**Acronyms** 

ABN Advanced Beneficiary Notice

AC Affiliated Contractor

ADR Additional Documentation Request (Letter)

AHA American Hospital Association
ALJ Administrative Law Judge
AMA Against Medical Advice

APC Ambulatory Payment Classification
AP-DRG All Patient Diagnosis Related Groups

ASC Ambulatory Surgical Center
CAH Critical Access Hospitals

CERT Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Program

CMD Contractor Medical Director

CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

CMS Certificate of Medical Necessity

COB Coordination of Benefits

CPT Current Procedural Terminology

CRNA Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

CWF Common Working File

DAB Departmental Appeals Board
DAP Departmental Appeals Board
DME Durable Medical Equipment

DOB Date of Birth
DOD Date of Death

DOJ Department of Justice

DOS Date of Service

DRG Diagnosis Related Group

DX Diagnosis Code

EME Electronic Medical Record

ER Emergency Room

ESRD End Stage Renal Disease

FI Fee For Service
FI Fiscal Intermediary

FY Fiscal Year

GAO General Accounting Office

HCFA Health Care Financing Administration

HDI Health Data Insights

HICN Health Insurance Claim Number

HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HMS Highmark Medicare Services

ICD-9 International Classification of Diseases

IPPS Inpatient Prospective Payment System

IRF Inpatient Rehab Facility

LCD Local Coverage Determination
LCSW Licensed Clinical Social Worker

LOS Length of Stay

LTCH Long Term Care Hospital

MAC Medicare Administrative Contractor

MDC Major Diagnostic Category

MDC Medical Doctor

MMA Medicare Modernization Act

MS-DRG Medicare Severity – Diagnostic Related Group

MSP Medicare Secondary Payer

NCCI National Correct Coding Initiative
NCD National Coverage Determination
NGS National Government Services

NHIC National Heritage Insurance Corporation

NPI National Provider Identifier
OIG Office of Inspector General

OPPS Outpatient Prospective Payment System

OT Occupational Therapy
PIM Program Integrity Manual
POA Present on Admission

POS Place of Service

POV Power Operated Vehicle

PSC Program Safeguard Contractor

PT Physical Therapy
QA Quality Assurance

QIC Qualified Independent Contractor
QIO Quality Improvement Organization

RA Remittance Advice

RAC Recovery Audit Contractor

RFP Request for Proposal RN Registered Nurse

SNF Skilled Nursing Facility

SOW Scope of Work

TIN Tax Identification Number

TOS Type of Service

TPA Third Party Administrator
UM Utilization Management

UR Utilization Review

WPS Wisconsin Physician Services

ZPIC Zone Program Integrity Contractor