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

HCPSCS: 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
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