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Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
3DES	Triple Data Encryption Standard		06/22/07
A&A	Aid and Attendance	An additional benefit payable in both compensation and pension programs for someone who is so disabled that they need assistance with their everyday needs.	06/26/07
A&MMS	Acquisition and Material Management Service		07/09/04
A/E	Architect/Engineer of Veterans Affairs (a.k.a. VACO or Headquarters)		
A/OPC	Agency/Organization Program Coordinator		06/22/07
AA	Authorized Absence		07/09/04
AAA	Area Agencies on Aging		07/09/04
AAALAC	American Association for Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care		07/09/04
AAALAC Int'l	Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International		07/09/04
AAC	Austin Automation Center	The Austin Automation Center is a Federal data center. Most VA data are housed at AAC, including the National Patient Care Database (NPCD) and Decision Support System (DSS) National Data Extracts.	
AAC	Austin Automation Center, Austin, TX (formerly DPC)		
AACS	Automated Allocation & Control System		06/26/07
AAHRPP	Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs		07/09/04
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges		07/09/04
ABC	Activity Based Costing	An improved costing methodology that centers around activities. This provides a more process oriented view of your organization, thereby giving you more accurate allocations of your costs.	06/26/07
ABDX	Abdominal Pain Diagnostic Program		
ABMS	Automated Blood Management Systems		
AC	Ambulatory Care		07/09/04
ACA	Advanced Clinical Access		12/30/08
ACDU	Active Duty		
ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians		07/09/04
ACES	Access Certificates for Electronic Services		07/09/04
ACG	Ambulatory Care Group		07/09/04
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education		07/09/04
ACHE	American College of Health Executives		07/09/04
ACIO	Associate Chief Information Officer		06/06/07
ACMD	Assistant Chief Medical Director		07/09/04
ACMS	Advanced Cost Management Systems CG Comptroller General		
ACO	Administrative Contracting Officer		
ACOS	American College of Surgeons		07/09/04
ACOS	Associate Chief of Staff		07/09/04
ACOS/E	Associate Chief of Staff for Education		07/09/04
ACOS/EC	Associate Chief of Staff for Extended Care		07/09/04
ACP	Agency Capitol Plan		07/09/04
ACP	American College of Physicians		
ACQUIP	Ambulatory Care Quality Improvement Project		07/09/04
ACRP	Ambulatory Care Reporting Program		07/09/04
ACRS	Automated Customer Registration Service		07/09/04
ACRS	Accelerated Cost Recovery System		

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome		06/06/07
ACS	Alternate Care System		
AD(D)	Active Duty (Dependent)		
ADA	Associate Deputy Administrator		07/09/04
ADA	American Dental Association		
ADAMHA	Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health		
ADAS	Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary		07/09/04
ADBMIS ASWBPL	Defense Blood Management		
ADC	Average Daily Census		07/09/04
ADCC	Alzheimer's Disease Core Center		06/22/07
ADCMD	Associate Deputy Chief Medical Director		07/09/04
ADE	Adverse Drug Event		06/06/07
ADL	Activities of Daily Living		
ADL	Activities of Daily Living		07/09/04
ADP	Automatic Data Processing		07/09/04
ADPAC	Automated Data Processing Application Coordinator		06/26/07
ADPE	Automatic Data Processing Equipment		
ADPSO	Automated Data Processing Security Officer		07/09/04
ADPU	Association of Public Data Users		07/09/04
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Allow parties to resolve their disputes without resorting to litigation via the use of an impartial neutral third person.	06/26/07
ADR	Administrative Data Repository		04/18/08
ADRADA	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association		07/09/04
ADS	Alternative Delivery System		
ADS	Ambulatory Data System Eligibility System		
ADT	Admission/Discharge/Transfer		07/09/04
ADT/R	Admissions, Discharge, Transfer/Registration		07/09/04
ADUSH	Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health		04/15/05
AE	Adverse Event		07/09/04
AECGIS	Automated Electrocardiographic Interpretive Systems		07/09/04
AECGIS	Automated Electrocardiogram Interpretive System		
AEM	Area Emergency Manager		07/09/04
AEMS/MERS	Automated Engineering Management System/Medical Equipment Reporting		06/26/07
AEPS	Affiliated Education Programs Service		07/09/04
AERAC	Adverse Events in Research Advisory Committee		07/09/04
AES	All Employee Survey		12/30/08
AFB	Air Force Base		
AFCEA	Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association		07/09/04
AFDC	Aid to Families with Dependent Children		
AFEB	Armed Forces Epidemiological Board		07/09/04
AFGE	American Federation of Government Employees	A major union of Federal employees including VA employees.	06/26/07
AFHCAN	Alaska Federal Health Care Access Network		07/09/04
AFHCP	Alaska Federal Healthcare Partnership		07/09/04
AFIP	Armed Forces Institute of Pathology		07/09/04
AFNOC	Air Force Network Operation Center		07/09/04

Glossary of Acronyms

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
AFO	Ankle-Foot Othosis		06/26/07
AFPC	Armed Forces Policy Council		
AFPINTER3A	Added from production Internet	<< this is test #3a to see what happens when Code A is updated >>	06/13/08
AFPINTRA4A	Added From Production IntRAnet	<< this is test #4a to see what happens when Code A is updated >>	06/13/08
AFR	Air Force Regulation		
AFRRI	Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute		07/09/04
AFSN	Air Force Systems Network		07/09/04
AFVAL	Air Force Inpatient Biometrics Data Validation System		
AGIS	Atlas Geographic Information System		07/09/04
AH	Army Hospital		
AHA	American Hospital Association		07/09/04
AHCFMS	Army Health Care Financial Management System		
AHCPR	Agency for Health Care Policy & Research (see AHRQ)		07/09/04
AHIMA	American Health Information Management Association		07/09/04
AHPA	American Health Planning Association		07/09/04
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (formerly AHCPR)		07/09/04
AHSE	American Society for Health Care Engineering		07/09/04
AHSR	Association for Health Services Research		07/09/04
AHSRHP	Academy for Health Services Research and Health		07/20/07
AIC	Automated Information Center		07/09/04
AICPA	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants		
AICS	Automated Information Collection Systems		07/09/04
AID	Agency for International Development		
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome		07/09/04
AIS	Automated Information System		07/09/04
AISO	Alternate Information Security Officer		12/30/08
AITC	Austin Information Technology Center (Formerly: Corporate Franchise Datacenter CFD; Formerly: Austin Automation Center AAC)	As a franchise fund, or fee-for-service organization, AAC provides cost-efficient IT enterprise solutions to support the information technology needs of customers within the Federal sector.	08/05/08
AJCC	American Joint Commission on Cancer		07/09/04
AL	American Legion		07/09/04
AL	Assurance Letter		07/09/04
ALB	Account Level Budgeting (a DSS term)		06/06/07
ALC	Agency Location Code		06/22/07
ALOS	Average Length of Stay		
AMA	American Medical Association		07/09/04
AMAS	Automated Management Application System		06/27/07
AMC	Army Medical Center		
AMEDD	Army Medical Department		
AMES	Automated Management Information System		
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction (Also Acute Coronary Syndrome - Heart Attack)		07/09/04
AMIA	American Medical Informatics Association		07/09/04
AMIE	Automated Medical Information Exchange	Provides electronic distribution of admonitions, discharge and C & P examination information between regional offices and medical centers.	06/27/07

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AMIS	Automated Management Information System		07/09/04
AMO-W	Acquisition Management Office – Washington		
AMS	Asset Management Service		07/09/04
AMSUS	Association of Military Surgeons of the United States		07/09/04
AMVETS	American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam		07/09/04
ANOVA	Analysis of Variance		06/22/07
ANSI	American National Standards Institute	A privately funded, non-profit organization which coordinates the development of voluntary standards in the United States and is the agency that approves standards.	06/27/07
AO	Agent Orange	A herbicide, or defoliant, which was used in Vietnam to kill unwanted plant life and to remove leaves from trees which otherwise provided cover for the enemy.	06/20/07
AO	Accountable Officer or Administrative Officer		
AO&AS	Acquisition Operations and Analysis Service		
AOA	Analysis of Alternatives		06/06/07
AOD	Administrative Officer of the Day		07/09/04
AOLS	Average Length of Stay		06/22/07
AOPO	Agent Orange Projects Office		07/09/04
AOR	Agent Orange Registry		07/09/04
AOTA	American Occupational Therapy Association		07/09/04
AOWG	Agent Orange Working Group (White House)		07/09/04
AP	Accounts Payable		07/09/04
APC	Ambulatory Payment Classifications	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) was mandated through the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 to develop a prospective payment system (PPS) for outpatient services. All services paid under the new PPS are classified into groups called Ambulatory Payment Classifications or APCs. Services in each APC are similar clinically in terms of the resources they require. A payment rate is established for each APC. Depending on the services provided, hospitals may be paid for more than one APC in a single encounter.	
APEC	Asian Pacific Economic Cooperative		07/09/04
APES	Automated Patient Evacuation System		
APHIS	Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service		07/09/04
API	Application Program Interface		07/09/04
APP	Advance Procurement Plan		
APS	Automated Procurement System Veterans Administration		
APTA	American Physical Therapy Association		07/09/04
APW	Architecture Planning Workgroup		07/09/04
AQCESS	Automated Quality of Care, Evaluation Support System		
AR	Accounts Receivable		07/09/04
AR	Army Regulation		
ARA	Automated Risk Assessment		07/09/04
ARAMIS	American Rheumatology Associates Medical Information System		07/09/04
ARB	Accident Review Board		10/02/08

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ARC	Allocation Resource Center	A clinically-focused health systems information and management group that assists the VHA policy and operations management by developing, maintaining, and using decision support patient-specific workload and expenditure databases.	06/20/07
ARENA	Applied Research Ethics National Association		07/09/04
ARF	Animal Research Facilities		07/09/04
ARG	Application Requirements Group		07/09/04
ARMA	Association of Records Managers & Administrators	An authority on managing paper and electronic records and information. Members come from a wide variety of industries, including government, legal, and healthcare.	06/20/07
ARMS	Automated Reference Manuals		07/09/04
ARNet	Acquisition Reform Network		
ARNP	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner		07/09/04
ARPERCEN	Army Reserve Personnel Records Center		
ARS	Automated Response System		07/09/04
ART	Adverse Reaction Tracking		07/09/04
ART	Annual Report Template		06/06/07
ARTS	Adverse Reaction Tracking System		06/22/07
ARU	Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit		06/06/07
ASA	Aspirin		07/09/04
ASBCA	Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals		
ASBPO	Armed Services Blood Program Office		
ASC	Ambulatory Surgical Centers		
ASC X12	Accredited Standards Committee X12		07/09/04
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange	A widely used system for encoding characters for processing and transmission between data processing systems, data communication systems, and associated equipment.	06/27/07
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange CO Contracting Officer		
AsCMD	Associate Chief Medical Director		07/09/04
ASD(C31)	Assistant Secretary, of Defense (Command, Control) COB Coordination of Benefits		
ASD(HA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)		
ASIH	Absent Sick In Hospital		07/09/04
ASIM	Automated Security Incident Measurement		07/09/04
ASIMS	Army Standard Info Management System		
ASISTS	Automated Safety Incident Surveillance and Tracking System		07/09/04
ASO	Assistant Supply Officer		
ASP	Active Server Pages		07/09/04
ASP	Application Service Provider	A third party company or organization providing hosting services for applications on their own infrastructure, generally offered as a fee-for-service capability.	06/27/07
ASPM	Armed Services Pricing Manual		
ASPR	Armed Services Procurement Regulation		
ASSESS	Application Self-Scoring Evaluation Support System		07/09/04
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials	An open forum for the development of high quality, market-relevant international standards used around the globe.	06/27/07
ASU	Authorization and Subscription Utility	Provides a method for identifying who is authorized to perform various actions on clinical documents.	06/20/07
ATIC	Advanced Technology Integration Center		07/09/04

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode	A high-speed connection-oriented data transmission method that provides bandwidth on demand through packet-switching techniques using fixed-sized cells.	06/27/07
ATP	Acquisition Training Program		
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	A federal public health agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).	07/12/07
AWIC	Animal Welfare Information Center		07/09/04
AWOL	Absent Without Leave		07/09/04
AWP	Average Wholesale Price	AWPs are average wholesale pharmaceutical prices. Common sources of AWPs are the Red Book and MediSpan.	
B&P	Bid and Proposal (cost)		
B/S	Benefits/Services		07/09/04
BAA	Broad Agency Announcement		
BAFO	Best and Final Offer		
BAFO	Best and Final Offer CPAF Cost-Plus-Award Fee (contract)		
BAFO(log)	Base Accounting and Finance Office		
BAO	Basic Ordering Agreement		
BBM	Blood Bank Modernization	Works and maintains VISTA Blood Bank software	06/20/07
BBS	Bulletin Board System		07/09/04
BCMA	Bar Code Medication Administration		07/09/04
BDC	Benefits Delivery Center	Maintains sector equipment, supports centralized benefits processes applications and maintains data considered mission-critical.	06/27/07
BDC	Boston Development Center		07/09/04
BDI	Biological Defense Initiative		07/09/04
BDN	Benefits Delivery Network		07/09/04
BDOC	Bed Days of Care		07/09/04
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis		07/09/04
BEC	Benefits Executive Council		07/09/04
BES	Best Estimate Submission		
BEST	Business Enterprise Solutions and Technologies		07/09/04
BGL	Government Bill of Lading NXRN Non-expendable Record Number (LOG)		
BGP	Border Gateway Protocol		
BHIE	Bi-directional Health Information Exchange (formerly: CHCS-VistA DSI)	A joint IT effort of secure sharing of protected electronic healthcare data between the Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Defense (DoD).	06/20/07
BINQ	BIRLS Inquiry	Inquiry command to access identifying information regarding a veteran or location of a claims folder.	06/27/07
BIOFACS	Biomedical and Facilities Systems		
BIRLS	Beneficiary Identification and Resource Locator System	An index of veterans and beneficiary records which contains personal, military service, and VA file number and location information.	06/27/07

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BIRLS	Beneficiary Identification and Records Locator System	BIRLS is a set of databases indexed by social security number. With BIRLS, a researcher can find information on veterans who obtained burial benefits from VA (for mortality studies), who receive a monetary benefit for Aid and Attendance (e.g., to defray the cost of the Community Residential Care program), or who had accounts for VA educational benefits (to determine the extent of contact with VA for other services besides healthcare). BIRLS contains other data as well, such as the type and amount of benefits paid to C&P (compensation and pension) recipients.	
BLOBs	Binary Large Objects		07/09/04
BLR&D	Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development		06/06/07
BLRD	Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development	Supports research exploring biological or physiological principles in humans or animals. For example, BLR&D research includes pre-clinical models and investigations of tissues, blood or other biologic specimens from humans.	06/22/07
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics		07/09/04
BME	Biomedical Engineering		06/06/07
BMI	Body Mass Index		07/09/04
BMT	Bone Marrow Transplantation		07/09/04
BMU	Behavioral Medicine Unit		06/06/07
BOA	Basic Ordering Agreement		
BOC	Budget Object Code		
BOP	Bureau of Prisons		07/09/04
BOSS	Burial Operations Support System	Provides benefit delivery automation support to NCS facilities nationwide. It replaced the manual processing previously associated with establishing and maintaining interment information at VA national cemeteries.	06/27/07
BPA	Blanket Purchase Agreement	BPAs are contracts between VA and pharmacy supply manufacturers. They enable individual VA facilities to obtain additional discounts for particular medications or supplies based on the volume prescribed or used. The BPA may include additional programs and services as well. Many are negotiated for specific customer groups under the VA Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) program.	07/09/04
BPH	Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia		07/09/04
BPR	Business Process Reengineering	The fundamental analysis and redesign of business processes and management systems, job definitions, organizational structures and beliefs and behaviors to achieve dramatic performance improvements to meet contemporary requirements.	06/27/07
BPRC	Budget Planning Review Council		07/09/04
BRAC	Base Realignment And Closure		
BRC	Blind Rehabilitation Center		07/09/04
BRFSS	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System	A national system of health surveys that tracks health-risk behaviors, clinical preventive practices, and health care access and use, primarily related to chronic diseases and injury.	07/12/07
BRH	Bureau of Radiological Health		07/09/04
BRRC	Brain Rehabilitation Research Center		06/06/07
BSC	Balanced Score Card		07/09/04
BSOD	Blue Screen of Death		07/09/04
BSR	Beneficiary Service Representative		

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
BTSO	Bedford Technical Support Office		06/06/07
BUMED	Bureau of Medicine		
BVA	Board of Veterans Appeals; An organization outside the RO established to adjudicate cases where veterans have disagreed with the findings of the RO.	A VA organization directly responsible to the Secretary which decides benefit questions in cases where the claimant disagrees with the decision of the VA regional office.	06/27/07
BVA	Blinded Veterans of America		07/09/04
C UNIX	Programming Language		
C&P	Compensation & Pension		07/09/04
C&P	Credentialing & Privileging		07/09/04
C&V	Construction and Evaluation	A case management and tracking system that manages construction monitoring and property valuation actives.	06/27/07
C+	C, a general-purpose programming language		07/09/04
C31	Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence		
C3PO	Chief, Policy, Planning and Performance Office		07/09/04
CA	Certificate Authority		07/09/04
CA	Commercial Activities		
CAAC	Civilian Agency Acquisition Council		
CAAS	Contract Advisory and Assistance Services		
CAAT	Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing		07/09/04
CAB	Compliance Advisory Board		06/06/07
CAC	Clinical Application Coordinator		06/06/07
CAC	Cost Adjusted Charges	Charges obtained from hospital bills or discharge data are frequently higher than actual costs. One can adjust the charges by multiplying reported charges by a department-level cost-to-charge ratio. We refer to the adjusted charges as cost-adjusted charges (CAC).	
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease		07/09/04
CAD/CAM	Computer Assisted Design/Computer Assisted		
CAFC	Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit		
CAIS	Computer Automated Information System		07/09/04
CALM	Centralized Accounting for Local Management	This is the VA's on line, real time computer oriented accounting system.	06/27/07
CALS	Computer-aided Acquisition & Logistics System (formerly Prosthetics Distribution Center)		
CANCOR	Cancer Care and Outcomes Research and Surveillance Consortium		06/06/07
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer		07/09/04
CAP	Capital Asset Plan		07/09/04
CAP	College of American Pathologists		07/09/04
CAP	Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program Office		
CAPA	Corrective and Preventative Action		07/09/04
CAPER	Compensation And Pension Evaluation Redesign		07/09/04
CAPOC	Computer Assisted Practice of Cardiology (DoD)		07/09/04
CAPPS	Computer Assisted Payments Processing System		07/09/04
CAPRI	Compensation and Pension Records Interchange		07/09/04
CAR	Defense Acquisition Regulation		
CARES	Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services	National initiative to ensure its health care system meets the needs of veterans today and in the future	06/20/07
CARES CHAMPUS	Administrative, Reporting, and		

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
CARF	Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities	A private not-for-profit organization that sets quality standards, evaluates quality of services, and accredits rehabilitation facilities.	06/27/07
CARG	Clinical Application Requirements Group		07/09/04
CAROLS	Centralized Accounts Receivable On-Line System		07/09/04
CARP	Consolidated Accommodations Acquisition Program Information System		
CARS	Centralized Accounts Receivable		07/09/04
CAS	Content Access Service (formerly Clinical Observation Access Service)		07/09/04
CAS	Cost Accounting Standards		
CASB	Cost Accounting Standards Board		
CASE	Computer Assisted Software Engineering		07/09/04
CAT	Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT Scan, Radiology Imaging)		
CAT	Computer Audio Teleconferencing	With CAT training, faculty and participants at sites remote from one another dial into an audio bridge over conventional phones. Thus, the persons may interact with each other, and can be logged on to the same computer for instruction.	06/27/07
CAT	Computerized Aril Topography		07/09/04
CAT	Computerized Axial Tomography		07/09/04
CATI	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview		07/09/04
CAVC	Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims		
CBA	Clinical Business Area		07/09/04
CBC	Community Based Clinic		07/09/04
CBC	Construction Battalion Center		
CBD	Chief Benefits Director		07/09/04
CBD	Commerce Business Daily		
CBI	Compliance and Business Integrity		07/09/04
CBO	Central Business Office		07/09/04
CBO	Congressional Budget Office		07/09/04
CBOC	Community Based Outpatient Clinic; A facility generally providing access to outpatient health care needs.	An outpatient clinic in an outlying community. The clinic is part of a larger Veterans Administration Hospital but due to the physical distance many more veterans may be better served by having serves closer to their homes.	07/09/04
CBRF	Community Based Residential Facility		07/09/04
CBSE	Component Based Software Engineering		07/09/04
CCA	Clinger-Cohen Act	The Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-106) assigns the Chief Information Officer (CIO) with the responsibility to develop, maintain and facilitate the implementation of an enterprise architecture.	06/20/07
CCB	Change Control Board		07/09/04
CCC	Clinical Coordinating Center		07/09/04
CCC	Cost Containment Center		07/09/04
CCC	Central Call Center		
CCDOR	Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research		06/06/07
CCDR	Contract Cost Data Report Regulation Supplement		
CCHT	Care Coordination/Home Telehealth		10/02/08
CCLR	Claims Collection Litigation Report		
CCO	Community Collaboration Office		07/09/04

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
CCOW	Clinical Context Object Workgroup	A context management standard owned by HL7 used to coordinate access across multiple [workstation client] applications.	06/27/07
CCPC	Consolidated Co-payment Processing Center		07/09/04
CCQAS	Centralized Credentials and Quality Assurance System		07/09/04
CCRM	Care Coordination Resource Management		06/06/07
CCS	Clinical Classifications Software	CCS is a tool for clustering patient diagnoses and procedures into clinically meaningful categories. This software was developed by the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research [link: http://www.hcupus.ahrq.gov/toolssoftware/ccs/ccs.jsp] .	
CD ROM	Compact Disk Read-Only Memory		07/09/04
CDA	Clinical Document Architecture	A document markup standard that specifies the structure and semantics of "clinical documents" for the purpose of exchange.	06/20/07
CDAs	Cost Distribution Accounts	The VA Cost Distribution Report includes patient care departments such as medicine, admitting screen, or ambulatory surgery. It also includes indirect departments such as building management. Expenditures for these departments are listed in cost distribution accounts (CDAs)	
CDC	Centers for Disease Control		07/09/04
CDCI	Corporate Data Center COOP Initiative		07/09/04
CDCP	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention		
CDD	Central Data Dictionary		
CDI	Chronic Disease Index		07/09/04
CDL	Central Dental Lab		07/09/04
CDMRP	Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs		07/12/07
CDQR	Clinical Data Quality Review		07/09/04
CDR	Clinical Data Repository (now: Health Data Repository HDR)		06/20/07
CDR	Cost Distribution Report	The CDR contains estimates of the costs expended by each patient care department in a VA medical center. Costs are distributed into Cost Distribution Accounts	07/09/04
CDRL	Contract Data Requirements List		
CD-ROM	Compact Disk Read-Only Memory		07/09/04
CDS	Clinical Data Service		06/06/07
CDSS	Clinical Decision Support System		07/09/04
CDW	Corporate Data Warehouse		07/09/04
CE	Continuing Education		07/09/04
CEB	Clinical Executive Board		06/06/07
CEC	Continuing Education Center		07/09/04
CEHIST	Center for Evaluation of Healthcare Information Systems & Technology		07/09/04
CEIEBP	Center of Excellence on Implementing Evidence-Based Practice		06/06/07
CEIP CHCS	Engineering Improvement Program		
CEIS	Corporate Executive Information System		07/09/04
CEMHOR	Center for Mental Healthcare and Outcomes Research		06/06/07
CEN	Annual Patient Census		07/09/04
CEN	European Committee for Standardization (Committee European de Normalization)		07/09/04
CEO	Chief Executive Officer		07/09/04

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
CEOB	CEOB CHAMPUS Explanation of Benefits		
CEOB CHAMPUS	Explanation of Benefits		
CEOC	CEOC CHAMPUS Explanation of Check		
CEOC CHAMPUS	Explanation of Check		
CF	Conversion Factor		
CFD	Corporate Franchise Data Center (Now: Austin Information Technology Center AITC)		08/04/08
C-FILE	Claims File or Claims Folder, the materials and evidence gathered about you and your claim		
CFO	Chief Financial Officer		07/09/04
CFO	Chief Financial Officer DIDS Defense Integrated Data System		
CFP	Clinical Financial Planner		07/09/04
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	The Secretary's rules and regulations are contained in Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations (38 CFR).	06/27/07
CG	CG Comptroller General		
CGI	Computer Graphics Interface		
CHALENG	Community Homelessness Assessment Local Education and Networking Groups		07/09/04
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health & Medical Program of the Uniformed Services		07/09/04
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health & Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs	Medical benefits program through which the VA provides treatment in a VA facility or helps pay for medical care obtained from civilian sources for eligible dependents and survivors of veterans.	06/27/07
CHAS	Contract for Advisory and Assistance Services		
CHCBP	Continuing Health Care Benefits Program		
CHCE	Center for Health Care Evaluation		06/06/07
CHCM	Comprehensive Health Care Management		
CHCS	Composite Health Care System (DoD)	An automated information system supporting the administration and delivery of health care at Department of Defense (DoD) Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF) throughout the world.	06/27/07
CHCS-VISTA DSI	Composite Health Care System -VistA - Data Sharing Interface (now: BHIE)		06/20/07
CHDR	Clinical Data Repository/Health Data Repository (Interoperability Project)		07/09/04
CHEC	Community Health Education Center		07/09/04
CHEP	Cooperative Health Education Program		07/09/04
CHERP	Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion		06/06/07
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure		07/09/04
CHI	Consolidated Health Informatics		07/09/04
CHIACC	Creating HealtheVet Informatics Applications for Collaborative Care		06/06/07
CHIM	Center for Healthcare Information Management		07/09/04
CHIME	College of Healthcare Information Management Executives		07/09/04
CHIN	Community Health Information Network		07/09/04
CHIO	Chief Health Informatics Officer	Represents VA on regional, national and international informatics and manages high interest clinical programs e.g.,My HealtheVet and Bar Code Resource.	01/15/09
CHIP	Coalition for Health Information Policy		07/20/07
CHIPS	Consumer Health Information & Performance Set	An initiative to develop a VISN wide information system for decision support, performance measuring and population studies.	06/25/07

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Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
CHIR	Consortium for Healthcare Informatics Research		02/07/08
CHIS	Center for Healthcare Information Security		07/09/04
CHISS	Common Health Information Security Service		07/09/04
CHKM	Center for Healthcare Knowledge Management		06/06/07
CHQOER	Center for Health Quality, Outcomes, and Economic Research		07/09/04
CHR	Consolidated Health Record		06/06/07
CHR	Consolidated Health Record	A CHR is created and maintained for every individual that is treated or assessed within a VA Medical Center. It is a medical record that documents the diagnosis and treatment of the patient, and an administrative record.	10/02/08
CHSRPC	Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care		06/06/07
CI	Commercial Integrator		07/09/04
CICA	Competition In Contracting Act		
CICSP	Continuous Improvement In Cardiac Surgery Program		07/09/04
CIDC	Clinical Indicators Data Capture	Software intended to capture patient treatment data in order to increase revenue from third-party payers and to provide electronic inputs for the forthcoming Patient Financial Services System (PFSS)-a Congressionally mandated project.	06/25/07
CIDD	Common Intrusion Detection Director		07/09/04
CIDER	Center for Information Dissemination and Education Resources		06/06/07
CIO	Chief Information Officer		07/09/04
CIOFO	Chief Information Office Field Office		07/09/04
CIONTEO	Chief Information Office National Training and Education Office		07/09/04
CIP	Capital Investment Proposal		07/09/04
CIR	Corporate Information Repository		07/09/04
CIRC	Central Incident Response Capability		07/09/04
CIRN	Clinical Information Resources Network		07/09/04
CIRN-CR	CIRN-Clinical Repository		07/09/04
CIRN-CR	Clinical Information Resources Network Clinical Repository		07/09/04
CIS	Clinical Information System		07/09/04
CISSP	Certified Information System Security Professional		07/09/04
CITI	CHAMPVA In-house Treatment Initiative		07/09/04
CITI	Collaborative IRB Training Initiative		07/09/04
CITPO	Clinical Information Technology Program Office		07/09/04
CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease		06/06/07
CLA	Customer License Agreement		07/09/04
CLC	Community Living Center (formerly: NHCU)	Provides resident-centered care. The name change demonstrates the commitment of VA to accommodate the age-specific needs of the new cohort of OEF/OIF veterans seeking long or short term care.	01/16/09
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment		07/09/04
CLIN	Contract Line Item Number		
CLS	Clinical Lexicon Consortium	Provides psychiatric consultations and education to non-psychiatrist physicians, assists medical and surgical teams, and refers appropriate patients to Mental Health.	06/20/07
CM	Case Management or Case Manager (replaced by DAR and the FAR)		

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
CMAC	CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charges		07/09/04
CMC	Consolidated Medical Center		07/09/04
CMC3	Center for Management of Complex Chronic Care (formerly: Midwest Center for Health Services and Policy Research MCHSPR)	Conducts high quality research that will translate into improved patient and health outcomes for veterans and the nation.	06/20/07
CMCCC	Center for Management of Complex Chronic Care (CMC3) (formerly MCHSPR)	Formerly MCHSPR	02/19/07
CMCHS	Civilian Military Contingency Hospital System		07/09/04
CMD	Chief Medical Director		07/09/04
CMIT	Current Medical Information and Terminology		07/09/04
CMOP	Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy	This software is fed mail out prescription data, then it interfaces with highly automated prescription dispensing equipment.	06/27/07
CMOR	CIRN Master of Record		07/09/04
CMR	Consolidated Memorandum of Receipt	The facility's non-expendable property inventory.	06/25/07
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (previously HCFA)	CMS is a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. CMS is responsible for the Medicare program and works with the States to run Medicaid [link: http://www.cms.gov].	07/09/04
CMSA	Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area		07/09/04
CMT	Centralized Means Test		07/09/04
CNA	Clinical Nurse Administrator		07/09/04
CNE	Certified Network Engineer		07/09/04
CNH	Community Nursing Home		07/09/04
CNH	Contract Nursing Home		07/20/07
CNHC	Community Nursing Home Care		07/09/04
CNO	Chief Network Officer		07/09/04
CO	Central Office		07/09/04
CO	Contracting Officer or Central Office Department		
COACH	Center on Advice & Compliance Help	The person serving as the supervisor of a work team. Rather than giving team members instruction as would a traditional supervisor, the coach provides guidance and direction to the team in its decision-making process.	06/27/07
COAS	Clinical Observation Access Control	An interface specification in IDL defining a common access mechanism for the retrieval of information content within a distributed infrastructure.	06/27/07
COB	COB Coordination of Benefits		
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985	Ensures medical coverage for individuals who are temporarily no longer covered under the umbrella of medical insurance coverage.	06/25/07
COC	Continuity of Care		06/06/07
COC	Certificate of Competency		
COCB	Contracting Officer's Certification Board		
COCO	Contractor-Owned/Contractoroperated		
COCP	Contracting Officer's Certification Program		
CODSIA	Council of Defense and Space Industry Associations		
COE	HSR&D Centers of Excellence		06/06/07
COG	Clinical Oversight Group		07/09/04
COG	Continuity of Government	The principle of establishing defined procedures that allow a government to continue its essential operations in case of a nuclear war or other catastrophic event.	06/27/07
COJ	Clinic of Jurisdiction		07/09/04
COLA	Cost-0f-Living Adjustment	Annual raise of cost of living	07/17/08

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Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
COLMR	Center for Organization, Leadership, and Management Research		06/06/07
Columbia HCA	Columbia Health Care Corporation		07/09/04
COM+	Component Object Model +		07/09/04
CONOPS	Concept of Operations		07/09/04
COO	Chief Operations Officer		07/09/04
COOP	Continuity of Operations		07/09/04
COPAFS	Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics		07/09/04
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	COPD is comprised primarily of two related diseases: chronic bronchitis and emphysema. In both diseases, the flow of air through the airways and out of the lungs is obstructed. The condition is permanent and worsens over time.	
COR	Copy of Record		07/09/04
COR	Contracting Officer's Representative		
CORBA	Common Object Request Broker Architecture		07/09/04
CORBA/OMA	Common Object Request Broker Architecture/Object Management Architecture		07/09/04
COROA	Center for Outcomes Research in Older Adults		06/06/07
COS	Chief of Staff		07/09/04
COTH	Council of Teaching Hospitals		07/09/04
COTR	Contracting Officer's Technical Representative		07/09/04
COTR/COR	Contracting Officers Technical Representative		
COTS	Commercial Off The Shelf	Commercially available applications sold by vendors through public catalogue listings. COTS software is not intended to be customized or enhanced.	06/27/07
COTS	Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (applications)		07/09/04
COVERS	Control of Veterans Records System		
COVES	Cost and Value Tradeoffs		06/06/07
CPA	Cooperative Project Assurance		07/09/04
CPAF	Cost-Plus-Award-Fee (contract)		
CPC	Center for Palliative Care		06/06/07
CPCM	Certified Professional Contract Manager		
CPEP	Compensation and Pension Examination Project		07/09/04
CPFF	Cost-Plus-Fixed-Fee (contract)		
CPGS	clinical practice guidelines	Methods to improve care processes within VA and DoD medical facilities.	05/24/07
CPHB	Center for Patient Healthcare Behavior		06/06/07
CPI	Consumer Price Index	The CPI measures the price paid by consumers for a fixed group of goods and services. Changes in the CPI over time constitute a common measure of inflation.	
CPIC	Capital Planning and Investment Control	A decision-making process for ensuring that IT investments integrate strategic planning, budgeting, procurement, and the management of IT in support of agency missions and business needs.	06/27/07
CPIF	Cost-Plus-Incentive-Fee (contract)		
CPIRI	CPIRI CHAMPUS Price Inflation Reimbursement Index		
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CPM	Critical Path Method	Obtains information and data to identify, manage, and resolve project problems. Minimizes legal disputes and establishes realistic construction project duration(s).	06/20/07

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CPMOR	Center for Practice Management & Outcomes Research		06/06/07
CPOE	Computerized Physician Order Entry		07/09/04
CPR	Computerized Patient Record		07/09/04
CPR	Cost Performance Report 3rd Edition, Revised		
CPRI	Computer-Based Patient Record Institute		07/09/04
CPRI-HOST	Computerized Patient Record Institute-Healthcare Open Systems and Trials		07/09/04
CPRS	Computerized Patient Record System	The people, data, rules and procedures, processing and storage devices, and communication and support facilities that provide and maintain computer-based patient record information.	06/27/07
CPS	Claims Processing System	Computer system being developed by VBA to identify and obtain the evidence required to make a decision on a disability claim from a veteran.	06/27/07
CPSC	Cardiac Pacemaker Surveillance Center		07/09/04
CPSR	Contract Procurement System Review		
CPT	Common Procedure Terminology	A coding system primarily used to encode outpatient procedures for billing and reimbursement purposes.	06/27/07
CPT	Current Procedural Terminology	CPT codes are five-digit numbers used to represent the universe of medical and psychiatric services given to patients. They are revised each year to reflect advances in medical technology. The 2002 revision contained 8,107 codes and descriptors. VA uses CPT codes to identify ambulatory care procedures only; ICD-9 codes are used for inpatient procedures.	
CPU	Central Processing Unit		07/09/04
CPU	Central Processing Unit DTF Dental Treatment Facilities		
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement	A methodology intent on meeting or exceeding customer requirements by continuous improvement and innovation in products, processes, and services.	06/27/07
CQIR	Center for Quality Improvement Research		06/06/07
CRADA	Collaborative Research and Development Agreements		07/09/04
CRADO	Chief Research & Development Officer		07/09/04
CRAG	Contractor Risk Assessment Guide		
CRC	CHAMPUS Records Center		
CRCOE	Clinical Research Centers of Excellence		06/06/07
CRI	CRI CHAMPUS Reform Initiative		
CRI CHAMPUS	Reform Initiative		
CRIISP	Center for Research in the Implementation of Innovative Strategies in Practice		06/06/07
CRIS	CRIS CHAMPUS Regional Intermediary System		
CRIS CHAMPUS	Regional Intermediary System		
CRSP	Centralized Regional Scheduling Program		07/09/04
CRT	Crisis Response Team		07/09/04
CRT	Cathode Ray Tube		
CRUD	Create, Read, Update, and Delete		06/06/07
CS	Cost Sharing 9type of contract)		
CSA	Common Services Architecture		07/09/04
CSC	Contract Service Center		
CSCSC	Cost/Schedule Control System Criteria		

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CSE	Customer Service Environment		07/09/04
CSHPB	Center for the Study of Healthcare Provider Behavior		06/06/07
CSI	Congressional Special Interest Medical Research Programs	Encompasses breast, prostate, and ovarian cancers, neurofibromatosis, military health, and other specified areas.	07/12/07
CSO	Cyber Security Office		07/09/04
CSP	Cooperative Studies Program		06/06/07
CSPCC	Cooperative Studies Program Coordination Center		07/09/04
CSR	Customer Service Representative		
CSR&D	Clinical Science Research and Development		06/13/07
CSRA	Civil Service Reform Act		07/09/04
CSSR	Cost /Schedule Status Report		
CSWRI	Center for the Study of War Related Injuries		06/13/07
CTF	Chloracne Task Force		07/09/04
CTI	Computer/Telephone Integration		07/09/04
CTO	Chief Technology Officer		06/13/07
CUE	Clear and Unmistakable Evidence		
CVO	Credential Verification Organization		
CWAD	Crisis Notes, Warning Notes, Allergies and Directives		07/09/04
CWM	Common Warehouse Meta-model	An OMG standard specification for exchanging data warehouse and business intelligence metadata between tools/products.	06/27/07
CWS	Cold Weather Syndrome	Breathing problems caused later in life by military personnel who served in severe cold weather climates for long durations of time.	08/15/05
CWT/IT	Compensated Work Therapy/Incentive Therapy		07/09/04
D&F	Determination Findings		
D&PPM	Drug & Pharmaceutical Products Management	This module allows each facility to collect and print pharmacy statistics. It can provide information on facility, regional, and national product use on monthly, quarterly, and annual intervals.	06/27/07
D/SIDDOMSII	D/SIDDOMSII Defense Medical Information System/Systems		
DAA	Designated Accrediting Authority		07/09/04
DAC	Defense Acquisition Circular (formerly DPC)		
DACA	Distributed Access Control and Authorization		07/09/04
DAR	Data Architecture Repository	Allows users to utilize the repository for registering Data Architecture artifacts, establishing relationships, querying, conducting analyses on data, reporting status / statistics and creating visual expressions.	06/28/07
DAR	Defense Acquisition Regulation		
DARC	Defense Acquisition Regulatory Council		
DAS	Data Architecture Service	Its purpose is to inform the EAC of the ongoing establishment of a Data Architecture Service in the Office of Enterprise Architecture Management.	06/25/07
DAS	Dental Activity System		07/09/04
DAS	Deputy Assistant Secretary		07/09/04
DASD	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense		
DASD	Direct Access Storage Device		
DASHO	Designated Agency Safety and Health Official		07/09/04
DAV	Disabled American Veterans		07/09/04
DAWIA	Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act		

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DBA	Data Base Administrator	In VistA, the person who monitors name spacing conventions and other procedures that enable various VistA packages to coexist within an integrated database system.	06/27/07
DBIA	Database Integration Agreement	The DBA maintains a list of DBIA's or mutual agreements between package developers allowing the use of integral entry points or other package-specific features that are not available to the general programming public.	06/27/07
DBIC	Data Base Integration Committee	Within the purview of the DBA, the committee maintains a list of DBIC-approved callable entry points and publishes the list on FORUM for reference by application programmers and verifiers.	06/27/07
DBMS	Data Base Management System	A system used to store, retrieve, and manipulate data in an organized (modeled) fashion.	06/27/07
DBMS	Data Base Management System		
DBSS	Defense Blood Standard System		07/09/04
DCA	Delayed Continuing Accreditation		07/09/04
DCAA	Defense Contract Audit Agency		
DCAAM	Defense Contract Audit Agency Audit Manual		
DCAI	Defense Contract Audit Institute		
DCAS	Defense Contract Administration Service		
DCASR	Defense Contract Administration Service Region		
DCC	Data Consent Committee (HIPAA abbreviation)		07/09/04
DCE	Distributed Computing Environment	Provides security services to protect and control access to data, name services that make it easy to find distributed resources, and a highly scalable model for organizing widely scattered users, services, and data.	06/27/07
DCHV	Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans		07/09/04
DCIO	Deputy Chief Information Officer		06/13/07
DCISMA	Defense Contract Administration Service Area		
DCkSMO	Defense Contract Administration Service Office		
DCM	Department Cost Manager		07/09/04
DCMA	Defense Contract Management Area		
DCMAO	Defense Contract Management Area Operations		
DCMC	Defense Contract Management Command a department-wide centralized data base		
DCMD	Defense Contract Management District		
DCN	Defense Logistics Agency Corporate Network		
DCRB	Design Change Review Board		07/09/04
DD	Department of Defense (form no's)		
DD 1149	Order for Supplies and Services		
DD 1411	Certified Cost and Pricing Data		
DD 1412	Catalog Pricing Exemption Regulation		
DD 1423	Contract Data Requirements List		
DD 1664	Data Item Description		
DD 254	Contract Security Specification		
DD-214	A discharge document providing confirmation of military service and many details of service.		
DDC	Denver Distribution Center		07/09/04
DDCSS	Drug Dependence Clinical Support System		07/09/04
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency		07/09/04
DEARS	Department of Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation		

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DEARS	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System		
DEC	Dental Education Center		07/09/04
DECC	Defense Enterprise Computing Center		07/09/04
DEERS	Defense Enrollment Eligibility System		07/09/04
DEMPS	Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System		07/09/04
DES	Digital Encryption Standard	Allows only hardware implementations of the U.S. Government official data encryption algorithm.	06/27/07
DESC	Defense Electronic Supply Center		
DFC	Discharge From Clinic		07/09/04
DHCP	Decentralized Hospital Computer Program	A hospital information system developed by the Veterans Health Administration starting in 1977.	06/27/07
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services		07/09/04
DIAS	Defense Finance Accounting System		
DIB	Data Integrity Board		07/09/04
DIC	Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	Rate paid to the spouse and/or children surviving the death of a veteran	06/20/07
DICOM	Digital Imaging and Communication in Medicine		07/09/04
DIDS	DIDS Defense Integrated Data System		
DIMHRS	Defense Integrated Military Health Resource System		07/09/04
DIMHRS	Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System	Correction to listed acronym, Department of Defense only recognizes the above listed breakout for the DIMHRS acronym.	06/27/07
DIPEC	Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Center		
DISA	Defense Information Systems Administration		07/09/04
DISC	Defense Logistics Support Center		
DISH	Defense Information Systems Agency		
DIT	Development Integration Testing		07/09/04
DLA	Defense Logistics Agency		
DMC	Debt Management Center	Responsible for generating reports concerning overpayments created and recovered as a result of award or stop actions processed by regional offices.	06/27/07
DMDC	Defense Manpower Data Center	Maintains the largest archive of personnel, manpower, training, and financial data in the Department of Defense.	07/12/07
DME	Development/Maintenance/Enhance ment		07/09/04
DME	Durable Medical Equipment		
DMIM	Defense Medical Information Management		07/09/04
DMLIS	Defense Medical Logistics Information System		
DMLSS	Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support		07/09/04
DMMS	Decentralized Medical Management System		07/09/04
DMMS	Decision Medical Management System		07/09/04
DMMSC	Defense Medical Systems Support Center		07/09/04
DMO	Directives Management Officer		07/09/04
DMPA	Defense Medical Programs Activity		
DMRIS	Defense Medical Regulating Information System		07/09/04
DMSSC	Defense Medical Systems Support Center		07/09/04
DNR	Do Not Resuscitate		07/09/04
DNS	Domain Name Server		07/09/04
DO	Delivery Order		
DO	Delivery Order LOCO Government Owned, Contractor Operated		

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DoD	Department of Defense	The federal agency responsible for the management of members of the United States Armed Forces, to include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.	06/27/07
DoDHA	Department of Defense Health Affairs		
DOEHDR	Defense Occupational Exposure Health Data Repository		06/13/07
DOHRS	Defense Occupational Health Readiness System		07/12/07
DOJ	Department of Justice		
DOL	Department of Labor	A federal agency which is the funding source for the Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS).	06/27/07
DOM	Domiciliary (under management of medical center)		07/09/04
DOMP	Delivery Order Management Plan		07/09/04
DORS	Department Of Rehabilitation Service		07/09/04
DPC	Drug Program Coordinator		07/09/04
DPDB	Division of Practitioner Data Banks		07/09/04
DPPB	Distribution Population Planning Base		07/09/04
DPSC	Defense Personnel Support Center		
DQA	Division of Quality Assurance		07/09/04
DR	Data Repository		06/13/07
DRA	Designated Research Area		06/13/07
DRE	Designated Research Element		06/13/07
DRG	Diagnosis Related Group	Patient classification system based upon the patient's diagnosis or procedure. Each DRG is based upon an allocation of consumption of resources.	06/27/07
DRG	Diagnosis Related Group	Diagnostic Related Group The DRG system is an inpatient classification system based on several factors: principal diagnosis; secondary diagnosis; surgical factors; age; sex; and discharge status. Under the Medicare prospective payment system, hospitals are paid a set fee for treating patients in a single DRG category, regardless of the actual cost of care for the individual.	
DRM	Dental Record Manager		07/09/04
DRO	Decision Review Officer; The DRO is a senior individual with authority to review and revise adjudications made by others.		
DRR	Division of Research Resources		07/09/04
DRRB	Data Request Review Board		06/22/07
DSARC	Defense Systems Acquisition Review Council		
DSCC	Documentation Standards and Conventions Committee		07/09/04
DSCM	Data Standardization Configuration Management (Board)		07/09/04
DSCMB	(DoD) Data Standards Configuration Management Board		07/09/04
D-SIDDOMS II	Defense Medical Information Management/Systems Integration, Design, Development,b Operations, and Maintenance Services II		07/09/04
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-III)		07/09/04
DSM	Digital Standard Mumps		07/09/04
DSMB	Data Safety Monitoring Boards		06/22/07
DSM-III	R Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders		

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
DSM-III R	DSM-III R Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders		
DSMO	Designated Standard Maintenance Organization (HIPAA abbreviation)		07/09/04
DSO	Decision Support Objects		07/09/04
DSOIRM	Designated Senior Official for IRM		07/09/04
DSS	Decision Support Service	A computer based information system that is designed with the purpose of improving the processes and outcomes of human decision making.	06/27/07
DSS	Document Storage Systems		07/09/04
DSS	Decision Support System	The VHA Decision Support System (DSS) is an automated management information system that tracks health care utilization (VHA workload) and assigns an approximate cost to it. Each VA facility has a separate implementation of DSS. The source of DSS data are the VISTA systems at each VA facility. On a quarterly basis, DSS staff at the VA Austin Automation Center extract data from the DSS systems at each facility. After creating additional data fields, they create a series of extracts that cover all VA facilities.	
DSS-W	Defense Supply Service - Washington		
DT&E	Development Test and Evaluation		07/09/04
DTC	Day Treatment Center		07/09/04
DTD	Document Type Definition		07/09/04
DTF	DTF Dental Treatment Facilities		
DTS	Document Tracking System (OCIO controlled correspondence)		07/09/04
DTV	Digital Television		07/09/04
DUA	Data Use Agreement		04/15/05
DUR	Drug Utilization Review		07/09/04
DUSD(L)	Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics)		
DUSH	Deputy Under Secretary for Health		07/09/04
DUSH A/O	Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Administration and Operations		07/09/04
DUSHOM	Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management		06/13/07
DVA	Department Veterans Affairs		07/09/04
DVBIC	Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center	A multi-site medical care, clinical research and education center that enhances the quality, appropriateness, timeliness, and cost-effectiveness of treatment delivered to military and veteran beneficiaries with TBI.	07/12/07
E&M	Evaluation and Management	E&M is a set of CPT codes that refer to Evaluation and Management services.	
E/R	Entity Relationship		07/09/04
E3R	Electronic, Error and Enhancement Report		07/09/04
EA	Enterprise Architecture	An integrated framework that enables the evolution and maintenance of existing information technology systems and guides future technology acquisitions.	06/27/07
EAC	Enterprise Architecture Council		07/09/04
EAC	Estimate at Completion (cost) (formerly known as CHAMPVA)		
EAP	Employee Assistance Program		
EB	Executive Board		07/09/04
EBCDIC	Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code		07/09/04
EBQID	Evidence-Based Quality Improvement for Depression		06/13/07

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EC	Emerging Care		07/09/04
EC	Event Capture		07/09/04
EC	Electronic Commerce		
EC	Electronic Commerce (a.k.a. E-Commerce)		
EC CCB	Emergency Care Change Control Board		07/09/04
ECAT	Electronic Catalog		07/09/04
ECC	Extended Care Center		07/09/04
ECF	Executive Career Field	A Performance Plan measure of Research Compliance that provides guidance for conducting audits and reporting audit results to the Office of Research Oversight (ORO) concerning requirements for informed consent of human subject research.	12/31/08
ECG	Electrocardiograph		
ECI	Enterprise Communications Initiative		06/27/07
ECI	Electronic Commerce Interchange		
ECP	Engineering Change Proposals		07/09/04
ECSIP	Enterprise Cyber Security Infrastructure Project		07/09/04
ED	Erectile Dysfunction; The inability to achieve and maintain an erection suitable for sexual intercourse.		
ED	Emergency Department		07/09/04
EDB	Enrollment Database		07/09/04
EDD	Electronic Data Dictionary		07/09/04
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange	The inter-organizational, computer- to-computer exchange of structured information in a standard, machine-processable format.	06/27/07
EDI/MRA	Electronic Data Interchange/Medical Reform Act		07/09/04
EDIS	Electronic Data Imaging System		
EDM	Executive Decision Memorandum		07/09/04
EDMS	Electronic Data Management System		07/09/04
EDP	Electronic Data Processing		06/13/07
EDR	Event Driven Reporting		07/09/04
EDS	Electronic Data Systems		07/09/04
EDSS	Expanded Disability Status Scales		07/09/04
EDW	Enterprise Data Warehouse	A data/content repository that contains integrated, cross- functional, and historical data.	06/27/07
EEG	Electroencephalograph		
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity	Equal opportunity in employment for all persons; prohibiting discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or disability.	06/27/07
EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission		
EES	Employee Education System		07/09/04
EFAV	Enhanced Failsoft Access for VISTA		07/09/04
EFDA	Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries		07/09/04
EHR	Electronic Health Record		07/09/04
EHRA	Electronic Health Record Architecture	Provides the structure for the formal electronic health record, and can serve as the evidential record (assuming that sufficient context and security are included).	06/27/07
EHRI	Electronic Health Records Interoperability		07/09/04
EHRP	Electronic Health Records Plan		07/09/04
EIB	Enterprise Information Board		07/09/04
EIL	Equipment Inventory Listing		07/09/04

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EIN	Employer Identification Number		07/09/04
EIS	Executive Information System		
EKG	electrocardiogram		07/09/04
ELISA	Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assays		07/09/04
EMC	Enterprise Management Committee		07/09/04
EMC	Enterprise Management Concept		07/09/04
EMC	Electronic Media Claims		
EMFSO	Engineering Management and Field Support Office		07/09/04
EMI	Electromagnetic Interference		07/09/04
EMME	Engineering Acquisition Materiel Management & Equipment		07/09/04
EMPB	Emergency Mobilization Preparedness Board		07/09/04
EMPI	Enterprise Master Patient Index		06/13/07
EMPO	Emergency Medical Preparedness Office		07/09/04
EMR	Electronic Medical Record		07/09/04
EMRSS	Emergency Management and Resource Sharing Service		07/09/04
EMS	Environmental Management Services		12/31/08
EMSHG	Emergency Management Strategic Healthcare Group		07/09/04
EMT	Executive Management Team		07/09/04
EO	Executive Order		
EOB	Explanation of Benefits		07/09/04
EOC	Episode of Care		07/09/04
EOC	Explanation of Checks		
EOQ	Economic order quantity		
EP	End Product (claims control)		
EP	Expert Panel	Task oriented group created and dissolved as needed by ARG.	06/27/07
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency		07/09/04
EPI	Emerging Pathogens Initiative		07/09/04
EPM	Enterprise Project Management		07/09/04
EPMS	Enterprise Project Management Software		07/09/04
EPPS	Evaluation of the Enhanced Prospective Payment System		07/09/04
EPR	Electronic Patient Record		07/09/04
EPRI	Electronic Patient Record Interface		07/09/04
EPRP	External Peer Review Process	This package generates a list of patients for review of care by an outside review group.	06/27/07
EPTS	Existing Prior to Service	Suggests Veterans disability was present before they entered active duty service.	11/17/06
ER	Electronic Record		07/09/04
ERB	External Review Board		06/13/07
ERIC	Education Research Information Center		07/09/04
ERMIS	External Review Management Information System	This system tracks reports, action plans, and recommendations from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), Office of Inspector.	06/27/07
ERT	Enterprise Reference Terminology		07/09/04
ESA	Enterprise Systems Architecture		06/22/07
ESG	Environmental Support Group		07/09/04
ESI	The name of a company		07/09/04

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ESM	Enterprise Systems Management	This office is part of the Office of Health Information (OHI). Its purpose is to work collaboratively with other OI components and VHA Program Offices to develop, implement and monitor the comprehensive portfolios of IT systems.	01/16/09
ESM	Enterprise Systems Manager		06/22/07
ESMC	Enterprise System Management Committee		07/09/04
ESMO	Enterprise Systems Management Office	Works collaboratively with other OHI components and VHA Program Offices to develop requirements to implement and monitor the comprehensive portfolios of IT systems used by VHA.	01/15/09
ESN	Electronic Security Number		04/18/08
ESP	Evidence-Based Synthesis Project	Provides timely and accurate syntheses of targeted health care topics of particular importance to VA managers and policymakers—and to disseminate these reports throughout VA	06/27/07
ESS	Enterprise Support Solution		07/09/04
ETA	Enhanced Time and Attendance System		07/09/04
ETC	Education and Training Center		07/09/04
ETCS	Electronic Transactions and Code Sets		07/09/04
ETMR	Electronic Theater Medical Record		07/09/04
ETS	Enterprise Tactical Support		07/09/04
EUCOM	European Command		
EVA	Electronic VA		07/09/04
EVS	Enterprise VistA Support		06/13/07
EWOS	European Workshop on Open Systems		
FAB	Field Advisory Board		07/09/04
FAC	Field Advisory Committee		07/09/04
FAC	Federal Acquisition Circular or Field Advisory Council Accounting and Procurement		
FACCT	Foundation for Accountability	Has developed consumer focused quality measures and tools that help people understand and use quality information.	06/25/07
FACNET	Federal Acquisition Computer Network		07/09/04
FAP	Fixed Assets Package		
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions		06/13/07
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulations		07/09/04
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation		
FASAB	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board		
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board		
FATO	Final Authority to Operate	Accreditation process that should be completed on a new system prior to operation.	06/20/07
FBS	Fiduciary Beneficiary System	A centralized national database and is housed at the Network Systems Division in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	06/25/07
FC	Finance Center		07/09/04
FCDM	Financial and Clinical Data Mart		06/13/07
FCG	First Consulting Group		07/09/04
FCP	Federal Credentialing Program		07/09/04
FCP	Fund Control Point		07/09/04
FCW	Federal Computer Week		07/09/04
FDA	Food and Drug Administration		07/09/04
FDDI	Fiber Distributed Data Interchange	A local area network that serves as many as thousands of users.	06/20/07

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FDP	Facility Development Plan		07/09/04
FEA	Federal Enterprise Architecture		06/22/07
FED STRIP	Federal Standard and Issues Procedures		
FEDSIM	Federal Systems Integration and Management Center	A Contracting Activities' Contracting Officer	06/20/07
FEDSMR	Office of Operations, Security and Preparedness		07/09/04
FEE	Fee Basis Medical and Pharmacy System		07/09/04
FEHBP	Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan		
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency		07/09/04
FEP	Federal Employee Program		
FEPAC	Facility Engineering, Planning and Construction Office		07/09/04
FFP	Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism		07/09/04
FFP	Firm-Fixed Price (contract) (formerly ISO		
FFS	Federal Supply Schedule	FFS is a set of federal contracts for supplies, including medical supplies and pharmaceuticals. FSS prices are available to any federal agency. Additional quantity and tier discounts are available for certain products; these appear on the "FSS Tier" schedules.	
FFS	Fee For Service		
FHCRS	Federal Health Care Resources Sharing		07/09/04
FHIE	Federal Health Information Exchange (formerly GCPR)	Facilitates the secure electronic one-way exchange of patient medical information between Government health organizations.	06/27/07
FHP&R	Force Health Protection & Readiness	This website provides Service members and families, DoD Leaders, and Health Care Planners with deployment related information.	07/12/07
FI	Fiscal Intermediary		07/09/04
FICA	Head of Contracting Activity		
FIFO	Firsts In/First Out		
FIM	Functional Independence Measure	A method to assess the rehabilitation of patients.	06/20/07
FIN	FIN Employer Identification Number		
FIP	Federal Information Processing		07/09/04
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards	Standards published by the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, after approval by the Department of Commerce; used as a guideline for federal procurements.	06/27/07
FIPS	Facility Implementation Plan System		
FIPSP	Federal Information Processing Standards Publication		07/09/04
FIRMAC	Field Information Resources Management Advisory Council	This committee is responsible for providing advice and guidance to the Director of MIRMO concerning issues related to IRM operations and resource utilization at the health care facility level.	06/27/07
FIRMR	Federal Information Resources Management Regulations		07/09/04
FIRSWG	Federal Information Resources Sharing Work Group		07/09/04
FISA	Fair Labor Standards Act		
FITSAF	Federal IT Security Assessment Framework		07/09/04
FLIS	Federal Logistics Information System		
FLRA	Federal Labor Relafions Authority		
FLTCI	Federal Long Term Care Insurance		07/09/04
FMS	Financial Management System	An accounting system for budget, fund control, and general operating funds.	06/27/07

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FMS	Financial Management System	FMS is the electronic general ledger for VA. Its purpose is to track obligations and expenditures by facility and time period (month, quarter and fiscal year). Cost centers and subaccounts (budget object codes) are used to organize the data by purpose, such as labor costs, medical supplies, and overhead.	
FMS	Financial Management System Hospitals Organization		
FMS	Foreign Military Sales		
FOAG	Fiscal Officers Advisory Group		
FOB	Free On Board		
FOH	Federal Occupational Health		07/09/04
FOI	Field Office of Investigation		07/09/04
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act	Act states that virtually every record possessed by a federal agency must be made available to the public in one form or another, unless it is specifically exempted from disclosure.	06/20/07
FOO	Family of Origin	Descriptor of an individual's biological family as source, reference, or current relational involvement.	06/24/08
FORUM	The name of a VHA electronic mail system		07/09/04
FPDC	Federal Procurement Data Center		
FPDS	Federal Procurement Data System		
FPI	Fixed Price Incentive (contract)		
FPI	Fixed Price Incentive (contract)		
FPLOE	Fixed Price Level of Effort		07/09/04
FPMR	Federal Property Management Regulations		07/09/04
FPMR	Federal Property Management Regulations Operating Expenses		
FPR	Fixed Price Redeterminable (contract)		
FPRA	Forward Pricing Rate Agreement		
FR	Federal Register		
FRD	Functional Requirements Document		07/09/04
FRP	Federal Response Plan		07/09/04
FSAG	Financial System Advisory Group		07/09/04
FSC	Federal Supply Classification		
FSG	Federal Supply Group		
FSMB	Federation of State Medical Boards		07/09/04
FSN	Federal Stock Number		
FSOD	Functional Status and Outcomes Database		06/22/07
FSS	Federal Supply Schedule (Memphis, TN)		
FSS	Federal Supply Schedule Programming System, an ADP programming language		
FST	Functional System Testing		07/09/04
FTE	Full-time Equivalent		07/09/04
FTEE	Full-time Employee Equivalent	An expression of personnel resource utilization. The expression refers to the amount of hours paid to one employee in one business year (2,087 hours).	06/27/07
FTP	Facility Development Process		07/09/04
FTP	File Transfer Protocol		07/09/04
FTS	Federal Telecommunications System		07/09/04
FTS2000	Federal Telephone System 2000		07/09/04
FUBAR	Fouled Up Beyond All Recognition		
FWA	Federal-Wide Assurance Program		07/09/04

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FY	Fiscal Year		07/09/04
FYDP	FYDP Future Year Defense Plan		
FYPD	Future Year Defense Plan		
G&4	General and Administrative (cost)		
G&A	G&A General and Administrative (cost) Integration, Design, Development, Operations		
G2B	Government to Business		07/09/04
G2C	Government to Consumer		07/09/04
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles		
GAAS	Generally Accepted Auditing Standards		
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning		07/09/04
GAGAS	Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards		
GAO	General Accounting Office	An organization that reviews and evaluates federal programs for Congress.	06/27/07
GASB	Government Accounting Standards Board		
GBL	GBL Government Bill of Lading		
GC	General Council		07/09/04
GCP	Good Clinical Practice		07/09/04
GCPR	Government Computer-Based Patient Record	A collaborative partnership (VA, DoD, IHS) to improve public and individual health status.	06/27/07
GCPR or G-CPR	Government-Computer-based Patient Record (See FHIE)		07/09/04
GCS	Government Consulting Services		07/09/04
GEC	Geriatrics and Extended Care		06/22/07
GEHR	Good Electronic Health Record	A major part of the work of the open EHR Foundation, is an evolving electronic health record architecture designed to be comprehensive, portable and medico-legally robust.	06/20/07
GERD	Gastroesophogeal Reflex Disease	Results from a greater than normal degree of reflux of acid contents of the stomach upward through the esophagogastric sphincter, which can lead to inflammation of the esophagus (reflux esophagitis).	06/25/07
GETS	Government Emergency Telecommunications Service		07/09/04
GEU	Geriatric Evaluation Unit		07/09/04
GFE	Government Furnished Equipment		07/09/04
GFE/GFI	Government Furnished Equipment/Information		07/09/04
GFI	Government Furnished Information		07/09/04
GFP	Government Furnished Property		
GGAC	Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee		07/09/04
GHC	Group Health Cooperative	GHC is a not-for-profit health maintenance organization (HMO). It is a staff-model HMO, meaning that its physicians are salaried employees.	
GIAT	Government Installation Acceptance Test		07/09/04
GIDEP	Government-Industry Data Exchange Program		
GIGO	garbage in garbage out		07/09/04
GILS	Government Information Locator System		07/09/04
GIP	Generic Inventory Package	An automated supply accounting system.	06/20/07
GIS	Generic Interface System		07/09/04
GISRA	Government Information Security Reform Act		07/09/04
GITSS	Global Information Technology Support Services		06/22/07
GLIF	Guideline Interchange Format		07/09/04

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GMC	General Medical Clinic		07/09/04
GMDN	Global Medical Device Nomenclature		06/13/07
GMT	Geographic Means Test		07/09/04
GOCO	Government-Owned/Contractor-Operated		
GOSIP	Government Open Systems Interconnection Profile	The U.S. government's OSI protocols that address communication and inter-operation of computer systems across government agencies.	06/20/07
GOT	Government-Off-The-Shelf		07/09/04
GOTS	Government Off The Shelf	Refers to items produced for the Government that are available for general use within Government programs that were developed by or for the Government, passed acceptance testing, and be operating under government control.	06/20/07
GPEA	Government Paperwork Elimination Act	Agencies must generally provide for the optional use and acceptance of electronic documents and signatures, and electronic record keeping where practicable, by October 2003.	06/20/07
GPMRC	Global Patient Movement Requirements Center		07/09/04
GPO	Geographic Provider Organization		07/09/04
GPO	Government Printing Office		
GPRA	Government Performance & Results Act	To provide for the establishment of strategic planning and performance measurement in the Federal Government, and for other purposes.	06/20/07
GRECC	Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center		07/09/04
GRM	Government Reference Information Model		07/09/04
GRM	Government Furnished Material		
GSA	General Services Administration		07/09/04
GSA	Government Services Administration		
G-SIG	Government Special Interest Group		07/09/04
GUI	Graphic User Interface		07/09/04
GUIDE	Policy Guidance and Development Center		06/13/07
GWOT	Global War on Terrorism	Campaign which includes various military, political, and legal actions to curb the spread of terrorism.	09/17/07
H&PE	History and Physical Examination		07/09/04
H)IQ	Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (contract)		
HA/OA	HA/OA Health Affairs/Office Automation		
HA/OQ	Health Affairs/Office Automation		
HAC	Health Administration Center		07/09/04
HAD	Health Administration Service (Formerly MAS)		06/13/07
HAIG	Healthcare Analysis Information Group		06/13/07
HANDS	Hand-On Automated Nursing Data System	An electronic syste for care planning that maintains stadardization of documentation and communication of the plan of care, while supporting the interdisciplinary team in monitoring patient problems, interventions and progress towards outcomes.	08/05/08
HAS	Health Administration Services		07/09/04
HAZDAT	Hazardous Substance Release and Health Effects Database	A database of information on the release of hazardous substances from Superfund sites or from emergency events, and on the effects of hazardous substances on the health of human populations.	07/12/07
HB&P	Health Budget and Programs Healthcare Organizations		
HBA	Health Benefits Advisor		
HBHC	Hospital Based Home Care is now HBHC		07/09/04

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HBOC	(One of the largest vendors of hospital system information software)		07/09/04
HBPC	Home Based Primary Care		07/09/04
HCC	Health Care Center		
HCF	Health Care Finder K Contract (symbol for)		
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration	As of July 1, 2001, HCFA was renamed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. See the entry for CMS.	07/09/04
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration KO Contracting Officer (also referred to as CO)		
HCFE	Health Care Financing & Economics	Studies health care costs, cost effectiveness of care and methods of financing health services delivery.	12/17/04
HCHV	Health Care for Homeless Veterans		07/09/04
HCIL	Health Care Information Line KR Contractor		
HC-ISAC	HealthCare Information Sharing and Analysis Center		07/09/04
HCMI	Homeless Chronically Mentally Ill		07/09/04
HCN	Health Care Network		
HCP	Health Care Provider LA Lead Agent		
HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System		06/13/07
HCPR	Health Care Provider Record		
HCQCUS	Houston Center for Quality of Care and Utilization Studies		06/13/07
HCRIS	Healthcare Cost Report Information System		06/13/07
HCS	Health Care System		
HCSCLA	Health Care Studies and Clinical Investigation Activity LOE Level of Effort		
HCSDRO	Health Care Staff Development and Retention Office		07/09/04
HCSPO	Health Care Systems Program Office, DMSSC (contracting method where hours are purchased)		
HCSR	Health Care Service Record LOS Length of Stay		
HCSSA	Health Care Systems Support Activity		
HCUP	Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project	HCUP is a family of healthcare databases and related software. HCUP databases bring together the data collection efforts of state data organizations, hospital associations, private data organizations, and the federal government to create a national information resource of patient-level healthcare data.	06/13/07
HDD	Health Data Dictionary		06/22/07
HDI	Health Data Informatics	This office is VHA's subject matter and policy expert regarding data contained in veterans' electronic health records and in national data systems	01/15/09
HDR	Health Data Repository (formerly: Clinical Data Repository CDR)	A repository of clinical information normally residing on one or more independent platforms for use by clinicians and other personnel in support of patient- centric care.	06/20/07
HDS	Health Data Systems		06/22/07
HEA	Health Enterprise Architecture		06/22/07
HEAR	Health Evaluation and Assessment of Risk		
HEC	Health Eligibility Center		07/09/04
HEDIS	Health Plan and Employer Data and Information Set		07/09/04

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HERC	Health Economics Resource Center	A national center that assists VA researchers in assessing the cost-effectiveness of medical care, evaluating the efficiency of VA programs and providers, and conducting high-quality health economics research.	12/02/04
HFMEA	Healthcare Failure Mode and Effect Analysis	Identifies and improves steps in a process ensuring a safe and clinically desirable outcome. A systematic approach to identify and prevent product and process problems before they occur.	06/20/07
HFPA	Health Facilities Planning Agency		
HHA	Home Health Agency		05/30/07
HHAS	Headquarters Health Administration Services		07/09/04
HHC	Home Health Care		
HHS	Health and Human Services		07/09/04
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services		
HHSC	Healthcare Information Integration Support Committee		
HIA	Health Information Architecture	A comprehensive and integrated framework designed to facilitate achievement of the Administration's business objectives that also provides the context for making effective decisions regarding information resources throughout VHA.	06/25/07
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America		
HILS	Heterogeneous Information Locator Service	An interface specification addressing the location of information from across potentially heterogeneous sources and returning those locations so that calling applications can request their desired information.	06/25/07
HIM	Health Information Management		07/09/04
HIMSS	Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society		07/09/04
HINN	Hospital Issued Notices on Non-Coverage		
HINQ	Hospital Inquiry		07/09/04
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996	A law passed by Congress in 1996 that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to implement regulations that will require the use of specific standards related to health care claims, code sets, identifiersand security.	06/20/07
HIPDB	Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank	Helps to counter fraud and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery. A flagging system to alert users that a more comprehensive review of a practitioner's, provider's, or supplier's past actions may be prudent.	06/20/07
HIRS	Health Information Resources Service		07/09/04
HIS	Hospital Information System		07/09/04
HIS	Indian Health Service		07/09/04
HIS	Indian Health Service or Integrated Hospital System		
HISB	Healthcare Informatics Standards Board		07/09/04
HISBA	Health Information Standards Board		07/09/04
HISEB	Health Information Systems Executive Board		06/13/07
HISPP	Health Care Informatics Standards Planning Panel		07/09/04
HISS	Health Information Security Service		07/09/04
HITS	Health IT Sharing	Provides programmatic, analytical, and administrative support to enable real-time, seamless sharing of critical health data between VA and DoD's Military Health System.	01/15/09
HITSP	Health Information Technology Standards Panel		06/22/07

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HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus		07/09/04
HL7	Health Level 7 (standard for electronic data exchange/messaging protocol)	HL7 is a standards organization primarily focused on message- oriented middleware for healthcare	06/20/07
HL7 RIM	Health Level 7 Reference Information Model	Serves as the foundation to both identify the classes and attributes being addressed by HL7 standards, and to ensure that each has semantic consistency whenever they are referenced as part of HL7 activities.	06/20/07
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization		
HOLAR	Hearing Officer Letters and Reports	Database system used to maintain hearing officer schedules and data and permits automatic letter and report generation.	06/25/07
HOST	Healthcare Open Systems and Trials		07/09/04
HOST	Hybrid Open Systems Technology		07/09/04
HOST (Federal)	Healthcare Open Systems and Trials		07/09/04
HOST (VA Program)	Hybrid Open Systems Technology		07/09/04
HPCC	High Performance Computing and Communications		07/09/04
HPDM	High Performance Development Model	Provides a framework for the Veterans Health Administration to develop a highly skilled, customer-centered workforce by focusing on eight core competencies.	06/20/07
HPMO	Health Information Technology Project Management Office		06/13/07
HPS	Health Provider Systems		06/22/07
HQ	Headquarters (used by VHA only)		07/09/04
HR	Human Resources		07/09/04
HRAC	Healthcare Resource Access Control		07/09/04
HRD	Health Data Repository		06/13/07
HRM	Human Resources Management		07/09/04
HRML	Human Resources Management Letter		07/09/04
HRMS	Human Resources Management Service		07/09/04
HRPP	Human Research Protection Program		07/09/04
HRQoL	Health Related Quality of Life		07/09/04
HRSA	Health Resources Services Administration		07/09/04
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration		
HS&FO	Health Science and Force Optimization	Develops policy for, and oversees health research and clinical investigations conducted under the Defense Health Program	07/12/07
HSC	Health Systems Committee		07/09/04
HSD&D	Health Systems Design and Development	Focuses on the design, development, and maintenance of the VistA (Veterans Health Information Systems Technology Architecture) system.	06/25/07
HSES	Health Systems Executive Service		07/09/04
HSHC	Hawaii State Healthcare Corporation		07/09/04
HSO	Healthcare Support Office		
HSPMO	Health Systems Procurement Management Office		
HSPO	Health Systems Program Office		
HSR&D	Health Services Research and Development		06/13/07
HSRDATA	Health Services Research Data		06/13/07
HSRO	Health Systems Review Organization	Performed internal review processes in VA medical centers (VAMCs), as well as external reviews of VAMCs.	06/25/07
HSRS	Human Subjects Research		06/13/07

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HSSPO	Health Support Systems Program Office, DMSSC MHS Military Health System		
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language		07/09/04
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol		07/09/04
HUG	Human User Group		07/09/04
HVAC	House Veterans Affairs Committee	The committee in the U.S. House of Representatives that is responsible for veterans benefits legislation.	06/27/07
HVT	HealtheVet		06/13/07
I&A	Inspection and Acceptance MIL-STD Military Standard		
I&I Laboratory	Integration and Interoperability Laboratory		07/09/04
I&R	Information and Referral		07/09/04
IAA	Identification, Authentication, and Authorization		06/13/07
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee		07/09/04
IADL	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living		07/09/04
IAS	Internal Audit Service		07/09/04
IATO	Interim Authority to Operate	Granted to complete the remaining certification requirements and expeditiously mitigate deficiencies.	06/25/07
IB	Integrated Billing	This module automatically passes information, such as pharmacy prescription CO-payment information and patient billing information, to the MCCR (Medical Cost Care Recovery) module.	06/27/07
IBA	Irving Burton Associates		
IBBA	Intranet BDN/BIRLS Access	A SHARE screen-based application designed for web browser access to the BDN and BIRLS databases.	06/25/07
ICB	Information Collection Budget		07/09/04
ICD	Insurance Claims Division		07/09/04
ICD-10-CM	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (10th Revision), Clinical Modification		07/09/04
ICD-9	International Classification of Disease		
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases--9th edition--Clinical Modification		07/09/04
ICDB	Interoperative Clinical Database		06/13/07
ICDR	Interactive Clinical Data Repository (now referred to as Interactive Health Data Repository)		07/09/04
ICE	Independent Cost Estimate (pre-RFP/IFB) MIS Management Information System		
ICER	Center for Veteran-Focused Priority Epidemiologic Research and Support		06/13/07
ICF	Integrated Care Facility		
ICIDH	International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities & Handicaps		07/09/04
ICIDH-2	International Classification of Impairments, Activities & Participation		07/09/04
ICN	Integration Control Number		07/09/04
ICPSR	Interagency Consortium for Political Science Research		07/09/04
ICR	Immunology Case Registry	This module supports the maintenance of local and national registries for the tracking of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) disease.	06/27/07
ICU	Intensive Care Unit	A general intensive care unit is defined as a unit using designated intensive care beds interchangeably for more than one type of patient (e.g. medical, coronary, surgical.)	
ID	Infectious Diseases		06/13/07

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ID	Identification Code or Number		07/09/04
ID/IQ	Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity		
IDCU	Integrated Data Communications Utility	Telecommunication network	06/25/07
IDD	Interface Design Document		06/13/07
IDEAS	Salt Lake Informatics, Decision-Enhancement, And Surveillance Center		06/13/07
IDIQ	Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity		07/09/04
IDL	Interface Definition Language	A language-neutral syntax with the express purpose of formalizing interfaces.	06/20/07
IDM	Independent Domiciliary (independently operated and non managed by MC)		07/09/04
IDMC	Informatics & Data Management Committee		07/09/04
IDS	Intrusion Detection Systems		07/09/04
IDTC	Indefinite Delivery Type Contract		
IE	Interface Engine		07/09/04
IE	Information Engineering		
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Outlines what needs to be done for effective project management.	06/20/07
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force	Reviews and issues Internet standards.	06/20/07
IFB	Invitation for Bids		
IFB	Invitation for Bids NAVHAS Naval Hospital		
IFCAP	Integrated Funds Control, Accounting, and Procurement	Provides electronic funds distribution for accounting and procurement activities between regional offices and medical centers.	06/27/07
IFCAP	Integrated Funds Distribution, Control Point Activity,		
IFMS	Integrated Financial Management Standard		07/09/04
IFR	Institution File Redesign		07/09/04
IG	Inspector General		07/09/04
IG	Inspector General NAVSTA Naval Station		
IGA	Office of Intergovernmental Affairs		07/09/04
IHDR	Interactive Health Data Repository (formerly: Interactive Clinical Data Repository ICDR)	Receives, stores, and sends patient-specific information to and from ancillary systems and other repositories inside or outside of the enterprise, and can support real-time or near real- time transaction analysis.	06/25/07
IHS	Indian Health Service		07/09/04
IHS	Integrated Hospital System	The Integrated Hospital System was designed to give the private sector an opportunity to develop commercial alternatives to DEICP.	06/28/07
IIA	Inter-Institutional Amendment		07/09/04
IIHI	Individually Identifiable Health Information		07/09/04
IIOP	Internet Inter-ORB Protocol	Common basis for broad-scope mediated bridging and can be used to implement both immediate bridges and to build half-bridges to mediated bridge domains.	06/20/07
IIP	Informatics Innovation Project		07/09/04
IIR	Investigator Initiated Research		06/13/07
IIS	(Microsoft) Internet Information Server product		07/09/04
ILAR	Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources		07/09/04
ILL	Interlibrary Loan		07/09/04
ILS	Integrated Logistic Support		
IM	Information Management	The creation, use, sharing, and disposition of information as a resource critical to the effective and efficient operation of functional activities.	06/20/07
IM/IT	Information Management/Information Technology		07/09/04
IMC	Intermediate Care		07/09/04

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IMD	Information Management Division		
IMF	Item Master File	Item and vendor information files. Part of IFCAP. Where Product information is stored for procurement use.	12/14/07
IMPAC	International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card	Provides healthcare IT solutions that streamline clinical and business operations across the spectrum of cancer care.	06/25/07
IMRB	Internet Management Review Board		07/09/04
IMT&R	Information Management, Technology, and Reengineering		07/09/04
IND	Investigational New Drug		07/09/04
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service		07/09/04
INSA	Inpatient Non-availability Statement NH Naval Hospital		
IOC	Independent Outpatient Clinic		07/09/04
IOM	Institute of Medicine		07/09/04
IORBA	Inter-Organizational Role-Based Access	Role-based access control work	06/25/07
IP	Internet Protocol		07/09/04
IP	Internet Protocol NIH National Institutes of Health		
IPA	Intergovernmental Personnel Act		06/13/07
IPACS	Information Processing Allocation and NMIMC Naval Medical Information Management Center Costing System		
IPC	Institutional Population Component		07/09/04
IPDB	Integrated Patient Database	This is a national treatment database shared by four regional ISCs.	06/28/07
IPF	Integrated Patient Funds		07/09/04
IPM	Integrated Planning Models		07/09/04
IPR	In-Process Reviews	A suggested avenue for gathering lessons learned data from team members while the project is in progress.	06/20/07
IPSEC	Internet Protocol Security		07/09/04
IPT	Integrated Project Team		07/09/04
IPT	Integrated Product Team OASD(HA) Office of the Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)		
IR&D	Independent Research and Development OASD(HSO) Office of the Secretary of Defense		
IRA	Initial Requirements Analysis	Document used to document and analyze the initial request.	06/20/07
IRAC	Information Resources Advisory Council	IRAC's primary function is to prioritize the development of applications following the broad goals and objectives summarized in the Strategic Information Systems Plan.	06/28/07
IRB	Institutional Review Board	IRBs review research protocols that involve human subjects. They ensure the ethical and safe treatment of study participants.	07/09/04
IRC Lab	Integration and Research Center Laboratory		07/09/04
IRCN	Interagency Reports Control Number		07/09/04
IRDS	Information Resource Dictionary System (Health Services Operations)		
IRIS	Inquiry Routing & Information System		07/09/04
IRM	Information Resource Management	Encompasses the management of both information and the resources used in the information process.	06/28/07
IRM	Institution Resource Management	IRM is a VA department that helps maintain VA information services. The IRM office at each site oversees access to VISTA and other data resources.	
IRM	Information Resources Management (a.k.a. OIRM)		
IRMFO	Information Resources Management Field Office		07/09/04

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IRMS	Information Resources Management Services		07/09/04
IRS	Internal Revenue Service		07/09/04
IRT	Incomplete Records Tracking	This module allows for the tracking of incomplete records (operations reports, interim summary reports, and discharge summary reports).	06/28/07
ISBT	International System of Bar Code Technology		07/09/04
ISC	Information Service Center	Their mission is the development and support of administrative, clinical, and financial software and to provide technical expertise and support to the VA health care facilities within a defined region.	06/28/07
ISC	Information Service Center		
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network	A CCITT-defined digital network standard for integrated voice and data network access, services, and user network messages.	06/20/07
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network O&M Operation & Maintenance (type of money)		
ISEC-QAD	Inf. Syst. Cmmnd. Quality OCHAMPUS Off. of Civilian Hlth. & Med. Program of the Assurance Div. Uniformed Services		
ISIL	Interagency Software Integration Lab		07/09/04
ISMS	Integrated Supply Management System		07/09/04
ISO	International Standards Organization	Provide a means of verifying that a proposed standard has met certain requirements for due process, consensus, and other criteria by those developing the standard.	06/25/07
ISO	Information Security Officer	Person responsible for information security at each VA Medical Center. In contact with Regional Security Officers (RISOs).	06/28/07
ISO TC 215	International Standards Organization Technical Committee on Health Informatics	Develops and/or adopts standards in the field of health information and communications technology.	06/25/07
ISO/IEC 11179	International Standards Organization/International Electro technical Commission Specification and Standardization of Data Elements	Provides registry conventions for classifying, attributing, defining, naming, and registering data elements.	06/25/07
ISO-TC	International Organization for Standardization Technical Committee		07/09/04
IT	Information Technology		07/09/04
IT&IMS	Information Technology & Management Sharing (VHA/DoD)		07/09/04
ITA	Information Technology Architecture (VHA)		07/09/04
ITAC	Information Technology Advisory Committee		07/09/04
ITARG	Integration and Technology Application Requirements Group		07/09/04
ITC	Information Technology Conference		07/09/04
ITEAM	Information Technology Enterprise Architecture Management		06/22/07
I-TIPS	Information Technology Investment Portfolio System		07/09/04
ITMP	Information Technology Management Program		07/09/04
ITMRA	Information Technology Management Reform Act		07/09/04
ITOP	Intended Termination of Pregnancy		07/09/04
ITS	Implementation and Training Services		07/09/04
IU	Individual Unemployability		
IV&V	Independent Verification and Validation	Ensures the functional integrity and technical correctness of the software and documentation.	06/25/07
IV&V	Independent Verification and Validation OCONUS Outside the Continental United States		
IVM	Income Verification Match	A computer matching system with the Internal Revenue Service that links VA pension recipients with their income tax returns.	06/28/07

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IVMC	Income Verification Match Center		07/09/04
J&A	Justification and Authorization		
JAD	Joint Application Development	A software design methodology that draws users and information systems professionals together to jointly design systems in facilitated working groups.	06/20/07
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations	An organization that certifies the compliance of hospitals with a number of specific accreditation standards.	06/20/07
JEC	Joint Executive Council (VA/DoD)	Formally chartered to permit the VA Deputy Secretary and the DoD Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness to identify opportunities for mutually beneficial formal collaboration and sharing.	06/25/07
JHITA	Joint Healthcare Information Technology Alliance	Associates providers and end-users investigating Internet services, products and information.	06/20/07
JPO	Joint Project Office		07/09/04
JTCC	Joint Transportation Corporate Information Management Center		07/09/04
JTR	Joint Travel Regulation		
JTTR	Joint Theater Trauma Registry	A data repository collecting and hosting all DoD trauma related data.	07/12/07
JTTS	Joint Theater Trauma System	An approach to providing improved trauma care across the continuum of the Levels of Care to trauma patients, especially in the battlefield environment.	07/12/07
JVBOC	Joint Venture Business Operations Committee		07/09/04
JVS	Joint Venture Sites		07/09/04
K	K Contract (symbol for)		
KB/SQL	The name of a product		07/09/04
KBPS	Kilobits per second		07/09/04
KG	Kilograms		
KIDS	Kernel Installation & Distribution System	Provides a mechanism to create a distribution of packages and patches and allows distribution via a MailMan message or a host file.	06/20/07
KM	KiloMeter (Often; Click or Klick)		
KM/H	KiloMeters per Hour		
KNOT	Aviation and maritime unit of velocity		
KO	Contracting Officer		
KR	KR Contractor		
KSA	Knowledge, Skills, Abilities		07/09/04
KSAO	Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Other		07/09/04
KTR	Contractor		
KWAPI	Kernel Windows Application Program Interface		07/09/04
LA	LA Lead Agent		
LAN	Local Area Network	A data network located on the user's premises in which serial transmissions are used for direct data communication among data stations.	06/28/07
LCM	Life Cycle Management		
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker		
LDAP	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol	Local Person Administration Database	06/20/07
LDSIP	Laboratory Data Sharing and Interoperability Project		07/09/04
LEA	Law Enforcement Agency		07/09/04
LEDI	Laboratory Electronic Data Interchange		07/09/04
LG	Loan Guarantee		07/09/04
LGY	Loan Guarantee		07/09/04
LIBDP	Linked Infant Birth Death Program		07/09/04

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LIFO	Last In/First Out		
LJWG	Laboratory Joint Working Group		07/09/04
LLR&SP	Limb Loss Research & Statistics Program	A joint venture of Johns Hopkins University and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.	07/12/07
LOCO	LOCO Government Owned, Contractor Operated		
LOE	LOE Level of Effort		
LOI	Letter of Intent		07/09/04
LOINC	Logical Observation Identifier Names and Codes	A database that provides a set of universal names and ID codes for identifying laboratory and clinical observations.	06/20/07
LQS	Lexicon Query Service		07/09/04
LRC	Learning Resources Center		07/09/04
LSOA	Longitudinal Survey of Aging	Follows individual/patient groups longitudinally across a continuum of episodes of care allowing analysis of process and outcomes, over many in-andout-patient episodes.	06/20/07
LSTAT	Life Support for Trauma and Transport		07/09/04
LT	Lieutenant		
LTC	Lieutenant Colonel		
LTC	Long Term Care		07/09/04
LTOP	Lease to Ownership Plan		
LVA	Leadership VA	A VA based executive development program which seeks to contribute the building of leaders within the Department of Veterans Affairs.	06/28/07
LWOP	Lease With Option to Purchase or Leave Without Pay		
M&ROC	Medical and Regional Office Center		07/09/04
M21-1MR	A guide for use by VBA staff to determine outcomes of your claims		
MAC	Management Advisory Consortium	An access control regime wherein resource access control policy information is always managed by a designated authority, regardless of who creates the resources.	06/20/07
MAC	VA Medicare Analysis Center		07/02/07
MAC	Maximum Allowable Cost	The MAC is the highest price a state Medicaid agency will pay for a particular pharmaceutical. The MAC varies over time and by state.	
MACOM	Major Command (Army)		
MADSS	Management and Decision Support System	An electronic data entry system for reporting and tracking national cemetery workload and personnel data.	06/25/07
MAF	MUMPS Audio Fax		07/09/04
MAISRC	Major Automated Information Systems Review Council		
MAJCOM	MAJCOM Major Command (Air Force)		
MAJOM	Major Command (Air Force)		
MAMOE	Medical Administration and Miscellaneous Operating Expenses		07/09/04
MAN	Metropolitan Area Network	Level data and communications network which operates over metropolitan or campus areas and recently has been expanded to nationwide and even worldwide connectivity of high-speed data networks.	06/25/07
MAP	Multi-Assessment Program		07/09/04
MAR	Medical Administration Record		07/09/04
MARC	Multi-Technology Automated Reader Card		07/09/04
MARG	Management Applications Requirements Group		07/09/04
MAS	Medical Administration Service	Located at each VAMC, they are responsible for patient medical records, communications (Mailman, telephones, etc.), administration of clinics, and special examination programs.	06/28/07

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MAS	Multiple Award Schedule		
MATMO	Medical Advanced Technology Management Office		07/09/04
MAVERIC	Massachusetts Veterans Epidemiology Research & Information Center		06/13/07
MBDA	Minority Business Development Agency		
MBPS	Megabits per second		07/09/04
MC	Medical Center		07/09/04
MCAS	Marine Corps Air Station		
MCB	Marine Corps Base		
MCCF	Medical Care Cost Fund		07/09/04
MCCR	Medical Care Cost Recovery	A program at each VAMC designed to recoup reimbursement from veterans' insurance companies and other sources.	06/20/07
MCHSPR	Midwest Center for Health Services and Policy Research (now: Center for Management of Complex Chronic Care CMC3)		06/20/07
MCO	Managed Care Organizations		07/09/04
MCP	Managed Care Program		
MCS	Managed Care System		07/09/04
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category	A classification system grouping DRGs of related diagnoses, typically grouped by body system.	06/20/07
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category	The MDC is a classification system that represents a group of similar Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs). Each MDC typically involves a single organ system of the body.	
MDE	M Data Extraction		07/09/04
MDR	Meta Data Registry	MDR will contain information about data element standards and a catalog of data within existing systems that map to those standards.	06/25/07
MDRC	Management Decision and Research Center		07/09/04
MDRC	Management Decision Resource Center		
MDS	Minimal Data Set		07/09/04
MDS-HC	Minimum Data Set Home Care		07/09/04
MEDCOM	Medical Command		
MEDIPRO	Medical District Initiated Peer Review Organization		07/09/04
MEDNET	Medical Network		07/09/04
MEDPAR	Medicare Provider Analysis Review (file)	The MEDPAR file is a hospital discharge database containing records for Medicare beneficiaries who were discharged in a given year. CMS maintains the MEDPAR database.	
MEO	Most Efficient Organization		07/09/04
MEPRS	Medical Expense and Performance Reporting System		
MEPS	Medical Expenditure Panel Survey	MEPS is the third (and most recent) in a series of national probability surveys conducted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on the financing and utilization of medical care in the United States [link: http://www.meps.ahrq.gov].	07/20/07
MeSH	Medical Subject Headings		07/09/04
METADATA	Vista imaging metadata	Contains data descriptions.	06/25/07
METRIC	Measurement Excellence and Training Resource Information Center		06/13/07
MFCC	Marriage, Family Child Counselor		
MGIB	Montgomery GI Bill	Benefits for veterans that are divided into four separate categories each with it's own sub categories and eligibility criteria.	06/25/07

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MGW	Migration Gateway	Allows for VBA interconnectivity and interoperability to existing equipment as well as to the new modernization equipment.	06/25/07
MHICM	Mental Health Intensive Care Management		07/09/04
MHS	Military Health System		07/09/04
MHSS	Military Health Services System		07/09/04
MHV	My HealtheVet		06/13/07
MIB	Medical Information Bus (standard)		07/09/04
MICU	Medical Intensive Care Unit		07/09/04
MIMC	Medical Information Management Committee		07/09/04
MIME	Multimedia Internal Mail Extensions		07/09/04
MIPR	Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request		
MIRECC	Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center		07/09/04
MIRMO	Medical Information Resources Management Office	A VA organization in Headquarters which oversees the VISTA development and support functions performed by the ISC's.	06/20/07
MIS	Management Information Systems	The total of all information resources, manual and automated, and their application to the normal functions of running an organization - management, administration, problem solving, etc.	06/20/07
MIS	Management Information System		
MISD	Management Information Software Development		07/09/04
MISS	Medical Information Security Service		07/09/04
MIT	Means Indicator Test		07/09/04
MMS	Materiel Management Service		
MMSO	Military Medical Support Office		07/09/04
MOD	Medical Officer of the Day	A licensed, privileged medical physician who provides medical and administrative coverage for the hospital during other than regular working hours.	06/20/07
MOF	Meta-Object Facility	MOF's primary purpose is to define CORBA interfaces for information models defined in terms of the MOF model using standard interfaces and interoperable semantics.	06/25/07
MORC	Mobile Outreach Clinic		07/09/04
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	A written statement outlining the terms of an agreement between two or more departments or agencies.	06/20/07
MOVE	Management of Overweight Veterans Everywhere	Exercise and healthy eating program for veterans and employees	07/17/08
MPA	Multiple Project Assurance (obsolete refer to FWA)		07/09/04
MPAB	Multidisciplinary Advisory Board		07/09/04
MPCR	Monthly Program Cost Report		06/13/07
MPD	Minimal Patient Dataset		07/09/04
MPI	Master Patient Index		07/09/04
MPI/CIRN-PD	Master Patient Index/CIRN Patient Demographics		07/09/04
MPI/PD	Master Patient Index/Patient Demographics	The means for locating a patient record in a numeric identification system.	06/20/07
MPIL	Master Patient Information Locator		07/09/04
MPL	Master Patient Locator		07/09/04
MPPR	Monthly Performance and Progress Report		
MRA	Medicare Remittance Advice		07/09/04
MRB	Merit Review Board		07/09/04
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging		07/09/04

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MRS	Medical Research Service	Software that allows sites to receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from Medicare (CMS).	06/25/07
MRTS	Message Routing and Translation System		07/09/04
MS	Microsoft		07/09/04
MS IE	Microsoft Internet Explorer		07/09/04
MS IE3	Microsoft Internet Explorer (version 3)		07/09/04
MS IIS	Microsoft Internet Information Server		07/09/04
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area		07/09/04
MSA	Medical Services Assistant (type of contract)		
MSAC	Medical Situational Awareness & Command and Control		07/09/04
MSG	Management Science Group		07/09/04
MSI	Master Subject Index		07/09/04
MST	Military Sexual Trauma; Sexual assault or rape upon a member of the military by a member of the military whether male or female.		
MST	Military Sexual Trauma		07/09/04
MTF	Medical Treatment Facility/Facilities		07/09/04
MUGA	Multiple Gated Acquisition		07/09/04
MUMPS	Massachusetts General Hospital Utility Multiprogramming System	A programming language used in the VA to develop VISTA application packages.	06/20/07
MUMPS	Massachusetts General Hospital Utility Multiprogramming System	MUMPS is a software system used by VA to create DHCP, the predecessor of VISTA. A MUMPS program is necessary in order to extract raw data from VISTA.	
MVR	Master Veteran Record		07/09/04
MWAPI	M Windows Application Program Interface	The M language standard that defines how M programmers will be able to interface information into a Windows environment.	06/20/07
NAA	National Association of Area Agencies on Aging		07/09/04
NAB	Naval Air Station		
NABR	National Association for Biomedical Research		07/09/04
NAC	National Acquisition Center		07/09/04
NAD(D)	Non-Active Duty (Dependent)		
NAGE	National Association of Government Employees	A major union of Federal employees including VA employees.	06/20/07
NAGIS	National Advisory Group for Information Security		07/09/04
NAHDO	National Association of Health Data Organizations		07/20/07
NAI	Network Associates Incorporated		07/09/04
NAMCS	National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey		07/09/04
NANP	North American Numbering Plan	Allows virtually anyone to call into your videoconference center and allows you to call virtually everyone who also employs the NANP configuration.	06/20/07
NAPA	National Academy of Public Administration	NAPA was tasked by Congress to perform a comprehensive study of VA claims processing. The purpose of NAPA's assessment of VBA is to delineate the steps necessary to make claims processing more efficient and less time consuming.	06/25/07
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration		07/09/04
NAS	Naval Air Station		
NAS	Network-addressable Storage	Allows applications to supplement their infrastructure by offloading storage requirements from targeted server platforms to shared resources.	06/20/07
NAS	Non-Availability Statement		

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NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration		07/09/04
NASHIA	National Association of State Head Injury Administrators		07/12/07
NASUA	National Association of State Units on Aging		07/09/04
NAT	Network Address Translation		07/09/04
NAVACOS	National Association of VA Chiefs of Staff		07/09/04
NAVAP	National Association of VA Physicians		07/09/04
NAVHAS	NAVHAS Naval Hospital		
NAVSTA	NAVSTA Naval Station		
NBAC	National Bioethics Advisory Commission		07/09/04
NBC	Network Business Center		
NBS	National Bureau of Standards		07/09/04
NC	National Cemetery	Enables VA to effectively help homeless, unemployed, previously disabled veterans return to work, achieve independence and lead more productive lives while the national cemeteries gain a supplemental work force.	06/25/07
NCA	National Capital Area		07/09/04
NCA	National Cemetery Administration		07/09/04
NCAO	National Cemetery Area Office		07/09/04
NCCC	National Center for Cost Containment		07/09/04
NCCIP	National Cardiovascular Care Improvement Program		07/09/04
NCD	National Center for Documentation	Established by MIRMO to review all VISTA documentation for compliance with the standards. It also reproduces, assembles, and distributes VISTA documentation to the ISCs- and health care facilities.	06/25/07
NCFC	National Customer Feedback Center		07/09/04
NCHCS	Northern California Health Care System		07/09/04
NCHPDP	National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention		07/09/04
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics		07/09/04
NCI	National Cancer Institute		07/09/04
NCID	Numeric Concept Identifier		06/13/07
NCIS	National Center for Information Security		07/09/04
NCITS	National Committe For Information Technology Standards	An ANSI Accredited Standards Committee on information technology that is responsible for developing standards in technology areas such as multimedia, storage media, database, security, programming languages, etc.	06/25/07
NCMA	National Contract Management Association		
NCMD	National Card Management Directory		07/09/04
NCPDP	National Council for Prescription Drug Programs		07/09/04
NCPS	National Center for Patient Safety		07/09/04
NCPTSD	National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	Aims to advance the clinical care and social welfare of US veterans through research, education, and training on PTSD and stress related disorders.	07/12/07
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance		07/09/04
NCRAR	National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research		06/13/07
NCS	National Cemetery System	Responsible for providing burial services to veterans and eligible dependents. NCS also handles grave sites, opening and closing of graves and perpetual care.	06/25/07
NCURA	National Council of University Research Administrators		07/09/04

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NCVAS	National Center for Veteran Analysis and Statistics		07/09/04
NCVHS	National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics		07/09/04
NDAA	National Defense Authorization Act		07/09/04
NDBI	National Data Base Integration		07/09/04
NDC	National Drug Code	A unique number assigned to a drug by the manufacturer for identification purposes.	06/20/07
NDC	National Drug Code	The NDC serves as a universal product identifier for human drugs. It contains three parts: a five-digit labeler code that identifies the manufacturer; a three-digit product code that identifies the medication; and a three-digit code that identifies the packaging.	
NDE	National Data Extracts		06/22/07
NDEs	National Data Extracts	The NDEs are datasets generated from the VA Decision Support System (DSS). Extracts containing inpatient and outpatient services are currently available. Pharmacy and laboratory test extracts are under development.	
NDF	National Drug File	A list of available drug products. This module provides standardization of the Local Drug File in all VAMCs, for example drug file information, drug classification, and drug nomenclature.	06/20/07
NDF-RT	National Drug File-Reference Terminology		07/09/04
NDI	National Death Index		07/09/04
NDMS	National Disaster Medical System		07/09/04
NDR	National Drug File		07/09/04
NDS	National Data Systems, division of Information Assurance, VHA Office of Information		06/13/07
NED	National Enrollment Database		07/20/07
NEDSS	National Electronic Data Surveillance System		07/09/04
NEMT	National Emergency Management Team		07/09/04
NEP	Network Entry Point		07/09/04
NEXUS	A word meaning connection; In the VA disability claims process a nexus letter is often required to prove that a condition is connected to an event in service and is thus service connected. The nexus letter is usually best if written by a physician who has knowledge of the veteran's history and current condition. The author of the nexus letter must be qualified by training and experience to render the required opinion.		
NFR	National Fund Reserve		07/09/04
NGI	Next Generation Internet		07/09/04
NH	NH Naval Hospital		
NHAMCS	National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey		07/09/04
NHANES	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey		07/09/04
NHC	Nursing Home Care		07/09/04
NHCPD	National Health Care Practitioners Database		06/13/07
NHCS	National Health Care Survey		07/09/04
NHCU	Nursing Home Care Unit (now: CLC)		01/16/09
NHD	National Help Desk		07/09/04
NHDS	National Hospital Discharge Survey		07/09/04
NHE	Network Health Exchange		07/09/04
NHEFS	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I Follow-up Survey		07/09/04
NHGRI	National Human Genome Research Institute		07/09/04

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NHHCS	National Home and Hospice Care Survey		07/09/04
NHII	National Health Information Infrastructure (WG of NCVHS)		07/09/04
NHIS	National Health Interview Survey		07/09/04
NHPI	National Health Providers Interview		07/09/04
NIAAA	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism		07/20/07
NIF	National Item File		
NIGMS	National Institute General Medicine Service		07/09/04
NIH	National Institutes of Health		07/09/04
NIHI	National Initiative for Health Care Informatics		07/09/04
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health		07/09/04
NIS&T	National Institute for Science and Technology		07/09/04
NIST	National Institute of Standards Technology	Works to strengthen U.S. industry's international competitiveness, advance science, and improve public health, safety and the environment.	06/25/07
NLB	National Leadership Board		07/09/04
NLM	National Library of Medicine		07/09/04
NLT	National Laboratory Test		07/09/04
NLTF	VA National Laboratory Test File		07/09/04
NMCES	National Medical Care Expenditure Survey		07/09/04
NMDC	National Media Development Center		07/09/04
NME	National Medical Enterprises		07/09/04
NMES	National Medical Enterprises Survey		07/09/04
NMES/IPC	National Medical Enterprises Survey/Institutional Population Component		07/09/04
NMES/SAIAN	National Medical Enterprises Survey/Survey of American Indians and Alaska Natives		07/09/04
NMHIP	National Mental Health Improvement Program		07/09/04
NMIMC	Naval Medical Information Management Center		07/09/04
NMR	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance		07/09/04
NNHS	National Nursing Home Survey		07/09/04
NNHSF	National Nursing Home Survey Follow-up		07/09/04
NOA	Notice of Appeal		07/09/04
NOAVA	Nationwide Office Automation for Veterans Affairs		07/09/04
NOC	Network Operations Center		07/09/04
NOD	Notice of Disagreement	Any written communication indicating the claimant's disagreement with a regional office decision. In the current process, the Notice of Disagreement is the first step in an administrative appeal to the Board of Veterans Appeals.	06/20/07
NOIS	National On-line Information System	VISTA software developed to provide ISCS and IRM services with a reporting and tacking mechanism for site problem calls.	06/20/07
NPAD	National Patient Administration Database		07/09/04
NPCD	National Patient Care Database	VISTA data is transmitted from the Medical Centers to Austin into this database repository.	06/20/07
NPCD	National Patient Care Database	NPCD is a database of VHA services. It contains four distinct databases: the Patient Treatment File (PTF), the Outpatient Care File (OPC), the IPDB, and the EDR. Researchers access extracts of the four databases rather than drawing data from the NPCD itself.	
NPDB	National Practitioner Data Bank		07/09/04

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Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
NPI	National Provider Index	A unique identifier for all health care providers (individuals and organizations) in the U. S. that will be used in administrative, financial and other electronic transactions.	06/25/07
NPM	National Patch Module	Provides on-line notification of patches for all national packages via bulletins sent through mailman.	06/20/07
NPPD	National Prosthetics Patient Database	A roll-up of all prosthetic data recorded at each VHA facility, providing information by about patient eligibility, prosthetic treatment, date of provision, cost and vendor.	07/20/07
NPPES	National Plan and Provider Enumeration System	CMS' database for storing National Provider Identifiers (NPIs). Formerly known as NPS (National Provider System)	10/11/06
NPR	National Performance Review	The Vice President's national program to streamline the federal government, making it more efficient and more responsive to customer needs, at lower cost to taxpayers.	06/20/07
NPR	National Partnership for Reinvention		
NPRC	National Personnel Records Center		
NPRM	Notice for Proposed Rule-Making		07/09/04
NPS	National Provider System		07/09/04
NPS/SRD	National Provider System/System Requirements Definition		07/09/04
NPSB	Nurse Professional Standards Board		07/09/04
NPSP	National Patient Safety Partnership		07/09/04
NPTF	New Patient Treatment File		07/09/04
NQADB	National Quality Assurance Database		07/09/04
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission		07/09/04
NRDC	National Rural Development Council		07/09/04
NREN	National Research and Education Network	A group that shares research and education information over a computer network.	06/20/07
NRI	Nursing Research Initiative		06/13/07
NRMIS	National Resources Management Information System	Supports the VHA budgetary process through collecting and validating the appropriate fiscal data and providing mechanisms for review and approval.	06/20/07
NSA	National Security Agency		07/09/04
NSC	Non-Service Connected	Condition of veterans not related to period served in the military.	06/20/07
NSF	National Science Foundation		07/09/04
NSFG	National Survey of Family Growth		07/09/04
NSN	National Stock Number		
NSQIP	National Surgical Quality Improvement Program		07/09/04
NSV	National Survey of Veterans		07/09/04
NT	New Technology		07/09/04
NTE	Network Health Exchange		07/09/04
NTEO	National Training & Education Office		07/09/04
NTIA	National Telecommunications Information Administration		07/09/04
NTIS	National Technical Information Service		07/09/04
NTP	National Training Priorities		07/09/04
NTS	Near-Term Solution		07/09/04
NVS	National VISTA Support		07/09/04
NXRN	NXRN Non-expendable Record Number (LOG)		
O&M	Operations and Maintenance		07/09/04

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
OA	Office Automation	The application of information resources to increase the productivity of the office and effectiveness of managerial, professional, and clerical people who work in it.	06/22/07
OAA	Office of Academic Affairs		07/09/04
OABuVIM	Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management		
OAEM	Office of Asset Enterprise Management		07/09/04
OASD	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense		
OASD(HA)	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs		07/09/04
OASD(HSO)	OASD(HSO) Office of the Secretary of Defense		
OASD/HA	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs		07/09/04
OASDI	Old Age, Survivors & Disability Insurance		06/13/07
OASIS	Outcome and Assessment Information Set		07/09/04
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act		07/09/04
OBS	Off board Server		07/09/04
OC	Office of Construction		07/09/04
OCHAMPUS	OCHAMPUS Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Assurance Division Uniformed Services		
OCIO	Office of Chief Information Officer		07/09/04
OCIOII	Office of the CIO Infrastructure Improvements		07/09/04
OCIS	Office of Cyber and Information Security		06/13/07
OCLA	Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs		06/13/07
OCM	Outlines in Clinical Medicine		07/09/04
OCONUS	OCONUS Outside the Continental United States		
OCR	Optical Character Reader		07/09/04
OCS	Office of Cyber Security		07/09/04
ODA	Operating Division of Audit		07/09/04
ODBC	Open Database Connectivity	Simplifies the development of database applications by allowing developers to use the same code to access a variety of databases from different vendors.	06/22/07
ODC	Other Direct Costs		
ODM&T	Office of Data Management and Telecommunications		07/09/04
ODS	Operational Data Store	A database where transactions are processed (recorded, updated, and deleted). It contains recent data and is likely to be highly volatile.	06/22/07
OE/RR	Order Entry/Results Reporting		07/09/04
OEA	Office of Enterprise Architecture		06/22/07
OEAM	Office of Enterprise Architecture Management	Reports to the CIO and Deputy CIO. It performs a number of functions that enhance services to veterans while also improving VA's use of, and investment in, information and technology.	06/20/07
OED	Office of Enterprise Development		06/22/07
OEF	Operation Enduring Freedom		06/13/07
OEF/OIF	Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom		06/25/08
OEMP	Office of Emergency Medical Preparedness		07/09/04
OER	Office of Extramural Research		07/09/04
OF	Office of Facilities		07/09/04
OFCCP	Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs		
OFPP	Office of Federal Procurement Policy		
OFPP	Office of Federal Procurement Policy		

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OGA	Other Government Agency		
OGC	Office of General Counsel	Each government agency, including VA, is required to have an independent Inspector General to investigate waste, fraud, abuse, and/or mismanagement.	06/22/07
OHI	Other Health Insurance	OHI is any other health insurance that provides coverage for a CHAMPVA beneficiary. This includes MEDICARE, employer sponsored insurance, individual insurance, HMOs, state or federal health benefits programs and supplemental insurance.	01/16/09
OHI	Office of Health Information (formerly: OI)	Supports VHA health care providers by defining the requirements and direction of VA's electronic healthcare system known as VistA. Works with VA OI&T partners to turn the health care requirements into IT solutions.	01/15/09
OHI	Other Health Insurance		
OHRM	Office of Human Resources Management		07/09/04
OHRO	Office of Human Research Oversight		07/09/04
OHRP	Office for Human Research Protections		07/09/04
OI	Office of Information (formerly: Office of the Chief Information Officer)	See: OHI Office of Health Information	01/15/09
OI&T	Office of Information and Technology	Delivers available adaptable, secure and cost effective technology services to the VA and acts as a steward for all VA's IT assets and resources.	01/15/09
OIA	Office of Information Assurance		06/13/07
OIF	Operation Iraqi Freedom		06/13/07
OIF/OEF	Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom	USE: OEF/OIF	06/25/08
OIFO	Office of Investigations Field Office		06/13/07
OIG	Office of the Inspector General	Each government agency, including VA, is required to have an independent Inspector General to investigate waste, fraud, abuse, and/or mismanagement.	06/22/07
OIG	Office of the Inspector General (a.k.a. IG)		
OIG	Once of Inspector General		
OINQ	Outpatient Inquiry		07/09/04
OIPT	Overarching Integrated Project Team		07/09/04
OIRM	Office of Information Resource Management		07/09/04
OK	Outpatient Clinic		
OLAP	Online Analytical Processing		07/09/04
OLDE	Online Data Entry (for PAID timekeeping and personnel functions)		07/09/04
OLTP	On-Line Transaction Processing	Optimized for processing high volume transactions. They generally include a large number of global users.	06/22/07
OMB	Office of Management and Budget		07/09/04
OMG	Object Management Group	Not-for-profit consortium of technology vendors developing commercially viable and vendor independent specifications for the software industry.	06/22/07
OMI	Office of Medical Inspector		07/09/04
OMR	Office of Media Relations		07/09/04
ONAS	Outpatient Non-Availability Statement		
ONCHIT	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology		06/13/07
OP	Outpatient Care		12/14/07
OP	Other Procurement		
OPA	Office of Public Affairs		07/09/04

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
OPC	Outpatient Care File		07/09/04
OPC	Outpatient Clinic		
OPC (CBC)	Outpatient Clinic (community-based Clinic)		07/09/04
OPC(Mobile Clinic)	Outpatient Clinic (Mobile Outpatient Clinic)		07/09/04
OPC(ORC)	Outpatient Clinic (Outreach Clinic)		07/09/04
OPC(ROC)	Outpatient Clinic (Outpatient Clinic located at Veterans Benefit Regional Office)		07/09/04
OPC(SOC)	Outpatient Clinic (Satellite Outpatient Clinic)		07/09/04
OPCA	Office of Public and Consumer Affairs		07/09/04
OPM	Office of Personnel Management	Regulates, administers, and evaluates the civil service program according to merit principles.	06/22/07
OPM	Office of Personnel Management (Now know as the SAAN)		
OPP	Office of Policy and Planning		07/09/04
OPP&P	Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness		06/13/07
OPQM	Office of Performance and Quality Measures		07/09/04
OPRR	Office for Protection from Research Risks (now OHRP)		07/09/04
OQL	Object Query Language		07/09/04
OQP	Office of Quality and Performance		06/13/07
ORB	Object Request Broker	Allows application processes to communicate across a network using an object-oriented architecture. A software process that acts as a director coordinating activities across multiple nodes within a distributed software architecture.	06/22/07
ORC	Outreach Clinic		07/09/04
ORCA	Office of Research Compliance & Assurance		07/09/04
ORD	Office of Research and Development		07/09/04
ORD	Optional Requirements Document		07/09/04
ORI	Office of Research Integrity		07/09/04
ORM	Office of Resolution Management		07/09/04
ORO	Office of Research Oversight		07/09/04
OS&D	Overages, Shortages, and Damages		
OS&LE	Office of Security and Law Enforcement		07/09/04
OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense		
OSDBU	Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization		07/09/04
OSE	Open Systems Environment		07/09/04
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration		07/09/04
OSHCA	Open Source Health Care Alliance		07/09/04
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection	A standard approach to network design developed by the International Standards Organization that introduces modularity by dividing the complex set of functions into more manageable, self-contained, functional elements.	06/22/07
OSP	Office of Operations, Security and Preparedness		07/09/04
OSTP	Office of Science and Technology Policy		07/09/04
OT&E	Operation Test & Evaluation		07/09/04
OTA	Office of Technology Assessment		07/09/04
OTSG	Office of the Surgeon General		
P&C	Purchasing and Contacting		07/09/04
P&T	Permanent and Total; Referring to a disabling condition as being totally disabling as well as permanent in nature. The P & T designation is required to be eligible for some benefits.		

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
P&T	Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee		06/13/07
PAM	Patient Account Manager		06/13/07
PARMIN	Population and Resource Management Information Network		07/09/04
PARRTS	Patient Accounting and Reporting Real-Time Tracking	A centralized database designed to track/maintain reports and allow inquiries on all hospitalized Army patients, all the time, regardless of their status.	07/12/07
PART	Program Assessment Rating Tool		06/13/07
PATH	Physicians at Teaching Hospitals		07/09/04
PATS	Patient Advocate Tracking System		07/09/04
PAV	Price Adjustment Vouchers		07/09/04
PAVs	Price Adjustment Vouchers		07/09/04
PAY VA	VA Payroll and Accounting System		07/09/04
PAYVA	Payroll system for VA		07/09/04
PB	Patient Bedsection		07/09/04
PBIS	Performance Based Incentive System T for D Termination for Default (T4C)		
PBM	Pharmacy Benefits Management		07/09/04
PBM/SHG	Pharmacy Benefits Management Strategic Healthcare Grou	PBM/SHG is comprised of clinical pharmacists, data analysts and administrative pharmacy personnel. Its primary mission is to facilitate and coordinate the VA national formulary process. It also creates a database of drug prescriptions and pharmacy supply orders.	
PBMS	Performance-based Management System		06/13/07
PBMSHG	Pharmacy Benefits Management Strategic Health Group		07/09/04
PBX	Private Branch Exchange		07/09/04
PC	Policy Council		07/09/04
PCC	Patient Care Component		07/09/04
PCC	Patient Care Coordinator		06/13/07
PCE	Patient Care Encounter		07/09/04
PCGL	PC Generated Letters		07/09/04
PCHS	Procurement for Computer Hardware and Software	A national contract the VA is mandated to use for ordering IT.	06/28/07
PCHS	Procurement of Computer Hardward and SPDNUG SPD/Nursing Users Group		
PCM	Primary Care Manager		
PCMM	Primary Care Management Module		07/09/04
PCO	Publications Control Officer		07/09/04
PCO	Procuring Contracting Officer		
PCP	Primary Care Physician or Practitioner or Provider; The health care professional who is generally responsible for overseeing and coordinating the veterans health care.		
PCP	Primary Care Provider		06/13/07
PCS	Patient Care Services	An office within the VA dedicated to diagnosis and treatment	07/14/06
PCS	Permanent Change of Station		07/09/04
PD	Public Domain		07/09/04
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant		07/09/04
PDD	Presidential Decision Directive		07/09/04
PDF	Portable Document Format		06/13/07
PDM	Pharmacy Data Management		06/13/07
PDM	Program Decision Memorandum		
PDN	Public Data Network		07/09/04

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
PDQ	Physician's Data Query		07/09/04
PDR	Preliminary Design Review		07/09/04
PDTS	Pharmacy Data Transaction System		07/09/04
PDUSH	Policy Deputy Undersecretary of Health		06/13/07
PDX	Patient Data Exchange	A VistA module designed to electronically request and receive patient demographics, episodes of care, medications, and diagnostic evaluations from other VA facilities.	06/28/07
PEI	Public Key Infrastructure		
PERC	Patient Education Resource Center		07/09/04
PERT	Program Evaluation Review Technique	An event-oriented network analysis technique used to estimate project duration when there is uncertainty in the individual activity duration estimates.	06/28/07
PET	Position Electron Transformation		07/09/04
PFC	Private First Class		
PFPWD	Program for Persons with Disabilities TINA Tenth in Negotiation Act		
PFSS	Patient Financial Services System		07/09/04
PFTH	Program for the Handicapped TITLE 18 Medicare		
PGD	Program Director		06/13/07
PHCA	Preventive Health Care Application		07/09/04
PHF	Patient History File		06/13/07
PHI	Protected Health Information		07/09/04
PHIN	Public Health Information Network		06/13/07
PHR	Personal Health Record		06/22/07
PHRP	Partnership for Human Research Protection		06/13/07
PHS	Public Health Service		07/09/04
PHS	Public Health Service TITLE 19 Medicaid		
PI	Prevention Index		07/09/04
PI	Principle Investigator		07/09/04
PIB	Performance Improvement Board		07/09/04
PIC	Personal Information Carrier		07/09/04
PID	Patient Identification		06/13/07
PIDS	Person Identification Service	Interface Specification standard responsible for the identification, correlation, and search within and across a specified domains	06/28/07
PIES	Personnel Information Exchange System		
PIF	Pending Issue File		07/09/04
PIHCP	Pacific Island Health Care Project		07/09/04
PII	Patient Information Integration		07/09/04
PIMS	Patient Information Management System		07/09/04
PINN	Procurement Instrument Identification Number TITLE 5 Maternal and Child Health		
PIP	Productivity Improvement Program		07/09/04
PIR	Patient Incident Review	Identifies opportunities for improvement in patient care.	06/28/07
PIR	Post Implementation Review		07/09/04
PIT	Postgraduate and In-service Training		07/09/04
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure	A system of digital certificates, Certificate Authorities, and other registration authorities that verify and authenticate the validity of each party involved in an Internet transaction.	06/28/07
PL	Public Law		07/09/04
PL	Public Law TITLE 10 CHAMPUS		

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PLAN	Plain Language Action Network		07/09/04
PLMS	Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service		07/09/04
PM	Patient Master		07/09/04
PM	Program Management TITLE 1 Hill Burton		
PM&R	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation		07/09/04
PM&R	Productivity Measurement and Reporting		07/09/04
PM&RS	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services		07/09/04
PMAC	Project Management Advisory Committee		07/09/04
PMAP	Pain Management Assessment Project		07/09/04
PMIP	Practice Management Implementation Plan		07/09/04
PMO	Project Management Office		07/09/04
PMPM	Per Member Per Month T&M Time and Materials (type of contract)		
PMR	Procurement Management Review TMA TRICARE Management Activity		
PMRS	Patient Movement Request System		07/09/04
PMS	Project Management Service		07/09/04
PMSA	Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area		07/09/04
PMSC	Project Management Steering Committee		07/09/04
PN	Progress Notes		07/09/04
PO	Purchase Order		
POA	Power of Attorney		
POC	Point of Care		07/09/04
POCs	Points of Contact		07/09/04
POE	Pharmacy Order Enhancement		07/09/04
POE	Post Occupancy Evaluation		07/09/04
POMA	Patient Oriented Management Architecture	Intended to define the business object framework required to integrate multiple application software packages in a managed care environment, including ambulatory, non-ambulatory, and in-home settings.	06/28/07
POMS	Purchase Order Management System		07/09/04
POP Server	Post Office Protocol Server		07/09/04
POS	Point of Sale		07/09/04
POS	Point of Service		
POSIX	Portable Operating System Interface		07/09/04
POST-MI	Post-Myocardial Infarction		07/09/04
POTS	Plain Old Telephone Service		07/09/04
POV	Purpose of Visit		07/09/04
POW	Prisoner of War		07/09/04
PPL	Providers/Patient Linkage EP		07/09/04
PPM	Personal Property Management		07/09/04
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization (TRICARE Extra) TPP Third Party Payer		
PPP	Pharmacy Prescription Practices		07/09/04
PPP	Point to Point Protocol		07/09/04
PPV	Pharmaceutical Prime Vendor		
PR	Procurement Request		
PR	Purchase Request TQM Total Quality Management		
PRA	Patient Record Architecture		07/09/04
PRB	Project Review Board		07/09/04
PRC	Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center		06/22/07

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
PRDC	Prosthetics Research and Development Center		07/09/04
PRIDE	Program for Research Integrity Development & Education		06/13/07
PRIM&R	Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research		07/09/04
PRISM	Procurement Request for Information System		07/09/04
PRMRP	Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program		06/13/07
PRN	Pro Re Nata		07/09/04
PRO	Peer Review Organization TSC TRICARE Service Center		
PRP	Pro-Rated Persons		07/09/04
PRPO	Pacific Regional Program Office		07/09/04
PRRTP	Psychosocial Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs	PRRTP is designed to provide a therapeutic residential environment for treatment for psychiatric conditions and psychosocial readjustment. VA defines PRRTP as inpatient care, and it is often viewed as an alternative to specialty psychiatry and substance abuse inpatient care.	07/09/04
PRSS	Prosthetic Statistical System		07/09/04
PS	Person Served		07/09/04
PSA	Prostate-Specific Antigen		07/09/04
PSAS	Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Services	Patients With Amputations Study, conducted by Booz Allen Hamilton under contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs.	07/12/07
PSCT	Polytrauma Support Clinic Team		07/17/08
PSI	Performance Systems International		07/09/04
PSO	Patient Safety Officer		06/13/07
PSRO	Professional Services Review Organization		07/09/04
PSS	Patient Satisfaction Survey		07/09/04
PSSG	Planning System Support Group		07/09/04
PST	Preliminary System Testing		07/09/04
PSWN	Public Safety Wireless Network		07/09/04
PT/BRI QUERI	Polytrauma and Blast-Related Injuries Center	The mission of the PT/BRI QUERI Center is to promote the successful rehabilitation, psychological adjustment and community re-integration of individuals who have polytrauma and blast-related injuries.	07/12/07
PTC	Prosthetic Treatment Center		07/09/04
PTF	Patient Treatment File	Formal evaluation and documentation of a long-term care patient's ability to perform activities of daily living.	06/28/07
PTF	Patient Treatment File	PTF is an automated system for recording and tracking events associated with VHA inpatient care. It is the principal source of inpatient VHA workload data.	
PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder		07/09/04
PUB. L.	Public Law		07/09/04
PV	Prime Vendor		07/09/04
PV	Prime Vector TSO TRICARE Support Office (previously OCHAMPUS)		
PVA	Paralyzed Veterans of America		07/09/04
PVAP	Pre-Vocational Apprenticeship Program		07/09/04
PVHCA	Pacific Virtual Healthcare Application		07/09/04
PWBA	Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration		07/09/04
PWGH	Principal Working Group on Health		07/09/04
QA	Quality Assurance	The set of activities that defines and implements quality into the software development process.	06/28/07
QA	Quality Assurance USTF Uniformed Services Treatment Facility		

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QAR	Quality Assurance Review		07/09/04
QBE	Query by Example		07/09/04
QBL	Qualified Bidders List		
QBL	Qualified Bidders List VAASC		
QGNC	Quasi-Government Non-Profit Organization		07/09/04
QI	Quality Improvement		07/09/04
QIO	Quality Improvement Organization		06/13/07
QIS	QuIC Information Systems (Workgroup)		07/09/04
QM	Quality Management		
QMAS	Quality Measurement Advisory Service		07/09/04
QMI	Quality Management Institute		07/09/04
QMIC	Quality Management Integration Council		07/09/04
QML	Qualified Manufacturers List		
QOL	Quality of Life		07/09/04
QOS	Quality of Service		06/13/07
QPL	Qualified Parts List		
QPL	Qualified Products List		
QUASAR	Quality: Audiology and Speech Pathology Audit and Review		07/09/04
QUERI	Quality Enhancement Research Initiative	Designed to translate research discoveries and innovations into better patient care and systems improvements.	06/28/07
QUERI	Quality Enhancement Research Initiative	The Quality Enhancement Research Imitative (QUERI) is mandated to translate research discoveries and innovations into better patient care of our nation's veterans and VA systems improvement.	
QUIC	Quality Improvement Checklist	It is designed to enhance VA's accountability system within the framework of a continuous quality improvement process. System wide comparative data is used to analyze and enhance health care services.	06/28/07
QuIC	Quality Interagency Coordination Task Force		07/09/04
R&D	Research and Development		07/09/04
R/E/E M/E	Registration/Eligibility/Enrollment Maintenance/Enhancement (Project)		07/09/04
RACO	Research Assurance & Compliance Officer (VISN Level)		07/09/04
RAD	Rapid Application Development	A type of software development life cycle.	06/28/07
RAD	Resource Access Design	Intended to provide an interface to allow for business logic to be removed from direct implementation within application logic and encapsulated to provide for independent maintenance and reuse.	06/28/07
RAG	Research Advisory Group		07/09/04
RAI/MDS	Resident Assessment Instrument/Minimum Data Set	Regulates and standardizes care of patients in nursing homes nation- wide.	06/28/07
RAID	Rapid Application Interface Development		07/09/04
RAM	Resource Allocation Model		07/09/04
RBAC	Role-Based Access Control	Policy based access control. Access is granted based upon membership in a group.	06/28/07
RBRVS	Resource Based Relative Value Schedule		07/09/04
RBRVS	Resource Based Relative Value Scale (Medicare)	RBRVS values are weights that are based on the time it takes to provide a service or perform a procedure. They also reflect the minimum training required to provide a given service, this compensates providers for income lost during their years of training.	
RC	Resident Commissioner		07/09/04

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RCA	Root Cause Analysis		06/13/07
RCAC	Research Compliance Assurance Contract		07/09/04
RCC	Research Coordinating Center		07/09/04
RCH	Residential Care Home		07/09/04
RCN	Reports Control Number		07/09/04
RCO	Research Compliance Officer (Facility Level)		07/09/04
RCP	Report of Contractors Performance		
RCR	Responsible Conduct of Research		07/09/04
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act		
RCS	Readjustment Counseling Service		07/09/04
RCS	Records Control System		07/09/04
RD	Regional Director		07/09/04
RDBMS	Relational Database Management System	Any application designed to manage multiple tables of data and allow users to establish relationships among columns of data.	06/28/07
RDIS	Research and Development Information System		
RDO	Regional Division Office		07/09/04
RDP	Regional Data Processing Center		06/28/07
RDT&E	Research, Development, Test & Evaluation		
REAP	Research Enhancement Award Programs	REAP sites support groups of investigators at VA medical centers not affiliated with an HSR&D Center of Excellence, but who already have a history of HSR&D research and career development funding.	12/17/04
RECM	Registration & Eligiblility, and Contact Management	RE and CM projects are part of the OneVA initiatives	07/14/06
RED	Research and Development		
REEM&E	Registration/Eligibility/Enrollment Maintenance & Enhancements (Project)		07/09/04
REGO II	Reinventing Government - Phase II		07/09/04
REQ	Request for Quotation		
ResDAC	Research Data Assistance Center	Funded by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) to assist researchers in gaining access to and understanding of Medicare and Medicaid data that is available from HCFA.	07/20/07
RFA	Request for Applications		07/09/04
RFE	Request for Evaluation		07/09/04
RFI	Request For Information		07/09/04
RFI	Request for Information UR Utilization Review		
RFP	Request for Proposal		07/09/04
RFP	Request for Proposals USC United States Code		
RFQ	Request for Quotation		07/09/04
RHIA	Registered Health Information Administrator		07/09/04
RIF	Reduction in Force	A personnel action that may be required due to lack of work or funds, changes resulting from reorganization, downward reclassification of a position, or the need to make room for an employee with reemployment or restoration rights.	06/28/07
RIM	Reference Information Model	A representation of the business domain of an area of interest serving to establish a basis for shared meaning (e.g., semantic interoperability) within or across systems.	06/28/07
RISO	Regional Information Security Officer	Regional representative of VA Medical Center Information Security Officers (ISOs).	06/28/07
RLOGIN	Remote Unix Log-in to Internet		07/09/04

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RMC	Records Management Center	The VA field office located in St. Louis, Missouri which is responsible for providing ROs, MCs and National Cemetery elements with quality and timely service to facilitate claims processing, medical treatment and memorial affairs benefits.	06/28/07
RMEC	Regional Medical Education Center		07/09/04
RMRS	Regenstrief Medical Record System		07/09/04
RO	Regional Office	A VA field office composed of divisions which carry out the functions of VBA. Fifty-eight such offices currently exist, with at least one office in every state.	06/28/07
RO&IC	Regional Office and Insurance Center		07/09/04
ROADS	Registry Operations And Data Standards		07/09/04
ROES	Remote Order Entry System	This is used for ordering supplies and services from the VADDC (VA Denver Distribution Center).	06/28/07
ROG	Remote Office Gateway		07/09/04
ROI	Return On Investment		07/09/04
ROI	Release of Information	The disclosure of documents containing patient-identifiable information to a third party requester.	06/28/07
ROM	Rough Order of Merit		07/09/04
RONA	Release of Names and Addresses		06/13/07
RO-OC	Regional Office-Outpatient Clinic		07/09/04
ROQ	Review of Quality		06/13/07
RORC	Rehabilitation Outcomes Research Center		06/13/07
RPC	Radiation Policy Council		07/09/04
RPC	Regional Processing Center		07/09/04
RPC Broker	Remote Procedure Call Broker		07/09/04
RPL	Restricted Patient List		07/09/04
RPM	Resource Planning Model		07/09/04
RPM Committee	Resource Planning and Management Committee		07/09/04
RPMS	Resource and Patient Management System		07/09/04
RR&D	Rehabilitation Research and Development		07/09/04
RRP	Rapid Response Project		06/22/07
RRTP	residential rehabilitation treatment program	VAST datbase	01/19/07
RSA	Rivest - Shamir - Adleman (encryption algorithm)		07/09/04
RSNA	Radiological Society of North America		07/09/04
RT	Reference Terminology		07/09/04
RTC	Residential Treatment Center		
RTCIS	Remote Telepathology Consultation and Imaging System		07/09/04
RTM	Reference Terminology Model		07/09/04
RUG	Resource Utilization Group	RUG is a validated instrument to measure nursing home residents' resource use. There are two primary versions: RUG II and RUG III.	07/09/04
RUM	Resource Usage Monitor		07/09/04
RVS	Relative Value Scale		07/09/04
RVSR	Ratings Veterans Service Representative, the decision maker to your claim		
RVU	Relative Value Unit	Weighted units of measure that allow for the relative comparison between different complexities and mixes of procedures.	06/28/07

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RVU	Relative Value Unit	A relative value unit (RVU) is a numeric weight assigned to a medical encounter or procedure that provides information on its relative resource use.	
S&D	Storage and Distribution		07/09/04
S&DC	Service and Distribution Center		07/09/04
S/MIME	Secure Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions	An extension to the MIME protocol that supports encryption of e-mail messages.	06/28/07
SAAN	Supply Automation Advisory Network		07/09/04
SAB	Standards Advisory Board		07/09/04
SAC	Standards and Conventions		07/09/04
SACC	Standards and Conventions Committee	This committee determines the SAC. and approves any exemptions if merited.	06/28/07
SACHRP	Secretary's Advisory committee on Human Research Protections		06/13/07
SAD	Service Area Director VA Veterans Administration		
SADBUS	Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Specialist VAMC Veterans Administration Medical Center		
SADR	Standard Ambulatory Data Record		07/09/04
SAE	Serious Adverse Event		07/09/04
SAIAN	Survey of American Indians and Alaskan Natives		07/09/04
SAIC	Science Applications International Corporation		07/09/04
SALES ORDER	Sale from the Depot to the Appropriation		
SAM	Service Area Manager		
SAMS	Somerville Asset Management Service		
SAN	Storage Area Network		07/09/04
SARP	Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program		07/09/04
SAS	Statistical Analysis System (a product name)	A database management system and database query language.	06/28/07
SAT	Special Assistance Team		07/09/04
SATP	Substance Abuse Treatment Program	This clinic is in ALL Veteran Medical Centers.	02/09/09
SBA	Small Business Administration		
SBIR	Small Business Innovative Research (contract)		
SC	Service Connected	Indicates a Veteran has a service connected disability recognized by VA.	11/17/06
SCA	Special Contribution Award		10/11/06
SCA	Service Contract Act		
SCAMC	Symposium On Computer Applications In Medical Care		07/09/04
SCAW	Scientists Center for Animal Welfare		07/09/04
SCD	Service Connected Disease	A disease incurred in or aggravated by service.	06/28/07
SCD	Spinal Cord Dysfunction Registry		07/09/04
SCEM	Standards, Criterion, Evaluative Algorithms and Measuring Instruments		07/09/04
SCHCS	Small Composite Health Care System (DoD)		07/09/04
SCI	Spinal Cord Injury		07/09/04
SCI/D	Spinal Cord Injury/Dysfunction		07/09/04
SCIF	Secure Compartment Information Facility		07/09/04
SCMI	Severely Chronically Mentally Ill		07/09/04
SCOTUS	Supreme Court of the United States		
SCVTS	Switch Compressed Video Transmission Service		07/09/04
SDB	Small Disadvantaged Business		
SDC	System Development Center		07/09/04

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SDC	Service & Distribution Center		
SDLC	Synchronous Data Link Control		07/09/04
SDO	Standards Development Organization		07/09/04
SDP	Service Directed Projects		06/13/07
SDR	Service Directed Research		06/13/07
SDS	Switched Data Service		07/09/04
SE	VA Outpatient File	SE refers to the VA Outpatient Event File SE version. It is a VA database for outpatient care.	
SEC	Screening and Evaluation Committee		07/09/04
SEER	Surveillance Epidemiology and End Result		07/09/04
SEPG	Software Engineering Process Group		07/09/04
SERIC	Seattle Epidemiologic Research and Information Center		06/13/07
SERP	Systematic External Review Program		07/09/04
SES	Senior Executive Seminar		07/09/04
SF	Standard Form		06/13/07
SF	Standard Form WHO World Health Organization		
SF 26	AWARD Document WHS Washington Headquarters Services		
SF 30	Amendment to Solicitation/Modification to Contract		
SF 33	Solicitation/Contract Award Document		
SFDI	Space and Functional Deficiency Identification System		07/09/04
SG	Surgeon General (plural is Surgeons General)		
SGLI	Servicemen's Group Life Insurance		07/09/04
SGML	Standard Generalized Markup Language		07/09/04
SGT	Sergeant		
SHAD	Shipboard Hazard and Defense		07/09/04
SHEP	Survey of Healthcare Experience of Patients		06/13/07
SHG	Strategic Healthcare Group		07/09/04
SHS	Society for Health Systems		07/09/04
SI	Severity of Illness		
SIA	System Interconnection Agreement		07/09/04
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification		
SIDR	Standard Inpatient Data Record		06/22/07
SIFT	Special Inquiry Force Team		07/09/04
SIG	Special Interest Group		07/09/04
SIN	Special Item Number		
SIR	Systematic Internal Review		07/09/04
SISP	Strategic Information Systems Plan		07/09/04
SIUG	Special Interest Users Group		07/09/04
SKU	Stock Keeping Unit		
SLIMS	Summary List Management Service		07/09/04
SLIP	Serial Line Interface Protocol		07/09/04
SMAG	Special Medical Advisory Group		07/09/04
SMC	Strategic Management Council	Established to develop guidelines for VBA's integrated planning/budget process.	06/28/07
SME	Subject Matter Expert		07/09/04
SMG	Strategic Management Group		07/09/04
SMI	Seriously Mentally Ill		07/09/04
SMI	Stanford Medical Informatics		06/13/07

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SMI	Serious Mental Illness	SMI is defined as a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified within the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV), and that has resulted in functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.	
SMITREC	Serious Mental Illness Treatment Research and Evaluation Center		06/13/07
SMMR2	Six Month Maintenance Release 2		07/09/04
SMP	Strategic Management Process		07/09/04
SMR	Service Medical Record		
SMRB	Scientific Merit Review Board		06/13/07
SMRTS	Service Medical Records Tracking System		06/13/07
SMS	Shared Medical Systems (one of the largest hospital software vendors)		07/09/04
SMSU	Survey of Medical System Users		07/09/04
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol		07/09/04
SMTP	Standard Mail Transfer Protocol		
SNA	System Network Architecture	An architecture based on the use of microprocessors in each major device in a hardware configuration and the use of SDLC protocol.	06/28/07
SNAFU	Situation Normal, All Fouled Up		
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol		07/09/04
SNOMED	Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine		07/09/04
SNOMED CT	Systemized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms	A dynamic, scientifically validated clinical reference terminology that makes health care knowledge more usable and accessible	06/28/07
SOAP	Subjective, Objective, Assessment, and Plan		07/09/04
SOARS	System-wide Ongoing Assessment and Review Strategy Program	Nawtional VA evaluation body.	10/11/06
SOC	Satellite Outpatient Clinic	Outpatient clinic under the management of an MC but not physically located in a medical center; over 25,000 visits per year.	06/28/07
SOC	Security Operations Center	Operational activities with the primary mission of remotely managing and monitoring approved VA gateway connections.	06/28/07
SODV	Survey of Disabled Veterans		07/09/04
SONP	Satellite Overlay Network Project		07/09/04
SOO	Statement of Objective		07/09/04
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure		07/09/04
SOR	System of Record		07/09/04
SOTA	State of the Art		07/09/04
SOV III	Survey of Veterans III		07/09/04
SOW	Statement of Work	A narrative description of products or services to be supplied under contract.	06/28/07
SOW	Statement of Work		
SP	Standards Profile		07/09/04
SPA	Single Project Assurance (obsolete -Refer to FWA)		07/09/04
SPD	Supply Processing and Distribution		
SPEC	Specification		
SPES	Single Photon Emission Scanning		07/09/04
SPI	Single Process Initiative		
SPO	Special Projects Office		06/13/07
SPS	SharePoint Server	Share point server, more commonly it is MOSS, Microsoft Office SharePoint Services.	04/18/08

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SPSS	Statistical Programs for the Social Sciences		07/09/04
SPV	Subsistence Prime Vendor		
SQA	Software Quality Assurance	Defines and implements software quality into the process and encompasses systematic activities that provide evidence that the product meets the customers' expectations, in terms of use and the associated quality factors.	06/28/07
SQC	Statistical Quality Control	A system for evaluating, promoting and maintaining a high level of quality in services and end products.	06/28/07
SQL	Structured Query Language	A standard language for retrieving information from database management systems.	06/28/07
SR	Service Request		07/09/04
SRC	Systems Resources Corporation		07/09/04
SRCO	Systems Redesign Coordinator	Position that provides oversight and leadership for the implementation, spread, and maintenance of Systems Redesign processes and techniques across services.	08/05/08
SREB	Scientific Review and Evaluation Board		07/09/04
SRM	Strategic Ranking Model		07/09/04
SRR	System Requirements Review		07/09/04
SRS	Software Requirements Specification	Outlines the detailed functional, hardware, communication, interface, memory, and implementation requirements for a project.	06/28/07
SRSC	Systems Redesign Steering Committee	Committee responisble for overseeing the VHA Systems Redesign Program.	08/05/08
SRT	System Review Team		07/09/04
SSA	Social Security Administration		07/09/04
SSAA	System Security Authorization Agreement		07/09/04
SSAC	Source Selection Advisory Council		
SSC	Support Services Centers		07/09/04
SSEB	Source Selection Evaluation Board		
SSL	Secure Socket Layer		07/09/04
SSM	Software Service Manager		07/09/04
SSN	Social Security Number		07/09/04
SSN	Social Security Number	The nine-digit Social Security number is used by the U.S. federal government to track workers' contributions to the Social Security retirement system. Because it is unique to each individual, it is widely used as a personal identification number. Most VA healthcare databases identify patients by their true SSNs or by scrambled versions of them.	
SSO	Standard Setting Organization (HIPAA abbreviation)		07/09/04
STAIR	Sites of Temporarily Augmented Ionizing Radiation		07/09/04
STAR	Statistical and Technical Accuracy Report		06/13/07
STAT	Supported Treadmill Ambulation Training		07/09/04
STEP	Secure Technology Evaluation Project		07/09/04
STM	Short Term Model		07/09/04
STS	Soft Tissue Sarcoma		07/09/04
SVAC	Senate Veterans Affairs Committee		07/09/04
SVH	State Veterans Homes		07/09/04
SWARS	Social Work Automated Reporting System		07/09/04
SWIMS	Social Work Information Management System		07/09/04
SWRI	Southwest Research Institute		07/09/04
T for C	T for C Termination for Convenience (T4C)		

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T for D	T for D Termination for Default (T4C)		
T&A	Time & Attendance		07/09/04
T&E	Test and Evaluation		07/09/04
T&L	Time & Leave		07/09/04
T&M	Time and Materials (contract)		
T2P2	Theater Telemedicine Prototype Project		07/09/04
TA	Technology Assessment		07/09/04
TA	Technical Assistant (to the Contracting Officer)		
TAC	Tactical Air Command		
TAC	Technology Assessment Committee		07/09/04
TAG	Technical Advisory Group		07/09/04
TAIHOD	Total Army Injury and Health Outcomes Database	Multiple personnel and health datasets from various Defense Department agencies, linking four general categories of data: demographics, health outcomes, self-reported health habits and risk-taking behaviors; and chemical exposures.	07/12/07
TAMC	Tripler Army Medical Center		07/09/04
TAP	Transition Assistance Program	Furnishes employment assistance, job training assistance, and other transition services, including counseling, to service members who are scheduled for separation from active duty.	06/28/07
TAR	Technical Agreements Repository		07/09/04
TBD	To Be Determined		07/09/04
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury		07/09/04
TBIMS	Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems program	The TBI Model Systems consist of 16 comprehensive systems of care that conduct research and provide care to persons who experience traumatic brain injury.	07/12/07
TBINDC	Traumatic Brain Injury National Data Center	coordinating center for the research and dissemination efforts of the Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems (TBIMS) program.	07/12/07
TCMP	Technology Change Management Plan		07/09/04
TCO	Terminating Contracting Officer		
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol		07/09/04
TCPR	Transportable Computer-Based Patient Record		07/09/04
TCSC	Telecommunications Customer Service Council (formerly TOB)		07/09/04
TDA	Transfer of Disbursing Authority		07/09/04
TDE	Terminology Development Environment		07/09/04
TECHS	Tools Ensuring Consumer Healthcare Safety		06/13/07
TED	Training, Education, and Development		07/09/04
TEFRA	Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act		07/09/04
Telnet	Remote login (Internet)		07/09/04
TEMPO	Training Education Management Program Office		07/09/04
TEP	Technical Evaluation Plan		
TF	Treating Facility		07/09/04
TIBOD	Technical Integration Board of Directors		07/09/04
TIDES	Translating Initiatives for Depression into Effective Solutions	TIDES: Translating Initiatives for Depression into Effective Solutions TIDES: Translating Initiatives for Depression into Effective Solutions TIDES: Translating Initiatives for Depression into Effective Solutions	06/13/07
TIMPO	Tri-Service Infrastructure Management Program Office		07/09/04
TINA	Truth in Negotiations Act		
TIP	Telecommunications Infrastructure Project		07/09/04

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TITLE 1	TITLE 1 Hill Burton		
TITLE 10	TITLE 10 CHAMPUS		
TITLE 18	TITLE 18 Medicare		
TITLE 19	TITLE 19 Medicaid		
TITLE 5	TITLE 5 Maternal and Child Health		
TIU	Text Integration Utility		07/09/04
TIWG	Technical Integration Working Group		07/09/04
TMA	TRICARE Management Activity		07/09/04
TMC	Training Management Committee		07/09/04
TMED	Telemedicine		07/09/04
TMII	Theater Medical Information Infrastructure		07/09/04
TMIP	Theater Medical Information Program		07/09/04
TMP	Telecommunication Modernization Project		07/09/04
TOB	Telecommunications Oversight Board (now TCSC as of 7/99)		07/09/04
TPL	Third-Party Liability		
TPOC	Technical Point of Contact		
TPP	TPP Third Party Payer		
TQM	Total Quality Management	A work process analysis technique that strives to give teams of workers the tools necessary to examine their process to find ways to improve service and reduce cost.	06/28/07
TQS	Terminology Query Service	An OMG Interface Specification standard addressing lexical mediation.	06/28/07
TRAC2ES	TRANSCOM Regulating and Command Control Evacuation System		07/09/04
TRACS	Total Record Archive Communication Systems		07/09/04
TREP	Targeted Research Enhancement Program		06/13/07
TRIMIS	Tri-Services Medical Information System (DoD)		07/09/04
TRM	Technical Reference Model	The document that provides a framework and common vocabulary to describe the information systems domain.	06/28/07
TRM/SP	Technical Reference Model and Standards Profile		07/09/04
TSC	TSC TRICARE Service Center		
TSI	Transition Systems, Inc.		07/09/04
TSO	Telecommunications Support Office		07/09/04
TSPR	Technical Services Project Repository		07/09/04
TSS	Telecommunications Support Service		07/09/04
TSS	Total Supply Support		
TTD	Technology Transfer Division		07/09/04
TVCS	Trend Virus Control Software		07/09/04
U.S.C.	United States Code		07/09/04
UAE	Unexpected Adverse Events		06/13/07
UBS	Universal Billing System		07/09/04
UD	Unit Dose	This is a module of Inpatient Medications which provides a standard computerized system for managing, dispensing, and administering inpatient medicine.	06/28/07
UI	Universal Interface		07/09/04
UIC	Unit Identification Code (E.G. N00178)		
UM	Utilization Management		
UM/QM	Utilization Management /Quality Monitoring		
UMDNS	Universal Medical Device Nomenclature System		06/13/07

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UML	Unified Modeling Language	A general-purpose notational language for specifying and visualizing complex software, especially large, object-oriented projects.	06/28/07
UMLS	Universal Medical Language System	Helps health professionals and researchers retrieve and integrate electronic biomedical information from a variety of sources.	06/28/07
UMMIPS	Uniform Material Movement & Issue Priority System		
UMN	Utilization Management Nurse		
UPC	Universal Product Code		
UPIN	Universal Physician Identification Number		
UPN	Universal Product Number		07/09/04
UPN	Universal Product Number		
UR	UR Utilization Review		
URAC	Utilization Review Accreditation Commission		06/13/07
URL	Universal Resource Locator		07/09/04
USAF	United States Air Force		
USAFE	United States Air Force in Europe		
USAISR	U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research	Provides requirements driven combat casualty care medical solutions and products for injured soldiers from self-aid through definitive care across the full spectrum of military operations; provides state-of-the- art burn, trauma, and critical care.	07/12/07
USAMRMC	U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command		07/12/07
USC	USC United States Code		
USD (P&R)	Under Secretary for Defense for Personnel and Readiness		07/09/04
USD(P&R)	Under Secretary for Defense for Personnel and Readiness		07/09/04
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture		07/09/04
USG	United States Government		07/09/04
USH	Under Secretary for Health		07/09/04
USMC	United States Marine Corps		
USN	United States Navy		
USP	User Service Point		07/09/04
USPHS	U.S. Public Health Service		07/09/04
USPHS	U.S. Public Health Service		
USPTF	United States Preventative Services Task Force		07/09/04
USRDS	United States Renal Data System		07/09/04
USTF	Uniformed Services Treatment Facility		
USUHS	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences		07/09/04
VA	Veterans Administration; More proper is the current term: Department of Veterans Affairs		
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs	Established in 1930 as the Veterans Administration, when Congress authorized the President to "consolidate and coordinate government activities affecting war veterans." VA has three main functions: to assist veterans with burial costs, to provide eligible veterans with medical care, and to provide eligible veterans with compensation/pension services. Among health researchers, VA is often used interchangeably with VHA.	06/28/07
VA	Acquisition Service Center		

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VA ADERS	Veterans Affairs Adverse Drug Event Reporting System	Integrated web based application that automates VA's adverse drug event reporting process. SEE: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/View Publication.asp?pub_ID=1773 SEE: http://www.pbm.va.gov/VACenterForMedi cationSafety-AdverseEventTrackingTools.aspx	10/15/08
VA HQ	VA Headquarters		07/09/04
VAAC	VA Acquisition Circular		
VAAR	VA Acquisition Regulations		07/09/04
VAAR	Veterans Administration Acquisition Regulation		
VAAS	VA Assignment System		07/09/04
VAASC	VAASC VA Acquisition Service Center		
VAC	Veterans Assistance Center		07/09/04
VACIB	VA Capital Investment Board		07/09/04
VA-CIRC	Veterans Affairs Central Incident Response Capability		07/09/04
VACO	VA Central Office		07/09/04
VACOLS	Veterans Appeals Control and Location System	A database, provided by BVA with access in all regional offices.	06/28/07
VALNET	VA Library Network		07/09/04
VALO	VA Learning Online		07/09/04
VALOR	Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency Program		07/09/04
VALU	VA Learning University		07/09/04
VAM&ROC	VA Medical and Regional Office Center	A relatively large VA office that generally includes staff from all of the VBA elements and all VHA elements.	06/28/07
VAM&ROC	VA Medical and Regional Office Center		
VAMC	Veterans Affairs Medical Center		07/09/04
VAMC&OC	VA Medical Center and Outpatient Clinic		
VAMROC	Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center		07/09/04
VAN	Value Added Network	A data network that supplements basic communications services acquired from a common carrier with additional features that correct transmission errors and ensure compatibility between dissimilar computers and terminals.	06/28/07
VANOD	VA Nursing Outcomes Database	Purpose is to support strategic planning that includes nurse staffing levels, patient care interventions, identification of best practices, intra– and inter– facility comparisons, and health policy decisions.	11/01/07
VANPC	VA National Partnership Council		07/09/04
VANTS	VA National Teleconferencing System		07/09/04
VAO	VA Office		07/09/04
VAR	Value-Added Reseller		
VARI	Veterans Administration Revenue Information		07/09/04
VARO	VA Regional Office		07/09/04
VARO&OC	VA Regional Office and Outpatient Clinic		
VASC	VA System of Clinics		
VAST	VA Station Tracking System	The VA Station Tracking System, a database that contains the Station Number, Station Name, List of Services (primary services), Street Mailing Address, whether it is leased, contract, or VA-owned, the lease/contract date, and number of providers.	07/20/07
VAVS	VA Voluntary Service		07/09/04

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VB	Visual Basic		07/09/04
VBA	Veterans Benefits Administration, one of the business units of the DVA, gatekeeper to benefits		
VBA	Veterans Benefit Administration	The organization responsible to the Secretary for administering a wide variety of benefit programs authorized by the Congress.	06/28/07
VBA	Veterans Benefits Administration (formerly the SIUG)		
VBECS	VistA Blood Establishment Software		07/09/04
VC	Veterans Center		07/09/04
VCAC	Veterans Claims Adjudication Commission	Carries out studies of VA's systems for the disposition of claims for veterans benefits and determines the efficiency thereby reducing the number of claims and enhances the ability to achieve the final determination.	06/28/07
VCWG	VValeo Conveners Working Group		07/09/04
VDBSS	VISTA/Defense Blood Standard System		07/09/04
VDEF	VistA Data Extraction Framework		07/09/04
VDEM	VistA Data Extraction Mapping		06/13/07
VDL	Vista Documentation Library		06/13/07
VDSI	VistA Data Systems & Integration		06/13/07
VEAP	Veterans Education Assistance Program		07/09/04
VECP	Value Engineering Change Proposal		
VEHU	VHA eHealth University		06/13/07
VERA	Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation		07/09/04
VERDICT	Veterans Evidence Based Research, Dissemination, and Implementation Center		07/09/04
VET POP File	Veterans Population File		07/09/04
VEV	Vietnam Era Veterans		07/09/04
VFIRP	Veteran-Focused Internet Redesign Project		07/09/04
VFW	Veterans of Foreign Wars		07/09/04
VGLI	Veterans Group Life Insurance		07/09/04
VHA	Veterans Health Administration	The organization responsible to the Secretary for providing health care services to eligible veterans.	06/28/07
VHA	Veterans Health Administration	VHA is a division of VA responsible for providing medical care to eligible veterans.	
VHIT	Veteran Health Information Technology		04/18/08
VHP	Veterans Health Plan		07/09/04
VHS	Veterans Health Study		07/09/04
VIC	Veteran Identification Card		07/09/04
VIP	Voluntary Insurance Plan		
VIReC	VA Information Resource Center	Develops and disseminates knowledge about databases; provides service to researchers who require information about data resources; and represents interests of researchers regarding VA databases and information systems.	06/28/07
VIReC	VA Information Resouce Center		
VIRMSS	VHP Information Resources Management Support Service		07/09/04
VISN	Veterans Integrated Service Network	The current organizational model for the Veterans Health Administration of VA. VHA is organized into 22 separate VISNs.	06/28/07
VISN	Veterans Integrated Service Network	The VA medical system is organized into 22 geographic networks known as VISNs. Each VISN contains two or more VAHCSs (VA health care systems) as well as outpatient clinics.	
VISN	Veterans Integrated Service Network Utilization Specialist		

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VIST	Visually Impaired Service Teams		07/09/04
VISTA	Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture	VA's health care information system, which encompasses in-house developed applications, office automation applications, locally developed applications and commercial-off-the-shelf applications.	06/28/07
VISTA	Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture	VISTA is the primary repository of clinical, administrative/financial, and infrastructure data in VA. It consists of computer systems at each VA medical center and the national network that links them. Within each VISTA implementation is a large number of separate 'modules' or 'packages' designed to store data on a particular subject and to produce management reports.	
VIVA	Veterans Information and Verification Access		07/09/04
VLR	VISN Logistics Representative		
VMEC	VistA Maintenance & Expertise Center		06/13/07
VoXML	Voice XML		07/09/04
VPFS	Veterans Personal Finance System		07/09/04
VPN	Virtual Private Network		07/09/04
VPOV	Veteran Purpose of Visit		07/09/04
VPR	Virtual Patient Record		06/13/07
VR&C	Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling		07/09/04
VRAM	Vocational Rehabilitation Automation Management System	A local WANG VS based case management program which traces the case status, generates correspondence and forms related to rehabilitation services, and provides management information for local use and input to national systems.	06/28/07
VRB	Value Review Board		07/09/04
VSC	Veterans Service Center; The more modern and proper term for Regional Office.		
VSC	Veterans Canteen Service		07/09/04
VSCM	Veterans Service Center Manager; The manager or director of the RO.		
VSO	Veterans Service Officer		
VSO	Veterans Service Organizations	An organization dedicated to advocating veterans' causes and interests, and assisting veterans in their interactions with VA.	06/28/07
VSR	Veterans Service Representative, a VBA employee accountable for early work on your claim		
VSR	Veteran Service Representatives		07/09/04
VSS	Voluntary Service System		07/09/04
VSSC	VISN Support Service Center. aka VHA Support Service Center	A field unit of the Chief Network Office.	04/18/08
VTC	Video Teleconferencing		07/09/04
VUID	VHA Unique Identifier		06/13/07
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium		07/09/04
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium (Formerly referred to as "unposted") Y2K Year 2000		
WAC	Wholesale Acquisition Cost	Wholesale acquisition cost is a value meant to approximate a wholesaler's cost for a particular pharmaceutical.	
WAIS	Wide Area Information Service		07/09/04
WAN	Wide Area Network		07/09/04
WAP	Wireless Application Protocol		07/09/04
WAVES	Well-being Among Veterans Enhancement Study		06/13/07
WBNB	Wideband Narrowband		07/09/04

Acronym	Full Term	Description	Date Updated
WC	Worker's Compensation		
WDDX	Web Dynamic Data Exchange		07/09/04
WEBOPS	Web Operations	VA Web Operations provides web site and enterprise-based application hosting services for all VA facilities and programs.	06/24/08
WHO	World Health Organization		07/09/04
WHS	WHS Washington Headquarters Services		
WIPP	Work in Progress (WIP)		
WIPT	Working Integrated Project Team		07/09/04
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction		07/09/04
WMIS	Wireless Controlled Substances		07/09/04
WML	Wireless Markup Language		07/09/04
WMTS	Wireless Medical Telemetry Services		07/09/04
WO	Warrant Officer		
WOC	Without Compensation		07/09/04
WRIISC	War-related Illness and Injury Study Centers		06/13/07
WSIP	(VA) Web Search Improvement Project		07/09/04
WWU	Weighted Work Unit		07/09/04
WWW	World Wide Web		07/09/04
WYSIWYG	What you see is what you get		07/09/04
X.12	Identification number for ANSI standard committee and the standards the committee issues		07/09/04
XMI	XML Metadata Interchange	Enables easy interchange of metadata between modeling tools (based on the OMG UML) and metadata repositories (OMG MOF based) in distributed heterogeneous environments.	06/28/07
XML	Extensible Markup Language		07/09/04
XQL	XML Query Language		07/09/04
Y2K	Year 2000		