

Medicare ESRD Network Organizations  
List of Commonly Used Acronyms

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- 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
- HIC** -- Health Insurance Claim
- 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