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Glossary of Abbreviations

AAFP	—American Academy of Family Physicians	FTE	—full-time equivalent
AANP	—American Academy of Nurse Practitioners	FY	—Federal fiscal year
AAPA	—American Academy of Physician Assistants	GAO	—General Accounting Office (U.S. Congress)
ACNM	—American College of Nurse-Midwives	G/FP	—general/family practitioner
ACOG	—American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	GME	—graduate medical education
ADAMHA	—Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (PHS)	GMENAC	—Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee
ADMS	—Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Services Block Grant	GP	—general practitioner
AFDC	—Aid to Families with Dependent Children	GPCI	—Geographic Practice Cost Index
AHA	—American Hospital Association	HCFA	—Health Care Financing Administration (DHH.S)
AHCPR	—Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (PHS)	HHI	—Herfindahl-Hirschman Index
AHEC	—area health education center	HMO	—health maintenance organization
AHP	—allied health professional	HMSA	—Health Manpower Shortage Area
AMA	—American Medical Association	HPOL	—HMSA Placement Opportunity List
AOA	—American Optometric Association	HRSA	—Health Resources and Services Administration (PHS)
ASC	—ambulatory surgery center	HUD	—U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
BHCDA	—Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance (HRSA, PHS)	IMU	—Index of Medical Underservice
BHPr	—Bureau of Health Professions (HRSA, PHS)	IOM	—Institute of Medicine
BLS	—Bureau of Labor Statistics (Department of Labor)	IRS	—Internal Revenue Service
CCEC	—Community Clinic/Emergency Center	JCAHO	—Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare organizations
CDC	—Centers for Disease Control (PHS)	LHD	—local health department
CFR	—Code of Federal Regulations	LP/VN	—licensed practical/vocational nurse
CHC	—community health center	MAF	—Medical Assistance Facility
CHMSA	—Critical Health Manpower Shortage Area	MD	—medical doctor
CLT	—clinical laboratory technician/technologist	MHC	—migrant health center
CMHC	—community mental health center	MHREF	—Montana Hospital Research and Education Foundation
C/MHC	—Community/migrant health center	MHS	—multihospital system
CNM	—certified nurse-midwife	MLP	—midlevel practitioner
COBRA	—Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985	MPCA	—Michigan Primary Care Association
COGME	—Council on Graduate Medical Education	MRI	—magnetic resonance imaging
CON	—certificate of need	MSA	—metropolitan statistical area
CRNA	—certified registered nurse anesthetist	MUA	—Medically Underserved Area
CT	—computed tomography	MUA/P	—Medically Underserved Area/Population
DEFRA	—Deficit Reduction Act of 1984	MUP	—Medically Underserved Population
DHEW	—Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (now DHHS)	NGA	—National Governors' Association
DHHS	—Department of Health and Human Services	NHSC	—National Health Service Corps (BHCDA, HRSA, PHS)
DO	—doctor of osteopathy	NIMH	—National Institute of Mental Health (ADAMHA, PHS)
DRGs	—diagnosis-related groups	NLM	—National Library of Medicine
EACH	—Essential Access Community Hospital	NP	—nurse practitioner
ECH	—Emergency Care Hospital	NRHA	—National Rural Health Association
EMT	—emergency medical technician	OB/GYN	—obstetrician/gynecologist
EPSDT	—Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (Medicaid)	OBRA	—omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
ESWL	—extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy	OMB	—U.S. Office of Management and Budget
FMG	—foreign medical graduate	ORH	—office of rural health (State-level)
FmHA	—Farmers Home Administration (USDA)	ORHP	—Office of Rural Health Policy (HRSA, PHS)
FNP	—family nurse practitioner	OT	—occupational therapist
FP	—family practitioner	OTA	—Office of Technology Assessment (U.S. Congress)
FR	—Federal Register	PA	—physician assistant
FTC	—Federal Trade Commission	PCCA	—primary care cooperative agreement
FTCA	—Federal Tort Claims Act	PHHS	—Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

PHS	—Public Health Service (DHHS)	RRC	—rural referral center (Medicare-certified)
PPA	—private practice assignment	RT	—respiratory therapist
PPO	—private practice option .	SCH	-Sole Community Hospital (Medicare-certified)
PPRC	—Physician Payment Review Commission	SDMIX	-South Dakota Medical Information Exchange
PPS	—prospective payment system (Medicare)	SIDS	—sudden infant death syndrome
PRO	—peer review organization	SNF	—skilled nursing facility
ProPAC	—Prospective Payment Assessment Commission	SOBRA	-Sixth Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986
PT	—physical therapist	SSI	-Supplemental Security Income
RBRVS	—resource-based relative value scale (Medicare)	U.s.c.	—United States Code
RHC	—rural health clinic (Medicare/Medicaid-certified)	USDA	—United States Department of Agriculture
RN	—registered nurse	WAMI	—Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho
RPCH	—Rural primary Care Hospital		