        | Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services                    |
| CMT        | Chiropractic Manipulative Treatment                         |
| CMV        | Cytomegalovirus   |
| CNS        | Central Nervous System                                      |
| CPAP       | Continuous Positive Airway Pressure                         |
| CPR        | Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation                               |
| CPT        | Current Procedural Terminology                              |
| CRNA       | Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist                      |
| CT         | Computed Tomography   |
| CTA        | Computed Tomographic Angiography                            |
| DME        | Durable Medical Equipment                                   |
| D.O.       | Doctor of Osteopathy  |
| DOJ        | Department of Justice                                       |
| ECG        | Electrocardiogram   |
| E/M or E&M | Evaluation & Management Services                            |
| EEG        | Electroencephalogram  |
| EMG        | Electromyogram  |
| <b>FAQ</b> | <b>Frequently Asked Question</b>                            |
| FNA        | Fine Needle Aspiration                                      |
| HCPCS      | Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System                   |
| HIPAA      | Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 |
| HLA        | Human Leukocyte Antigen                                     |
| IOM        | Internet-Only Manual  |
| IOP        | Intensive outpatient program                                |
| IPPB       | Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing                    |
| IVP        | Intravenous Pyelogram                                       |
| LC         | Left Circumflex Coronary Artery                             |
| LD         | Left Anterior Descending Coronary Artery                    |
| LT         | Left Side   |
| MAI        | MUE Adjudication Indicator                                  |
| MCPM       | Medicare Claims Processing Manual                           |
| M.D.       | Medical Doctor  |

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| MRA   | Magnetic Resonance Angiography                 |
| MRI   | Magnetic Resonance Imaging                     |
| MUE   | Medically Unlikely Edit                        |
| NCCI  | National Correct Coding Initiative             |
| OPPS  | Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System |
| PET   | Positron Emission Tomography                   |
| PSC   | Program Safeguard Contractor                   |
| PTP   | Procedure-To-Procedure                         |
| RAC   | Recovery Audit Contractor                      |
| RC    | Right Coronary Artery                          |
| RT    | Right Side                                     |
| RS&I  | Radiological Supervision and Interpretation    |
| SPECT | Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography     |
| SSA   | Social Security Act                            |
| UPIC  | Unified Program Integrity Contractor           |
| UOS   | Units of Service                               |
| VAD   | Ventricular Assist Device                      |
| WBC   | White Blood Cell                               |

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