

Electronic Health Information & HIPAA-related Acronyms

ACA: The Affordable Care Act (also known as PPACA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as Health Care Reform Law)

ACO: Accountable Care Organization

ACH: Automated Clearing House (relates to Electronic Funds Transfers)

AHIMA: American Health Information Management Association: A community of professionals engaged in health information management, providing support to members and strengthening the industry and profession. See www.ahima.org

ANSI: American National Standards Institute: a non-profit organization that administers and coordinates the U.S. voluntary standardization activities

ARRA: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as The Stimulus Bill

BA: Business Associate

BAA: Business Associate Agreement

BCBSA: Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

CAGC: Claim Adjustment Group Code

CAQH: Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare

CARC: Claim Adjustment Reason Code

CCD+: Corporate Credit or Debit Entry Plus Addendum

CCHIT: Certification Commission for Health Information Technology

CCR: Continuity of Care Record: a core data set of most relevant administrative, demographic and clinical info about a patient.

CE: Covered Entity

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations

CHP/ SHP: Controlling Health Plan/Sub Health Plan

CIA: This acronym stands for HIPAA's Security Rule requirement that covered entities protect the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Accessibility of ePHI.

CMPs: Civil Monetary Penalties

CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CPOE: Computerized Physician Order Entry

CORE: Master Companion Guide Template

DR/BC: Disaster Recovery, Business Continuity

DRP: Disaster Recovery Plan

DSMO: Designated Standard Maintenance Organizations

DSS: Data Security Standard

ED: Emergency Department

EDI: Electronic Data Interchange

EFT: Electronic Funds Transfer

EHR: Electronic Health Record (also known as an Electronic Medical Record, EMR)

ePHI: Electronic Protected Health Information

ERA: Electronic Remittance Advice

FR: Federal Register

FTP: File Transfer Protocol

HCPCS: Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System

HHS: Health and Human Services: the federal oversight agency in charge of electronic health exchange.

HIE: Health Information Exchange

HIMSS: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

HIOS: Health Insurance Oversight System (part of CMS)

HIT: Health Information Technology

HITSP: Health Information Technology Standards & Policy Committees

HITECH: Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act

HL7: Health Level Seven: a standards development organization that supports the development and maintenance of a health data exchange protocol.

HPID: Health Plan Identifier

HPOES: Health Plan Other Entity Enumeration System

ICD-CM: International Classification of Diseases – Coding Manual

IDN: Integrated Delivery Network

IFC: Interim Final Rule With Comment Period

IFR: Interim Final Regulation

IRS: Internal Revenue Service

ISO: International Organization for Standardization

KPI: Key Performance Indicator

MAC: Medicare Administrative Contractors

MPI: Master Patient/Person Index

MTPD: Maximum Tolerable Period of Disruption

MU: Meaningful Use

NACHA: The Electronic Payments Association

NCPDP: Pharmacy Claim Reject Reason

NCVHS: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Public advisory body to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

NHIN: Nationwide Health Information Network.

NIST: National Institute of Standards and Technology

NPI: National Provider Identifier

NPRM: Notice of Public Rulemaking

OCR: Office of Civil Rights

OEID: Other Entity Identifier

OESS: Office of eHealth Standards and Services

ONCHIT or ONC: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

OCTAVE: Operationally Critical Threat, Asset, and Vulnerability Evaluation

PCI: Payment Card Industry

PCS: Procedure Coding System

PHI: Protected Health Information

PHIN: Public Health Information Network

PHR: Personal Health Record

PMS (also PMIS): Practice Management System

RARC: Remittance Advice Remark Code

RHIE: Regional Health Information Exchanges

RHIO: Regional Health Information Organization

RPO: Recovery Point Objective

RTO: Recovery Time Objective

SANS: SysAdmin, Audit, Networking, and Security Institute

SNMP: Simple Network Management Protocol

SQL: Structured Query Language

TIN: Tax Identification Number

TPO: Treatment, Payment, and Healthcare Operations

VPN: Virtual Private Network

WISHIN: Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network