

ACRONYMS

The following are acronyms that are frequently used when discussing psychiatric practice issues:

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous

AAAP: American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry

AABH: Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare

AACAP: American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

AAHP: American Association of Health Plans

AAP: American Academy of Psychoanalysis

AAPHO: American Association of Physician-Hospital Organizations

AAPPP: American Association of Private Practice Psychiatrists

AAPPO: American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations

ACP: American College of Physicians

ACR: Adjusted community rate

ACSW: Academy of Certified Social Workers

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

ADS: Alternative delivery system

AFDC: Aid to Families with Dependent Children

AHA: American Hospital Association

AHCPR: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

ALOC: Alternative level of care

ALOS: Average length of stay

AMA: American Medical Association

AMBHA: American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association

AMCRA: American Managed Care and Review Association

AMPRA: American Medical Peer Review Association

APA: American Psychiatric Association

APG: Ambulatory patient group

ASO: Administrative services only

AWP: Any willing provider

CAC: Certified addictions counselor

CD: Chemical dependence

CHAMPUS: Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services

CMHS: Center for Mental Health Services

CMI: Case-mix index

COA: Certificate of authority
COB: Coordination of benefits
COBRA: Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COC: Certificate of coverage
CON: Certificate of need
CPI: Consumer Price Index
CPT: Current procedural terminology
CRC: Certified rehabilitation counselor
CQI: Continuous quality improvement
CSO: Claims services only
DAW: Dispense as written
DCI: Duplicate coverage inquiry
DFFS: Discounted fee-for-service
DME: Durable medical equipment
DOH: Department of Health
DOS: Date of service
DRG: Diagnosis-related groups
DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (fourth edition)
DUE: Drug use evaluation
DUR: Drug utilization review
Dx: Diagnosis
EAP: Employee assistance program
EOB: Explanation of benefits
EOI: Evidence of insurance
EPO: Exclusive provider organization
ERISA: Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
FFS: Fee-for-service
FSA: Flexible spending account
FTE: Full-time equivalent
GHAA: Group Health Association of America
HCFA: Health Care Financing Administration
HCPCS: HCFA common procedural coding system
HEDIS: Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HHA: Home health agency
HHS: Department of Health and Human Services
HIAA: Health Insurance Association of America
HMO: Health maintenance organization
HPA: Health purchasing alliance

IBH: Institute for Behavioral Healthcare
IBNR: Incurred but not reported
ICD: International classification of diseases
IOM: Institute of Medicine
IPA: Independent provider/practitioner association
JCAHO: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
LCSW: Licensed clinical social worker
MAC: Maximum allowable charge
MCO: Managed care organization
MDC: Major diagnostic category
MH: Mental health
MIS: Management information system
MOB: Maintenance of benefits
MOE: Maintenance of effort
MSA: Medical savings account
MSO: Management services organization
NA: Narcotics Anonymous
NAEHCA: National Association of Employers on Health Care Action
NAHMOR: National Association of HMO Regulators
NAIC: National Association of Insurance Commissioners
NAMI: National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
NAPHS: National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems
NASW: National Association for Social Workers
NAPDP: National Association of Prescription Drug Programs
NCQA: National Committee on Quality Assurance
NDMDA: National Depressive and Manic Depressive Association
NIH: National Institutes for Health
NIMH: National Institute for Mental Health
NMHA: National Mental Health Association
NPDB: National Practitioner Data Bank
OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PCCM: Primary care case management
PCN: Primary care network
PCP: Primary care physician
PEPM: Per employee per month
PHO: Physician-hospital organization
PMPM: Per member per month
POS: Point of service

PPO: Preferred provider organization
PPRC: Physician Payment Review Commission
PPS: Prospective payment system
PRO: Peer review organization
ProPAC: Prospective Payment Assessment Commission
PSRO: Professional Standards Review Organization
QA: Quality assurance
QI: Quality improvement
RBRVS: Resource-based relative value scale
R&C: Reasonable and customary
Rx: Prescription
SA: Substance abuse
SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
TPA: Third-party administrator
TQM: Total quality management
Tx: Treatment
UM: Utilization management
UCR: Usual, customary, and reasonable
UR: Utilization review
URAC: Utilization Review Accreditation Commission
VA: Veterans Administration