## **Abbreviations**

AB Aid to the Blind

**ACF** Administration for Children and Families

**AET** Annual earnings test

AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children

AFDC-UP Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Unemployed Parents

AIDS Acquired immunity deficiency syndrome

**AIME** Average indexed monthly earnings

**AMW** Average monthly wage

APTD Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled

**BBA** Balanced Budget Act of 1997

BC/BS Blue Cross/Blue Shield

**CDR** Continuing disability review

CHAMPVA Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs

**CLIA** Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act

**CMP** Competitive medical plans

**CMS** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

COBRA Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

COLA Cost-of-living adjustment

**CPI-U** Consumer price index for all urban consumers

**CPI-W** Consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers

**CPS** Current Population Survey

**DA&A** Drug addiction and alcoholism

**DI** Disability Insurance

**DME** Durable medical equipment

DOE Department of Energy

DOL Department of Labor

DRG Diagnosis-related group

EA Emergency Assistance

**EBT** Electronic benefit transfer

**EPSDT** Early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment

**ESRD** End stage renal disease

FERS Federal Employees Retirement System

**FFS** Fee for service

FICA Federal Insurance Contributions Act
FMAP Federal medical assistance percentage

**FPL** Federal poverty level

**FQHC** Federally qualified health center

FRA Full retirement age

**FUTA** Federal Unemployment Tax Act

**FY** Fiscal year

**GDP** Gross domestic product

HCBS Home and community based servicesHCFA Health Care Financing Administration

**HHA** Home health agency

HHS Department of Health and Human Services

HI Hospital Insurance

HIV Human immunodeficiency virusHMO Health maintenance organization

ICF Intermediate care facility

ICFs/MR Intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded

JOBS Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training

**LIHEAP** Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LTC Long-term care

MBC Monthly benefit credited

MBR Master Beneficiary Record

MCCA Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act

MCCRA Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Repeal Act

MN Medically needy

MOE Maintenance of effort

MSA Medical savings account

NEW Native Employment Works

NRC National Research Council

OAA Old-Age Assistance

**OASDI** Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance

OASI
Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
OBRA
Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
OEO
Office of Economic Opportunity
OMB
Office of Management and Budget

**PACE** Programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly

**PESS** Property essential to self-support

PIA Primary insurance amount
PIB Primary insurance benefit

PPO Preferred provider organization
PPS Prospective payment system

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PRO Peer review organization

**PSO** Provider-sponsored organization

QC Quarter of coverage

**QDWIS** Qualified disabled working individuals

QI Qualified individual

**QMB** Qualified Medicare beneficiary

**REACH** Residential Emergency Assistance Challenge

**RVS** Relative value scale

**SCHIP** State Children's Health Insurance Program

SECA Self-Employment Contributions Act

SGA Substantial gainful activity

SIPP Survey of Income and Program Participation
SLMB Specified low-income Medicare beneficiary

**SMI** Supplementary Medical Insurance

**SNF** Skilled nursing facility

SSA Social Security AdministrationSSI Supplemental Security Income

**TANF** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families **TEFRA** Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act

TFP Thrifty Food PlanTWP Trial work period

**USDA** Department of Agriculture

VA Department of Veterans Affairs

**VEAP** Veterans' Educational Assistance Program

**WEP** Windfall Elimination Provision

WIN Work Incentive Program