

Medicare ESRD Network Organizations List of Commonly Used Acronyms

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The term Medicare beneficiary identifier (Mbi) is a general term describing a beneficiary's Medicare identification number. For purposes of this manual, Medicare beneficiary identifier references both the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) and the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) during the new Medicare card transition period and after for certain business areas that will continue to use the HICN as part of their processes.

AAKP -- American Association of Kidney Patients

AHRQ -- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

AKF -- American Kidney Fund

ANNA -- American Nephrology Nurses Association

BOD -- Board of Directors

BUN -- Blood Urea Nitrogen

CMS -- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMSDC -- CMS Data Center

CO -- Central Office (CMS)

CPM -- Clinical Performance Measure

CQI -- Continuous Quality Improvement

CROWN -- Consolidated Renal Operations in a Web-Enabled Network

EC -- Executive Committee of the Network

EDEES -- ESRD Data Entry and Editing System (CMS)

EPO -- Erythropoietin

ESRD -- End Stage Renal Disease

FPR -- Final Project Report

HCQIP -- Health Care Quality Improvement Program

HCT -- Hematocrit

HD -- Hemodialysis

Mbi -- *Medicare beneficiary identifier*

IMRP -- Instruction Manual for Renal Providers

MRB -- Medical Review Board

NC -- Network Council

NCC -- Network Coordinating Council

NIDDK -- National Institute of Diabetes, and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

NIH -- National Institutes of Health

NIP -- National Improvement Project

NKF -- National Kidney Foundation

NPP -- Narrative Project Plan

NRAA -- National Renal Administrators Association

OCSQ -- Office of Clinical Standards and Quality

ODIE -- Online Data Input and Edit

OGC -- Office of General Counsel (CMS)

OIC -- Opportunity to Improve Care

OIG -- Office of the Inspector General (CMS)

OPO -- Organ Procurement Organization

OPTN -- Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network

OSCAR -- Online Survey Certification and Reporting

PD -- Peritoneal Dialysis

PID -- Project Idea Document

PIP -- Performance Improvement Plan

PMMIS -- Program Management and Medical Information System

PO -- Project Officer

QA -- Quality Assurance

QI -- Quality Improvement

QIO -- Quality Improvement Organization

QIP -- Quality Improvement Project

REBUS -- Renal Beneficiary and Utilization System

REMIS -- Renal Management Information System

RO -- Regional Office (CMS)

ROPO -- Regional Office Project Officer

RPA -- Renal Physicians Association

SA -- State Agency/State Survey Agency

SIMS -- Standard Information Management System

SOW -- Statement of Work

SSA -- Social Security Administration

SSN -- Social Security Number

TQE -- Total Quality Environment

UNOS -- United Network for Organ Sharing

USRDS -- United States Renal Data System

VHA -- Veterans Health Administration

VISION -- Vital Information System to Improve Outcomes in Nephrology

