



**Tennessee Hospital Association  
Healthcare Acronym Guide  
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## Tennessee Hospital Association Healthcare Acronym Guide

### **A**

#### **AA**

Anesthesiologist assistant

#### **AAHC/URAC**

American Accreditation Healthcare Commission (formerly Utilization Review Accreditation Commission)

#### **AAHP**

American Association of Health Plans

#### **AAHSA**

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging

#### **AAMC**

Association of American Medical Colleges

#### **AAP**

American Academy of Pediatrics

#### **AAPCC**

Average adjusted per capita cost

#### **AARC**

American Association of Respiratory Care

#### **AARP**

American Association of Retired Persons

#### **ABN**

Advance beneficiary notice

#### **ACC**

American College of Cardiology

#### **ACE**

Acute care episode

#### **ACHE**

American College of Healthcare Executives

**ACIP**

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

**ACLF**

Assisted care living facility

**ACOG**

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

**ACPE**

American College of Physician Executives

**ACR**

Adjusted community rate

**ACS**

American College of Surgeons

**ADA**

Americans with Disabilities Act  
American Diabetes Association

**ADC**

Average daily census

**ADHC**

Adult day health care

**ADLs**

Activities of daily living

**ADN**

Associate degree in nursing

**ADS**

Alternative delivery system

**ADT**

Admission, discharge and transfer

**AFDC**

Aid to Families with Dependent Children

**AG**

Attorney General

**AHA**

American Heart Association  
American Hospital Association

**AHCA**

American Health Care Association

**AHCPR**

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

**AHIMA**

American Health Information Management Association

**AHRA**

American Healthcare Radiology Administrators

**AHRMM**

Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHA)

**AHRQ**

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

**AHS, Inc.**

Access Health Systems, Inc.

**AIDS**

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

**ALC**

Alternate level of care

**ALOS**

Average length of stay

**ALP**

Assisted living program

**ALS**

Advanced life support

**AMA**

American Medical Association

**AMC**

Academic medical centers

**AMI**

Acute myocardial infarction

**AOA**

Administration on Aging  
American Osteopathic Association

**AONE**

American Organization of Nurse Executives

**APC**

Ambulatory payment classification

**APG**

Ambulatory patient group

**APHA**

American Public Health Association

**APN**

Advanced practice nurse

**ASAE**

American Society of Association Executives

**ASC**

Ambulatory surgical center

**ASDVS**

American Society for Directors of Volunteer Services

**ASHE**

American Society for Healthcare Engineering

**ASHES**

American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services

**ASHFSA**

American Society for Healthcare Food Service Administrators

**ASHHRA**

American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration

**ASHRM**

American Society for Healthcare Risk Management

**ASO**

Administrative services organization

**ASTC**

Ambulatory surgical treatment center

**B****BBA**

Balanced Budget Act of 1997

**BBRA**

Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999

**BC/BS**

Blue Cross-Blue Shield Association

**BHO**

Behavioral health organization

**BIPA**

Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000

**BME**

Board of Medical Examiners

**BSN**

Bachelor of science in nursing

**C****CAH**

Critical access hospital

**CAHPS**

Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems

**CAI**

Cooperative accreditation agreement

**CAO**

Chief administrative officer

**CAP**

Capitation

**CAT**

Computerized axial tomography

**CBO**

Congressional Budget Office

**CBSA**

Core-based statistical area

**CCI**

Correct coding initiative

**CCIP**

Chronic care improvement program

**CCR**

Cost-to-charge ratio

**CCU**

Cardiac care unit

Coronary care unit

**CDC**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**CE**

Continuing education

**CEO**

Chief executive officer

**CfCs**

Conditions for coverage

**CFO**

Chief financial officer

**CFR**

Code of federal regulations

**CHA**

Catholic Health Association

Center for Health Affairs

**CHAMPUS**

Civilian health and medical program of the uniformed services

**CHAMPVA**

Civilian health and medical program of the Veteran's Administration

**CHAP**

Community health accreditation program

**CHF**

Congestive heart failure

**CHIN**

Community health information network

**CHIP**

Children's health insurance program

**CLABSI**

Central line-associated bloodstream infection

**CLIA**

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act  
Clinical laboratory improvement amendments

**CLT**

Clinical laboratory technologist

**CME**

Continuing medical education

**CMG**

Case-mix group

**CMHC**

Community mental health center

**CMI**

Case mix index

**CMP**

Civil monetary penalty

**CMS**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly HCFA)

**CNA**

Certified nurse aide

**CNM**

Certified nurse midwife

**CNO**

Chief nursing officer

**CNP**

Certified nurse practitioner

**CNS**

Clinical nurse specialist

**COB**

Coordination of benefits

**COBRA**

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985

**CON**

Certificate of need

**COO**

Chief operating officer

**CORF**

Comprehensive outpatient rehabilitative facility

**CPE**

Certified public expenditures

**CPHA**

Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities

**CPI**

Consumer price index

**CPR**

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation

**CPT**

Current procedural terminology

**CQI**

Continuous quality improvement

**CRNA**

Certified registered nurse anesthetist

**CSR**

Continuous survey readiness

**CT**

Computerized tomography

**D****DA**

Disability Assistance

**DC**

Doctor of chiropractic

**DCI**

Duplicate coverage inquiry

**DDS**

Doctor of dental surgery

**DHS**

Designated health service

**DIMA**

Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003

**DMD**

Doctor of medical dentistry

**DME**

Durable medical equipment

**DMO**

Disease management organization

**DMS**

Diagnostic medical sonographers

**DNR**

Do not resuscitate

**DO**

Doctor of osteopathy

**DOJ**

U.S. Department of Justice

**DOS**

Date of service

**DPM**

Doctor of podiatric medicine

**DPR**

Drug price review

**DPT**

Days per thousand

**DRA**

Deficit Reduction Act

**DRG**

Diagnosis-related group

**DSH**

Disproportionate share hospital

**DUR**

Drug utilization review

**DVS**

Director of volunteer services

**E****EACH**

Essential access community hospital

**EAH**

Essential assess hospital

**EAP**

Employee assistance program

**ECF**

Extended care facility

**ED**

Emergency department

**EDI**

Electronic data interchange

**EEG**

Electroencephalogram

**EHR**

Electronic health record

**EIP**

Early intervention program

**EKG**

Electrocardiogram

**EMR**

Electronic medical record

**EMS**

Emergency medical services

**EMT**

Emergency medical technician

**EMTALA**

Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act

**EOB**

Explanation of benefits

**EP**

Elements of performance

**EPA**

Environmental Protection Agency

**EPO**

Exclusive provider organization

**EPSDT**

Early periodic screening diagnosis and treatment program

**ER**

Emergency room

**ERISA**

Employee Retirement Income Security Act

**E****F&A**

Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration

**FACHE**

Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives

**FACMPE**

Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives

**FAH**

Federation of American Hospitals

**FDA**

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

**FDO**

Formula-driven overpayment

**FEMA**

Federal Emergency Management Agency

**FFP**

Federal financial participation

**FFS**

Fee-for-service

**FFY**

Federal fiscal year

**FHA**

Farmers Home Administration  
Federal Housing Administration

**FI**

Fiscal intermediary

**FICA**

Federal Insurance Contribution Act

**FMAP**

Federal medical assistance percentage

**FOIA**

Freedom of Information Act

**FQHC**

Federally qualified health center

**FSA**

Flexible spending account

**FTC**

Federal Trade Commission

**FTE**

Full-time equivalent

**FY**

Fiscal year

**G****GA**

General assistance

**GAO**

Government Accountability Office

**GME**

Graduate medical education

**GPO**

Group purchasing organization

**H****HAC**

Hospital-acquired condition

**HB**

House bill

**HBIPS**

Hospital-based inpatient psychiatric services

**HCAHPS**

Hospital consumer assessment of healthcare providers and systems

**HCAP**

Hospital care assurance program

**HCBS**

Home- and community-based services

**HCFA**

Health Care Financing Administration

**HCPCS**

Healthcare common procedure coding system

**HEDIS**

Health employer data information set

**HFMA**

Healthcare Financial Management Association

**HHA**

Home health agency

**HHS**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**HIAA**

Health Insurance Association of America

**HIC**

Health insuring corporation

**HICS**

Hospital incident command system

**HIDI**

Hospital Industry Data Institute

**HIE**

Health information exchange

**HIM**

Health information management

**HIN**

THA Health Information Network

**HIPAA**

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

**HIPC**

Health insurance purchasing cooperative

**HIT**

Health information technology

**HIV**

Human immunodeficiency virus

**HMO**

Health maintenance organization

**HOP-HAC**

Hospital outpatient healthcare-associated condition

**HOPD**

Hospital outpatient department

**HOSPAC**

Hospital political action committee

**HPN**

Health provider network

**HPP**

Health partnership program

**HPSA**

Health professional shortage area

**HQA**

Hospital Quality Alliance

**HR**

House resolution

Human resources

**HRA**

Health Reimbursement Account

**HRSA**

Health Resources and Services Administration

**HSA**

Health savings account

Health service agency

**HSDA**

Health Services and Development Agency

**HVSO**

Hospital volunteer services organization

**I****IBNR**

Incurred but not reported

**ICD-9-CM**

International classification of diseases, 9th revision

**ICD-10-CM**

International classification of diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> revision

**ICD-19-PCS**

International classification of disease, 10<sup>th</sup> revision, procedure coding system

**ICF**

Intermediate care facility

**ICN**

Internal control number

**ICU**

Intensive care unit

**IDN**

Integrated delivery network

**IDS**

Integrated delivery system

**IHI**

Institute for Healthcare Improvement

**IMD**

Institute for Mental Disease

**IME**

Indirect medical education

**IO**

Intermediary organization

**IOM**

Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences

**IPA**

Independent practice association  
Individual practice association

**IPF**

Inpatient psychiatric facility

**IPPS**

Inpatient prospective payment system

**ISMP**

Institute for Safe Medication Practices

**IRF**

Inpatient rehabilitation facility

**IRS**

Internal Revenue Service

**IT**

Information technology

**J****JAMA**

*Journal of the American Medical Association*

**JAR**

*Joint Annual Report of Hospitals*

**JC**

Joint Commission

**JCR**

Joint Commission Resources

**L****LISW**

Licensed independent social worker

**LIP**

Low-income patient

**LOS**

Length of stay

**LPN**

Licensed practical nurse

**LSW**

Licensed social worker

**LTC**

Long-term care

**LTCF**

Long-term care facility

**LTCH**

Long-term care hospital

**LTD**

Long-term disability

**LWDII**

Lost work day injury and illness

**M****MA**

Medical assistance

**MAC**

Medicare administrative contractor

**MCC**

Managed care contractor

**MCO**

Managed care organization

**MCMC**

Medical Care Management Company (Access MedPlus)

**MD**

Medical doctor

**MDH**

Medicare-dependent hospital

**MDS**

Minimum data set

**MedPAC**

Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

**MedPAR**

Medicare provider analysis and review

**MFN**

Most favored nation

**MIP**

Medicaid Integrity Program

**MIQ**

THA MarketIQ

**MMA**

Medicare Modernization Act

Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement & Modernization Act

**MMSEA**

Medication, Medicaid & SCHIP Extension Act of 2007

**MOU**

Memorandum of understanding

**MPFS**

Medicare physician fee schedule

**MPH**

Master's in public health

**MRI**

Magnetic resonance imaging

**MRSA**

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus

**MSA**

Medical savings account

Metropolitan statistical area

**MSN**

Master of science in nursing

Medicare summary notice

**MSO**

Management service organization

**MUA**

Medically underserved area

**MUP**

Medically underserved population

**N**

**NBRC**

National Board for Respiratory Care

**NBME**

National Board of Medical Examiners

**NCCMERP**

National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention

**NCD**

National coverage determination

**NCHS**

National Center for Health Statistics

**NCHSR**

National Center for Health Services Research

**NCQA**

National Committee for Quality Assurance

**NDC**

National drug code

**NDMS**

National Disaster Medical System

**NFPA**

National Fire Prevention Association

**NHSC**

National Health Service Corp

**NIC**

Neonatal intensive care

**NICU**

Neonatal intensive care unit

**NIH**

National Institutes of Health

**NIOSH**

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**NLRB**

National Labor Relations Board

**NMT**

Nuclear medicine technologist

**NP**

Nurse practitioner

**NPDB**

National Practitioner Data Bank

**NPI**

National provider identifier

**NPSF**

National Patient Safety Foundation

**NPSP**

National Patient Safety Partnership

**NQF**

National Quality Forum

**NRC**

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

**NRHA**

National Rural Health Association

**NSQIP**

National surgical quality improvement program

**O****OASIS**

Outcome and assessment information set

**OB-GYN**

Obstetrics and gynecology

**OBRA**

Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

**OCR**

U.S. Office of Civil Rights

**OD**

Optometry doctor

**OBS**

Office-based surgery

**OHS**

U.S. Office of Homeland Security

**OIG**

Office of Inspector General

**OMB**

U.S. Office of Management and Budget

**OPO**

Organ procurement organization

**OPPS**

Outpatient prospective payment system

**OR**

Operating room

**ORHP**

Office of Rural Health Policy

**OSHA**

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**OT**

Occupational therapy/therapist

**OTC**

Over-the-counter

**P****PA**

Physician assistant

**PAC**

Political action committee

**PAT**

Pre-admission testing

**PBM**

Pharmacy benefits manager

**PCCM**

Primary care case management

**PCN**

Primary care network

**PCP**

Primary care physician

**PDL**

Preferred drug list

**PDN**

Private duty nurse

**PDS**

Patient data system

**PEPM**

Per employee per month

**PEPPER**

Payment patterns electronic report

**PET**

Positron emission tomography

**PharmD**

Doctor of pharmacy

**PHI**

Personal health information

**PHO**

Physician hospital organization

**PHP**

Partial hospitalization program

Prepaid health plan

**PIP**

Periodic interim payment

**PMPM**

Per member per month

**POA**

Present on admission

**POS**

Point-of-service

**PPO**

Preferred provider organization

**PPS**

Prospective payment system

**PQRI**

Physician quality reporting initiative

**PRO**

Peer review organization

**ProPAC**

Prospective Payment Assessment Commission

**PSC**

Program safeguard contractor

**PSI**

Patient safety indicator

**PSO**

Patient safety organization

Provider safety organization

Provider-sponsored organization

**PsyD**

Doctor of psychology

**PT**

Physical therapy/therapist

## **Q**

### **QA**

Quality assurance

### **QAPI**

Quality assessment and performance improvement

### **QI**

Quality improvement

### **QIO**

Quality improvement organization

### **QIP**

Quality improvement program

### **QM**

Quality management

### **QMB**

Qualifying medical bills

Qualified Medicare beneficiary

### **Qsource**

Center for Healthcare Quality

## **R**

### **R&C**

Reasonable and customary

### **RAC**

Recovery audit contractor

### **RBRVS**

Resource-based relative value scale

### **RCA**

Root cause analysis

### **RDRG**

Refined diagnosis-related group

**RFA**

Regulatory Flexibility Act

**RFP**

Request for proposal

**RHAT**

Rural Health Association of Tennessee

**RHC**

Regional hospital coordinator

Rural health clinic

**RHIO**

Regional health information organization

**RHQDAPU**

Reporting hospital quality data for annual payment update

**RMHI**

Regional mental health institute

**RN**

Registered nurse

**RPCH**

Rural primary care hospital

**RT**

Radiologic technologist

Respiratory therapist

**RUG**

Resource utilization group

**RVS**

Relative value scale

**RY**

Rate year

**S****SARS**

Severe acute respiratory syndrome

**SB**

Senate bill

**SCH**

Sole community hospital

**SCHIP**

State children's health insurance program

**SCIP**

Surgical care improvement project

**SDA**

THA state data analyst

**SFY**

State fiscal year

**SHCA**

Society for Healthcare Consumer Advocacy (Tennessee & AHA chapters)

**SHIP**

State health insurance assistant program

**SHSMD**

Society for Healthcare Strategy & Market Development (AHA)

**SIDS**

Sudden infant death syndrome

**SII**

Standards improvement initiative

**SNF**

Skilled nursing facility

**SPD**

Summary plan description

**SPMI**

Severely and persistently mentally ill

**SSI**

Supplemental security income

**ST**

Surgical technologist

**SW**

Social worker

**I****TAG**

Technical advisory group

**TANF**

Temporary assistance for needy families

**TEFRA**

Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982

**TAHA**

Tennessee Academy of Hospital Attorneys

**TAHR**

Tennessee Association of Healthcare Recruiters

**TAHQ**

Tennessee Association for Healthcare Quality

**TANA**

Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists

**TANF**

Temporary assistance for needy families

**TAR**

Tennessee Administrative Register

**TBH**

Tennessee Behavioral Health, Inc.

**TBN**

Tennessee Board of Nursing

**TCCN**

Tennessee Coordinated Care Network

**TCPS**

Tennessee Center for Patient Safety

**TDA**

Tennessee Dietetic Association

**TDCI**

Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance

**TDG**

The Delta Group

**TDH**

Tennessee Department of Health

**TDMHDD**

Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities

**TEFRA**

Tax Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982

**TEMA**

Tennessee Emergency Management Agency

**THA**

Tennessee Hospital Association

**THCA**

Tennessee Health Care Association

**THCEA**

Tennessee Chapter, Health Care Executive Assistants

**THEA**

Tennessee Hospital Engineers Association

**THESA**

Tennessee Hospital Environmental Services Association

**ThESLA**

Tennessee Health Science Library Association

**THERF**

Tennessee Hospital Education and Research Foundation

**THIMA**

Tennessee Health Information Management Association

**THIP**

Tennessee Hospital Insurance Program

**THO**

Tennessee Hospice Organization

**TIPS**

Tennesseans Improving Patient Safety (TIPS) Committee

**TMA**

Tennessee Medical Association

**TnACS**

Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

**TNAHSA**

Tennessee Association of Homes and Services for the Aging

**TO NE**

Tennessee Organization of Nurse Executives

**TPA**

Third-party administrator

Tissue plasminogen activator

**TPCA**

Tennessee Pastoral Care Association

**TPL**

Third-party liability

**TSDVS**

Tennessee Society of Directors of Volunteer Services

**TSHCSW**

Tennessee Society of Health Care Social Workers

**TSHHRA**

Tennessee Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration

**TSHMPR**

Tennessee Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations

**TSHMM**

Tennessee Society of Healthcare Materials Managers

**TSHRM**

Tennessee Society for Healthcare Risk Management

**TSRC**

Tennessee Society for Respiratory Care

**U****UAN**

United American Nurses

**UB-92**

Uniform billing code of 1992

**UB-04**

Uniform billing code 2004

**UCR**

Usual, customary and reasonable charges

**UDNR**

Universal do not resuscitate

**UIRS**

Unusual incident reporting system

**UNOS**

United Network for Organ Sharing

**UR**

Utilization review

**URAC**

Utilization Review Accreditation Commission

**USP**

United States Pharmacopeia

**V****VA**

Veterans Administration

**VBP**

Value-based purchasing

**W****WHO**

World Health Organization

**WIC**

Women and Infant Children Program

**Z****ZPIC**

Zone program integrity contractor