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## Common Acronyms of O&P Industry

AAOS – American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
ABC – American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, Inc.  
ABN – Advanced Beneficiary Notice  
ACA – Amputee Coalition of America  
AIA – *AOPA in Advance*  
ALJ – Administrative Law Judge  
APMA – American Podiatric Medicine Association  
APTA – American Physical Therapy Association  
AO – Advisory Opinion  
AOTA – American Occupational Therapy Association  
BOC – Board of Certification  
BBA – Balance Budget Act of 1997  
BBRA – Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999  
BIPA – Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000  
CAAHEP – Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs  
CAHEP – Commission on Accreditation of Health Education Programs  
CAPO – Canadian Association for Prosthetics and Orthotics  
CBO – Congressional Budget Office  
CMN – Certificate of Medical Necessity  
CMP – Civil Monetary Penalty  
CO – ABC Certified Orthotist  
CP – ABC Certified Prosthetist  
CPI – Consumer Price Index  
CPO – ABC Certified Prosthetist/Orthotist  
DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services  
DME – Durable Medical Equipment  
DMEPOS – Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies  
DMERC – Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier  
DOS – Date of Service  
DRG – Diagnosis-Related Group  
EDP – Electronic Data Processing  
EDS – Electronic Data System  
EOMB – Explanation of Medicare Benefits  
FH – Fair Hearing  
FHO – Fair Hearing Officer  
GAO – General Accounting Office  
GME – Graduate Medical Education  
GR – Government Relations  
HCFA – Health Care Financing Administration  
HCPCS – Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System  
HHA – Home Health Agency  
HICN – Health Insurance Claim Number

HIPDB – Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank  
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996  
IAOP – International Association of Orthotics & Prosthetics  
IG – Inspector General  
ISPO – International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics  
JCAHO – Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
LMRP – Local Medical Review Policy  
MERFA – Medicare Education and Regulatory Fairness Act of 2001  
MFCU – Medicaid Fraud Control Unit  
NAAOP – National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics  
NAIC – National Association of Insurance Commissions  
NCOPE – National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education  
NCQA – National Committee of Quality Assurance  
NIH – National Institutes of Health  
NMR – Not Medically Necessary  
NOMA – National Orthotic Manufacturers Association  
NQF – National Quality Forum  
NSC – National Supplier Clearinghouse  
NUCC – National Uniform Claim Committee  
OAS – Office of Audit Services  
OBRA – Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act  
OIG – Office of Inspector General  
OMB – Office of Management and Budget  
OPAF – O&P Assistance Fund, Inc.  
PAC – Political Action Committee  
PIN – Provider Identification Number  
POF – Prosthetics Outreach Foundation  
POS – Place of Service  
PPS – Prospective Payment System  
PRO – Peer Review Organization  
PSC – Program Safeguard Contractor  
RHC – Rural Health Clinic  
RUG – Relative Utilization Group  
SADMERC – Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier  
SMI – Supplementary Medical Insurance (Part B)  
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facility  
UCR – Usual, Customary and Reasonable  
UPIN – Unique Provider Identification Number  
UPN – Universal Product Number  
URAC – Utilization Review Accreditation Commission