

I. General Administration (including financial and human resources)

ACARD/EZ Card/P Card – procurement credit card (Mastercard)

AP – Accounts Payable

APF – Additional Pay Form. NO LONGER EXISTS

AMC – Anschutz Medical Campus

AO – Approving official (ACARD)

APS – Administrative Policy Statement

ASP – Administrative Streamlining Project. THE PROJECT HAS ENDED

AVC – Associate Vice Chancellor

BJE – Budget Journal Entry

BOC – Benefit Oversight Committee. NO LONGER EXISTS. Replaced by UBAB – University Benefits Advisory Board

BRS – Billing and Receivables System

AY – Academic Year (September through May)

CAPE – Colorado Association of Public Employees

CCHE – Colorado Commission on Higher Education

Central – The University of Colorado System offices and functions

ChartField Combination – PeopleSoft designation for accounts. See FOPPS and SpeedType.

CIW – Central Information Warehouse

COA – Chart of Accounts

COE – Fiscal Code of Ethics

CPP – Colorado Peak Performance. NO LONGER EXISTS. Replaced by Performance Pay Program – PPP.

DPO – Department Purchase Order

EAP – Employee Assistance Program

EH&S – Environmental Health & Safety Department

EOB – Explanation of Benefits

EPA – Exempt Professional Association

EPER/PER – Electronic Personnel Effort Reporting

EZ Card/ACARD/P Card – procurement credit card (Mastercard)

F&A – Facilities and Administration; same as ICR

FE – Fundraising Event

FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FHAP – Faculty Housing Assistance Program

FICA – Federal Insurance Compensation Act

FOPPS – Fund/Organization/Program/Project/Subclass – the unique number for each “account” under PeopleSoft. FOPPS is an easy way to remember the key ChartField Combination. The FOPPS is the long form of the “SpeedType.”

FPS – Finance Procedural Statement

FRS – Financial Reporting System. NO LONGER EXISTS. Replaced by PeopleSoft.

FTE – Full-time equivalent

FY – Fiscal Year (July through June)

GAIR – General Administrative and Infrastructure Recharge, formerly known as

GAR/GIR - replaced with GAIR

GL – General Ledger
GPTI – Graduate part-time instructor
HMO – Health Maintenance Organization
HR – Human Resources
HRMS – Human Resources Management System, PeopleSoft
HSC – Health Sciences Center (now called University of Colorado, Denver)
IACUC – Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
ICR – Indirect Cost Recovery; same as F & A
IN – Interdepartmental invoice
IO – Invoice and Order (used with UCH only)
IRM – Information Resource Management
IRM/URM – Integrated Resource Management or IRMS, Integrated Resource Management System. System-wide collection of budget and other resource information.
ISC – Internal service center
IT – information technology
JBC – Joint Budget Committee (of the state legislature)
JE – journal entry
NROTC – Naval Reserved Officers Training Corps
OF – Official function
OSPB – Office of State Planning and Budgeting
P Card/ACARD/EZ Card – procurement credit card (Mastercard)
PACE – Performance appraisal for Colorado employees; replaced by Pay for Performance Program-PPP
PAF – Personnel Action Form. NO LONGER EXISTS.
PAF – Payroll Authorization Form. NO LONGER EXISTS.
PBS – Payroll and Benefits Services
PCN – Personnel Change Notice
PDF – Personnel Data Form. NO LONGER EXISTS.
PCP – primary care physician
PDQ – Position Description Questionnaire
PER/EPER – Personnel Effort Reporting/Electronic Personnel Effort Reporting
PERA – Public Employees Retirement Association
PET – Payroll expense transfer
PI – Principal investigator
PIE – Pooled Investment Earnings
PO – Purchase Order
PPO – Preferred Provider Organization
PPP – Performance Pay Program
PPS – Procurement procedural statement
PS - PeopleSoft
PSC – Procurement Service Center (purchasing, accounts payable, travel)
PRA – Professional Research Assistant
PTA – Personal technology authorization
PTT – Personal technology and telecommunications
PV – Payment Voucher
R & R – Repair and replacement; usually refers to a renewal Plant Fund FOPPS

RA – Research assistant
RM – Risk Management
RFP – Request for Proposal
ROTC – Reserved Officers Training Corps
S&G – Silver & Gold Record
SAR – Salary Adjustment Roster
SIS – Student information system
SPA – Sponsored program award
SpeedType – Short form of the PeopleSoft designation for “accounts.” See FOPPS.
SPO – Standing Purchase Order
SRA – Salary Reduction Agreement
ST – Speed Type
SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Analysis
SYSD – UMS mainframe connectivity
TA – Teaching Assistant
TABOR – Taxpayers Bill of Rights
TAP – Travel Authorization Program
TDA – Tax Deferred Annuity
TIAA-CREF – Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association College Retirement Equities Fund
TLE – Total Learning Environment; replaced by 2010 Vision
TQM – Total Quality Management
TRM – Total Resource Management
TV – Travel Voucher
UBAB – University Benefits Advisory Board
UCB – University of Colorado at Boulder
UCCS – University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
UCDHSC – University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center; now University of Colorado Denver
ULDI – University Leadership Development Institute
UMS – University Management Systems
UPAC – University Planning and Accreditation Committee
URM – University Risk Management
URM – System-wide collection of budget information; see IRM
VALIC – Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company
WWW – World Wide Web

II. Research Administration

AAALAC - [American Association for the Accreditation of Lab Animal Care](#)
AHA - [American Heart Association](#)
AID - [Agency for International Development](#)
AFOSR - [Air Force Office of Scientific Research \(DOD\)](#)
AMA - [American Medical Association](#)
ARPA - [Advanced Research Projects Agency \(DOD\)](#)

ASPR - Armed Services Procurement Regulations
AUTM - [Association of University Technology Managers](#)
CAS - [Cost Accounting Standards](#)
CBD - [Commerce Business Daily](#)
CDC - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
CFDA - [Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance](#)
CFR - [Code of Federal Regulations](#)
COGR - [Council on Governmental Relations](#)
COLA - Cost of Living Allowance granted to employees based in a foreign city, where cost of living is higher than in Washington, D.C.
COS - [Community of Science](#) A web server containing information about scientific expertise, funded scientific research, and funding opportunities for research.
CRADA or CRDA - Cooperative Research and Development Agreement
DAR - [Defense Acquisition Regulations](#)
DCAA - Defense Contract Audit Agency
DED - [Department of Education](#)
DFARS - [Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement](#)
DHHS - [Department of Health and Human Services](#)
DRG - [Division of Research Grants \(National Institutes of Health\)](#)
DOD - [Department of Defense](#) (includes Air Force, Army, ARPA, and Navy)
DOE - [Department of Energy](#)
DOI - [Department of Interior](#)
DOT - [Department of Transportation](#)
EDISON - [NIH Extramural Invention Information Management System](#)
EPA - [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
FAA - [Federal Aviation Administration](#)
FDA - [Food and Drug Administration](#)
FDP - Federal Demonstration Project
FIC - [Fogarty International Center \(NIH\)](#)
FOIA - [Freedom of Information Act](#)
GSA - [General Services Administration](#)
IDC - [Indirect Costs](#)
IFB - [Invitation for Bid](#)
NACUBO - [National Association of College and University Business Officers](#)
NAS - [National Academy of Sciences](#)
NASA - [National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#)
NCHGR - [National Center for Human Genome Research \(NIH\)](#)
NCI - [National Cancer Institute](#)
NCRR - [National Center for Research Resources \(NIH\)](#)
NCURA - [National Council of University Research Administrators](#)
NEA - [National Endowment for the Arts](#)
NEH - [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)
NEI - [National Eye Institute \(NIH\)](#)
NHLBI - [National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute \(NIH\)](#)
NIA - [National Institute on Aging \(NIH\)](#)
NIAAA - [National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism \(NIH\)](#)

NIAID - [National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases \(NIH\)](#)
NIAMS - [National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases \(NIH\)](#)
NICHD - [National Institute of Child Health and Human Development \(NIH\)](#)
NIDA - [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIH\)](#)
NIDCD - [National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders \(NIH\)](#)
NIDDK - [National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases \(NIH\)](#)
NIDR - [National Institute of Dental Research \(NIH\)](#)
NIEHS - [National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences \(NIH\)](#)
NIGMS - [National Institute of General Medical Sciences \(NIH\)](#)
NIH - [National Institutes of Health](#)
NIMH - [National Institute of Mental Health \(NIH\)](#)
NINDS - [National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke \(NIH\)](#)
NINR - [National Institute for Nursing Research \(NIH\)](#)
NLM - [National Library of Medicine](#)
OFPP - [Office of Federal Procurement Policy](#)
OMB - [Office of Management and Budget](#)
ONR - [Office of Naval Research](#)
OPAS - [Organizational Prior Approval System](#)
OPRR - [Office for Protection from Research Risks \(DHHS\)](#)
PHS - [Public Health Service](#)
PHS 2590 - [Application for Continuation of a PHS Grant \(National Institutes of Health\)](#)
PHS 398 - [Application Form for a PHS Grant \(National Institutes of Health\)](#)
PI - [Principal Investigator](#)
PRDA - [Program Research and Development Announcement](#)
SBA - [Small Business Administration](#)
SBIR - [Small Business Innovative Research](#)
SRA - [Society of Research Administrators](#)
SSA - [Social Security Administration](#)
STTR - [Small Business Technology Transfer](#)
TRAM - [A WWW service](#) initially developed by the Texas Research Administrators Group providing funding opportunity searches, agency form templates, links to research administration home pages, etc.
USDA - [United States Department of Agriculture](#)
USIA - [United States Information Agency](#)
VA - [Veterans Administration](#)
VAH - [Veterans Administration Hospital](#)

III. Educational Administration (including faculty, staff, student organizations)

AAHE – [American Association for Higher Education](#)
AAMC – [Association of American Medical Colleges](#)
AAU – [Association of American Universities](#)
ACCME – [Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education](#)
AIA – [American Indian Alliance](#)
AMSA – [American Medical Student Association](#)
AROTC – [Army Reserved Officers Training Corps](#)
AY – [Academic Year \(September through May\)](#)

BSA – Black Student Alliance
CCHE – Colorado Commission on Higher Education
CE – Continuing Education
CME – Continuing Medical Education
CSU – Colorado State University
CU – University of Colorado
DARwin – degree auditing system; replaces Student Information System - SIS
FIS – Faculty Information System
FTE – full-time equivalent, student (equal to 30 credit hours for an entire academic year for students)
GBA – Group on Business Affairs (AAMC)
GIP – Group on Institutional Planning (AAMC)
GLBT – Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender
GME – Graduate Medical Education
Greek – Greek Liaison Office
LCME – Liaison Committee on Medical Education
MEASA – Middle Eastern and Arab Student Association
PGY – post graduate year
SASA – South Asian Student Association
SIS – Student Information System (to be replaced by DARwin)
SOM – School of Medicine
SON – School of Nursing
SOP – School of Pharmacy
TDD – Telephone Devices for the Deaf
UCB – University of Colorado at Boulder
UCCS – University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
UCD – University of Colorado Denver; replaces UCHSC, UCDHSC
UCHSC – replaced by UCD
UCSC – University of Colorado Staff Council (4 campus Staff Council)
UMAS – United Mexican American Students
WICHE – Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education

IV. Clinical Administration Terms

A/P – accounts payable
A/R – accounts receivable
AAMC – Association of American Medical Colleges
AAPC – adjusted average per capita cost
AC – ambulatory care
ACA – ambulatory care administration
ACC – ambulatory care center
ACCME – Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
ACCS – ancillary charge collection system
ACES – Automated Confirmation of Eligibility Status
ACF – ambulatory care facility
ACGME – Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

ACHA – American College of Hospital Administrators
ACHE – American College of Healthcare Executives
ACM – American College of Medicine
ACN – ambulatory care network
ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act
ADC – average daily census
ADP – Administrative Data Processing
ADT – admission/discharge/transfer
ADT/R – admission discharge, transfer/registration
AFDC – Aid to Families with Dependent Children
AGA – American Gastroenterological Association
AGPA American Group Practice Association
AHA – American Hospital Association
AHC – academic health center
AHEC – area health education center
AHRQ – Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALOS – average length of stay
AMA – American Medical Association
AMC – academic medical center
AMCAS – American Medical College Application Service
AMGA – American Medical Group Association
AMIS – automated medical information systems
AMP – account management plan
AMC – Anschutz Medical Campus
AOB – Assignment of Benefits
AOB – adjusted occupied bed
APA – Academic Practice Assembly (MGMA)
APC – ambulatory payment classification
APCC – Ambulatory Patient Care Center
APCF – ambulatory patient care facility
AS&T – administrative, supervisory, and teaching
ASC – ambulatory surgery center
ASM – Administrative Services Manager
ASO – Administrative Services Office
ASP – application service provider
ASU – Ambulatory Surgery Unit
ATD – admission, transfer, discharge
ATU – Ambulatory Treatment Unit
AY – academic year
BAR – Billing and Accounts Receivable
BBA – Balanced Budget Act (context: BBA of 1997)
BBRA – Balanced Budget Refinement Act
BCBS – Blue Cross/Blue Shield
BHP – Basic Health Plan
BMT – bone marrow transplant
BPR – business process re-engineering

C/L – consultation/liaison
CBO – Central Billing Office
CCS – Community Clinical Services
CCU – Critical Care Unit (most common usage) OR
CCU – cardiac care unit OR
CCU – community clinical unit
CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDS – Clinical Delivery System
CE – clinical enterprise
CEO – chief executive officer
CER – clinical enterprise reporting
CERR – clinical enterprise reporting repository
CFB – Clinical Faculty Board
CFO – chief financial officer
CFPP – Clinical Faculty Practice Plan
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
CFTE – clinical full-time equivalent
CHAMPUS – Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services
CHI – Catholic Health Initiatives
CIO – chief information officer
CIS – clinical information system
CMC – Certified Management Consultant
CME – continuing medical education
CMO – chief medical officer
CMS – Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
COB – Coordination of Benefits
COBRA – Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COM – College of Medicine OR
COM – College of Osteopathic Medicine
CON – Certificate of Need
CON – College of Nursing
COO – chief operating officer
COPC – Community-Oriented Primary Care
COTH – Council of Teaching Hospitals
CPA – Certified Public Accountant
CPI – Consumer Price Index
CPM – Critical Path Method
CPO – clinical practice organization
CPR – computer-based patient record
CPS – Clinical Practice Services OR
CPS – College of Physicians and Surgeons
CPT-4 – Current Procedural Terminology Fourth Edition
CPX – complete physical exam
CQI – continuous quality improvement
CRNA – certified registered nurse anesthetist
CRS – common registration system

CS&A – Central Services and Administration
CSF – critical success factor
CSU – Clinical Service Unit
CT – computed tomography (most common) OR
CT – cardiothoracic
CTN – control number
CTO – chief technology officer
CTS – clinical teaching support
CTU – Clinical Training Unit
CVO – credentialing verification organization
CWW – clinic without walls
CY – calendar year
DC – doctor of chiropractic
DCA – Director of Clinical Affairs
DG – Denver Health Medical Center-DHMC; formerly known as Denver General Hospital
DHMC – Denver Health Medical Center
DHHA – Denver Health and Hospital Authority; also known as “Denver Health”
DME – direct medical education
DO – doctor of osteopathic medicine
DRG – diagnosis related group
DRG/CMRS – DRG Case Mix Reporting System
DRO – days receivable outstanding
DSH – disproportionate share
DSHS – Department of Social and Health Services
DSS – decision support system
DVAMC – Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center
DX - diagnosis
E & M – evaluation and management
EBITDA –earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization
ED – Emergency Department
EDI – electronic data interchange
EDI – electronic data processing
EHR – electronic health record
EMR – electronic medical record
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
EMTALA – Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
ENT – ear, nose, and throat
EOB – Explanation of Benefits
EOM – end of month
EOMB – Explanation of Medical Benefits
EPO – exclusive provider organization
ER – emergency room
ERAS – Electronic Resident Application System
F & A – Facilities and Administration
FAS – faculty activity survey

FDA – Food and Drug Administration
FFS – fee-for-service
FGP – faculty group practice
FIFO – first in/first out
FIS – faculty information system
FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
FMO – Facility Management Office
FPC – Family Practice Clinic
FPG – Faculty Practice Group
FPO – faculty practice organization
FPP – faculty practice plan
FQHC – federally qualified health center
FSC – financial status classification
FTE – full-time equivalent
FY – fiscal year]
FYE – fiscal year-end
GAAP – Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAMP – General Assistance Medical Program
GBA – Group on Business Affairs (of the AAMC)
GFP – Group on Faculty Practice
GFRS – graduate funding resource system
GIP – Group on Institutional Planning (of the AAMC)
GL – general ledger
GME – graduate medical education
GMENAC – Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee
GP – group practice
GPBO – group practice billing office
GPP – group practice plan
GPSR – gross patient service revenue
HCFA – Health Care Financing Administration
HCPP – healthcare prepayment plant
HCPCS – HCFA Common Procedural Coding System
HFMA – Healthcare Financial Management Association
HHP – Human Health Programs
HHS – the Department of Health and Human Services
HIM – health information management
HIMSS – Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (of 1996)
HIS – hospital information system
HIV – human immune deficiency virus
HMIS – hospital management information system
HMO – health maintenance organization
HOPD – hospital outpatient department
HPSA – Health Provider Shortage Area
HSD – Health Services Division
HSF – Health Services Foundation

IBNR – incurred but not reported
ICD-9-CM – International Classification of Diseases 9th Edition Clinical Modification
ICU – intensive care unit
ICR – indirect cost recovery
IDN – integrated delivery network
IDS – integrated delivery system
IEP – individualized education plan
IMDS – integrated medical delivery system
IME – indirect medical education (costs)
IMG – international medical graduate
IPA – independent practice association
IPG – integrated practice group
IPO – independent practice organization
IRB – institutional review board
IRR – internal rate of return
IS – information systems
IT – information technology
IVF – in vitro fertilization
JCAHO – Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
LAN – local area network
LCC – lower of costs or charges
Lean – GE Lean Six Sigma for Healthcare; cost reduction management processes
Leapfrog – management processes to improve hospital quality of care and safety
LIFO – last in/first out
LLC – limited liability company
LOS – length of stay
LPN – licensed practical nurse
Lutheran – Exempla Lutheran Medical Center
LVN – licensed vocational nurse
MA – medical assistant
MAC – maximum allowable cost
MBA – Master of Business Administration
MBM – mission-based management
MC - Medicare
MCA – managed care application
MCC – medical center contribution
MCIS – managed care information system
MCO – managed care organization
MD – doctor of medicine
MDC – major diagnostic category
ME – minor emergency
MedPAC – Medicare Payment Advisory Committee
MGMA – Medical Group Management Association
MHA – Master of Health Administration
MHA – Master of Hospital Administration ???
MIPS – medical information and payment system

MIS – management information system
MK - Medicaid
MLP – midlevel provider
MMAC – Medicare Maximum Allowable Charge
MOA – medical office assistant
MOB – medical office building
MOU – memorandum of understanding
MPA – Master of Public Administration
MPI – master patient index
MRI – magnetic resonance imaging
MRN – medical record number
MSA – management services agreement
MSA – metropolitan statistical area
MSC – medical staff council
MSEC – medical school executive committee
MSEC – medical staff executive committee
MSG – medical service group
MSO – management services organization
MSP – medical service plan
MSR – medical services representative
MTD – month-to-date
NBME – National Board of Medical Education
NCDR – National Cardiovascular Data Registry
NCI – National Cancer Institute
NCQA – National Committee for Quality Assurance
N.D. – Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine
NEC – not elsewhere classifiable
NICU – neonatal intensive care unit
NIH – National Institutes of Health
NP – nurse practitioner
NOS – not otherwise specified
NPI – National Provider Identifier
NPV – net present value
NRMP – National Residency Match Program
NSF – National Science Foundation
NSF – non-sufficient funds
OA – operating agreement
OAA – office of academic affairs
Ob/Gyn - Obstetrics and Gynecology
OCA – Office of Clinical Affairs
OCC – outpatient care center
OCR – Office for Civil Rights
OHRP – Office for Human Research Protections
OIG – Office of the Inspector General
OMAP – Office of Medical Assistance Programs
OMB – Office of Management and Budget

OPD – outpatient department
OR – operating room
ORS – on-line patient registration system
OT – occupational therapy/therapist
PA – professional association
PA – physician assistant
PACU – post-anesthesia care unit
PAD – patient accounting department
PAN – patient account number
PAO – patient accounting office
PAR – patient account representative
PAD – patient accounting system
PAT – physician administrative time
PATH – Physicians at Teaching Hospitals
PBIS – physician billing information system
PBMC – pharmacy benefit management company
PBO – patient billing office
PBO – physician billing office
PBO – practice billing office
PBO – professional billing office
PC – professional corporation
PCIS – physician clinic information system
PCN – primary care network
PCP – primary care physician/provider
PCS – paperless collection system
PCS – patient care systems
PDRG – pediatric diagnosis related group
PEBB – Public Employees Benefit Board
PERT – program evaluation and review technique
PET – positron emission tomography
PFO – patient financial office
PFO – professional fee office
PGY – postgraduate year
PHI – protected health information
PHO – physician/hospital organization
PICU – pediatric intensive care unit
PICU – pulmonary intensive care unit
PIP – performance incentive plan
PM&R – physical medicine and rehabilitation
PMC – practice management company
PMIS – practice management information system
PMPM – per member per month
PMS – practice management system
PO – purchase order
PO – physician organization
POS/ECM – point-of-sale/electronic claims management

PP – practice plan
PPA – preferred provider arrangement
PPA – professional practice association
PPG – physician postgraduate
PPMC – physician practice management company
PPO – preferred provider organization
PPP – professional practice plan
PPRVU – professional practice relative value unit
PPS – prospective payment system
PQRI – physician quality reporting initiative (Medicare)
PRF – patient registration form
PRITE – Physician Residents in Training Examinations
PRN – physician referral network
PRN – pro re nata, take as needed
PRO – professional review organization
ProPAC – Prospective Payment Assessment Commission
PRS – physicians referral service
PSA – professional services agreement
P/SL or PSL – Presbyterian/Saint Luke’s Medical Center (Health One)
PSO – provider-sponsored organization
PT – physical therapy/therapist
PTF – planning task force
PTO – paid time off
QA – quality assurance
QI – quality improvement
R & C – reasonable and customary (charges)
R & D – research and development
R & E – research and education
R & T – research and training
RA – remittance advice
RBRVS – resource-based relative value scale
RCC – ratio of costs to charges
RCE – reasonable compensation equivalent
RFI – request for information
RFP – request for proposal
RFQ – request for qualifications
RFQQ – request for qualifications and quotations
RIS – radiology information system
RMS – records management system
RN – registered nurse
ROI – return on investment
RRC – Residency Review Committee
RUC – Relative Value Scale Update Committee
RVS – relative value scale
RVU – relative value unit
SBU – strategic business unit

SCHIP – State Children’s Health Insurance Program
SDA – same-day appointment
SDS – same-day surgery
Six Sigma – quality improvement management process (Motorola trademark)
SMF – satellite medical facility
SMSA – Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SNF – skilled nursing facility
SOD – School of Dentistry
SOM – School of Medicine
SON – School of Nursing
SOP – School of Pharmacy
SOPH – School of Public Health
SPR – special procedures room
SRE – Section on Resident Education
SSA – Social Security Administration
SSN – Social Security Number
St. A’s – Saint Anthony Central Hospital (Centura Health)
St. Joe’s – Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital
St. Luke’s – Presbyterian/Saint Luke’s Medical Center; also known as P/SL (Health One)
STD – sexually transmitted disease
SWOT – strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
TCH – The Children’s Hospital
TCO – total cost of ownership
TEFRA – Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act
TES – Transaction Editing System
TH – teaching hospital
TOS – time of service
TPA – third-party administrator
TQM – total quality management
TRICARE – federal healthcare program for the Uniformed Services
TriWest – healthcare alliance that administers 21 western states TRICARE program
TX – treatment, therapy
UCC – urgent care center
UCC – Uniform Commercial Code
UCH – University of Colorado Hospital
UCR – unapplied cash record
UM – utilization management
UPI – University Physicians, Inc. (practice plan for CU physicians/providers)
UPIN – Unique Physician/Practitioner Identification Number
UR – utilization review
Usual and customary – historical method of healthcare reimbursement
VA – Department of Veterans Affairs; see also DVA
VBA – Veterans Benefits Administration
VHA – Veterans Health Administration
VPN – virtual private network
WAN – wide area network

WRVU – work relative value unit

YTD – year-to-date