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Glossary of Acronyms

AHA	– American Hospital Association	Iv	– intravenous
APACHE	– Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation Scale	LOS	– length of stay
CBA	– cost-benefit analysis	NIH	– National Institutes of Health (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
CCC	– coronary care unit	OR	– operating room
CEA	– cost-effectiveness analysis	PSRO	– Professional Standards Review Organization
CON	– certificate-of-need	SCU	– special care unit
D H H S	– U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	TISS	– Therapeutic Intervention Scoring System
DRG	– Diagnosis Related Group	UCR	– usual, customary and reasonable physician charges for payment purposes
HCFA	– Health Care Financing Administration (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)	UR	– utilization review
HMO	– health maintenance organization		
ICU	– intensive care unit		
IRB	– institutional review board		

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