



## **Industry Terms & Acronyms**

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<b>50/50 Blend</b>	Blended reimbursement rate based off of 50% of Medicare's unadjusted fee schedule and 50% Competitive Bidding-derived rates
<b>75/25 Blend</b>	Blended reimbursement rate based off of 25% of Medicare's unadjusted fee schedule and 75% Competitive Bidding-derived rates
<b>90/10 Blend</b>	Blended reimbursement rate based off of 10% of Medicare's unadjusted fee schedule and 90% Competitive Bidding-derived rates
<b>AAH</b>	American Association for Homecare (also known as AAHomecare)
<b>AAHomecare</b>	American Association for Homecare (also known as AAH)
<b>AASM</b>	American Academy of Sleep Medicine
<b>ABN</b>	Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage
<b>ACMESA</b>	Atlantic Coast Medical Equipment Services Association
<b>ADL</b>	Activities of Daily Living
<b>ADMEA</b>	Alabama Durable Medical Equipment Association
<b>AdvaMed</b>	Advanced Medical Technology Association
<b>AHIP</b>	America's Health Insurance Plans
<b>AHRQ</b>	Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
<b>ALJ</b>	Administrative Law Judge (3rd level of appeal via ALJ or adjudicator at the Office of Medicare Hearings & Appeals)
<b>ARP</b>	American Rescue Plan (also known as American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA)
<b>Assignment (Taking Assignment)</b>	When a supplier accepts the Medicare-approved amount as full payment for covered services
<b>ATHOMES</b>	Association for Tennessee Home Oxygen & Medical Equipment Services
<b>ATP</b>	Assistive Technology Professional
<b>AWP</b>	Any Willing Provider
<b>B&amp;F</b>	Brown & Fortunato
<b>BCBS</b>	BlueCross BlueShield
<b>Big Sky AMES</b>	Big Sky Association of Home Medical Equipment Suppliers
<b>BoD</b>	Board of Directors
<b>CAMES</b>	Colorado Association for Medical Equipment Services
<b>CAMPS</b>	California Association of Medical Product Suppliers
<b>CARES</b>	Coronavirus Aid Relief & Economic Security Act (also known as CARES Act)
<b>CB</b>	Competitive Bidding (also known as Competitive Bidding Program or CBP)
<b>CBAs</b>	Competitive Bidding Areas
<b>CBIC</b>	Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor
<b>CBO</b>	Congressional Budget Office
<b>CBP</b>	Competitive Bidding Program (also known as Competitive Bidding or CB)
<b>CERT</b>	Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (Type of Auditor)
<b>CGS</b>	CGS Administrators (oversees Medicare DME MAC jurisdictions B and C)
<b>CHEST</b>	American College of Chest Physicians
<b>CHF</b>	Congestive Heart Failure
<b>CHIP</b>	Children's Health Insurance Program
<b>CMN</b>	Certificate of Medical Necessity



<b>CMR</b>	Cathy McMorris Rodgers (House Representative)
<b>CMS</b>	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
<b>CoB</b>	Close of Business
<b>COGS</b>	Cost of Goods Sold
<b>Committees of Jurisdiction</b>	Ways & Means Committee, Energy & Commerce Committee, and Senate Finance Committee (jurisdiction over health care issues)
<b>COPD</b>	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
<b>CPAP</b>	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
<b>CPI-U</b>	Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
<b>CPPC</b>	Corporate Partner Providers Council (AAH)
<b>CPT Code</b>	5 digit numeric code used in professional medical billing
<b>CQRC</b>	Council for Quality Respiratory Care
<b>CR</b>	Continuing Resolution (temporary funding measure by Congress)
<b>CRMC</b>	Complex Rehab & Mobility Council (AAH)
<b>CRT</b>	Complex Rehab Technology
<b>CURES</b>	21st Century Cures Act (also known as CURES Act)
<b>DD</b>	Dobson & DaVanzo
<b>DME</b>	Durable Medical Equipment (also known as HME or Home Medical Equipment)
<b>DME MACs</b>	DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (also known shorthand as the MACs)
<b>DMEPOS</b>	Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, & Supplies
<b>DoD</b>	Department of Defense
<b>Dual Eligible</b>	Individuals who are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid
<b>E&amp;C</b>	Energy & Commerce Committee (House)
<b>EC</b>	Executive Committee
<b>EoB</b>	Explanation of Benefits
<b>F2F</b>	Face to Face
<b>FAHCS</b>	Florida Alliance of Home Care Services
<b>FFS</b>	Fee-For-Service
<b>FOIA</b>	Freedom of Information Act
<b>GAMES</b>	Georgia Association of Medical Equipment Suppliers
<b>GAO</b>	Government Accountability Office
<b>GAP</b>	Grassroots Accountability Project
<b>GR</b>	Government Relations
<b>Great Lakes</b>	Great Lakes Home Medical Services Association
<b>HAH</b>	Healthcare Association of Hawaii
<b>HCPCS</b>	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (used to bill DME)
<b>HELP</b>	Health Education Labor & Pensions Committee
<b>HH</b>	Home Health
<b>HHA</b>	Home Health Agency
<b>HHS</b>	Department of Health & Human Services
<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act



<b>HME</b>	Home Medical Equipment (also known as DME or Durable Medical Equipment)
<b>HME/RT</b>	Home Medical Equipment & Respiratory Therapy Council (AAH)
<b>HMO</b>	Health Maintenance Organization
<b>HOMES</b>	Home Medical Equipment & Services Association of New England
<b>ICD-10</b>	International Statistical Classification of Diseases & Related Health Problems, 10th Edition
<b>IFR</b>	Interim Final Rule
<b>ITEM Coalition</b>	Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare & Medicaid Coalition
<b>JD-A</b>	DME MAC Jurisdiction A
<b>JD-B</b>	DME MAC Jurisdiction B
<b>JD-C</b>	DME MAC Jurisdiction C
<b>JD-D</b>	DME MAC Jurisdiction D
<b>KMESA</b>	Kentucky Medical Equipment Suppliers Association
<b>LCD</b>	Local Coverage Determination
<b>LTC</b>	Long Term Care
<b>MACPAC</b>	Medicaid & CHIP Payment & Access Commission
<b>MACs</b>	Medicare Administrative Contractor (also known as DME MACs)
<b>MAMES</b>	Midwest Association for Medical Equipment Services
<b>MAP</b>	Minimum Advertised Price
<b>MAs</b>	Medicare Advantage Plans
<b>MCIT</b>	Medicare Coverage of Innovative Technology
<b>MCO</b>	Managed Care Organization
<b>MedPAC</b>	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
<b>MHHA</b>	Michigan HomeCare & Hospice Association
<b>MHPA</b>	Medicaid Health Plans of America
<b>MLN</b>	Medicare Learning Network (also known as MLN Matters)
<b>MNHCA</b>	Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association
<b>MSA</b>	Metropolitan Statistical Area
<b>MSC</b>	Medical Supplies Council (AAH)
<b>NAFC</b>	National Association for Continence
<b>NAMD</b>	National Association of Medicaid Directors
<b>NAMPS</b>	Nevada Association of Medical Products Suppliers
<b>NCART</b>	National Coalition for Assistive & Rehab Technology
<b>NCD</b>	National Coverage Determination
<b>NEMEP</b>	North East Medical Equipment Providers Association
<b>NIV</b>	Non-Invasive Ventilator
<b>Non-Participating Supplier</b>	Supplier who may choose to bill a Medicare claim as "assigned" on a claim-by-claim basis
<b>Noridian</b>	Noridian Healthcare Solutions (oversees Medicare DME jurisdictions A and D)
<b>NPI</b>	National Provider Identifier
<b>NRRTS</b>	National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers
<b>NSC</b>	National Supplier Clearinghouse



<b>O2</b>	Oxygen Therapy
<b>OAMES</b>	Ohio Association of Medical Equipment Services
<b>OIG</b>	Office of Inspector General
<b>OMB</b>	Office of Management & Budget
<b>OMEPA</b>	Oklahoma Medical Equipment Providers Association
<b>OMHA</b>	Office of Medicare Hearings & Appeals
<b>OSA</b>	Obstructive Sleep Apnea
<b>OT</b>	Occupational Therapist
<b>OTS</b>	Off the Shelf
<b>PA</b>	Prior Authorization
<b>PA Master List</b>	List of DMEPOS items that may be subject to prior authorization elements and/or face-to-face encounter and written order
<b>PAMES</b>	Pacific Association for Medical Equipment Services
<b>PAMS</b>	Pennsylvania Association of Medical Suppliers
<b>PAP</b>	Positive Airway Pressure (broader reference to products like CPAP, BiPAP, etc)
<b>Participating Supplier</b>	Supplier who agrees to accept assignment for Medicare
<b>PAYGO</b>	"Pay as you go" budgetary rule to be budget neutral
<b>PECOS Database</b>	Provider Enrollment, Chain, & Ownership System Database
<b>PHE</b>	Public Health Emergency
<b>PIM</b>	Medicare Program Integrity Manual
<b>PMD</b>	Power Mobility Devices
<b>PPE</b>	Personal Protective Equipment
<b>PPP</b>	Paycheck Protection Program
<b>PRC</b>	Payer Relations Council (AAH)
<b>Provider</b>	Company who provides HME (also known as Supplier, HME/DME Provider, or HME/DME Supplier)
<b>Provider</b>	Health care clinician who provides health care services
<b>PT</b>	Physical Therapist
<b>QIC</b>	Qualified Independent Contractor (type of auditor)
<b>RAC</b>	Recovery Audit Contractor (type of auditor)
<b>Reconsideration</b>	2nd Level of appeal by a Qualified Independent Contractor
<b>Redetermination</b>	1st level of appeal by Medicare Administrative Contractor
<b>Reg C</b>	Regulatory Council (AAH)
<b>RFI</b>	Request for Information
<b>RFP</b>	Request for Proposal
<b>RT</b>	Respiratory Therapist
<b>RUL</b>	Reasonable & Useful Life
<b>SCMESA</b>	South Carolina Medical Equipment Services Association
<b>SFC</b>	Senate Finance Committee
<b>SLC</b>	State Leaders Council (AAH)
<b>SMRC</b>	Supplemental Medical Review Contractor (type of auditor)
<b>SNF</b>	Skilled Nursing Facility



<b>SPA</b>	Single Payment Amount
<b>SPA</b>	State Plan Amendment
<b>SUNA</b>	Society of Urologic Nurses & Associates
<b>Supplier</b>	Company who provides HME (also known as Provider, HME/DME Provider, or HME/DME Supplier) *The Hill and government agencies use "Supplier"
<b>SWMESA</b>	Southwest Medical Equipment Suppliers Association
<b>SWO</b>	Standard Written Order
<b>TEP</b>	Technical Expert Panel
<b>TexMEP</b>	Texas Medical Equipment Providers Association
<b>The Administration</b>	The Cabinet of the White House, including HHS
<b>The Agency</b>	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
<b>TPA</b>	Third Party Administrator
<b>UHC</b>	United Healthcare
<b>UOAA</b>	United Ostomy Associations of America
<b>UPIC</b>	Unified Program Integrity Contractors (type of auditor)
<b>UTMED</b>	Utah Medical Equipment Dealers Association
<b>VBP</b>	Value Based Purchasing
<b>VGM</b>	The VGM Group
<b>W&amp;M</b>	Ways & Means Committee (House)
<b>WC</b>	Wheelchair
<b>WLC</b>	Washington Legislative Conference
<b>WOCN</b>	Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society
<b>WOPD</b>	Written Order Prior to Delivery
<b>ZPIC</b>	Zone Program Integrity Contractor (type of auditor)