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***CMS Information Security
Acronyms***

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Introduction

This document contains acronyms in common use at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding information security. The acronyms are drawn from internal documents, as well as from Federal government, industry and other external sources to provide a comprehensive resource for the CMS environment.

Table of Acronyms

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
AAL	Authorized Access List
AC	Alternating Current
ACL	Access Control List
ADM	Administrative
ADP	Automated Data Processing
AFE	Annual Frequency Estimate
AIE	Annual Impact Estimate
AIS	Automated Information System
AISSP	Automated Information Systems Security Program
ALE	Annual Loss Expectancy
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
APF	Authorized Program Facility
ARO	Annualized Rate of Occurrence
ASC	Accredited Standards Committee
BI	Background Investigation
BCA	Business Case Analysis
BCCP	Business Continuity and Contingency Plan
BIA	Business Impact Analysis
CAST	Contractor Assessment Security Tool
CCMO	Consortium Contractor Management Officer
CD	Compact Disc
CD-ROM	Compact Disc-Read Only Memory
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CICG	Critical Infrastructure Coordination Group
CIO	Chief Information Officer
CMP	Configuration Management Plan
CO	Central Office
COMSEC	Communications Security
COTS	Commercial Off the Shelf
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan

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ACRONYM	DEFINITION
CM	Configuration Management
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CSAT	Computer Security Awareness Training
CSIRC	Computer Security Incident Response Capability
CSR	Core Security Requirements
CSS	Cross-Site Scripting
CSSP	Computer Systems Security Plan
CWF	Common Working File
DAA	Designated Approving Authority
DASD	Direct Access Storage Devices
DBA	Database Administrators
DBM	Database Management
DC	District of Columbia
DBMS	Database Management System
DDOS	Distributed Denial Of Service
DES	Data Encryption Standard
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DMERC	Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
DMZ	Demilitarized Zone
DOS	Denial of Service
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EDP	Electronic Data Processing
EF	Exposure Factor
E-Commerce	Electronic Commerce
E-mail	Electronic Mail
EMI	Electromagnetic Interference
EO	Executive Order
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards
FISCAM	Federal Information System Controls Audit Manual
FMIB	Financial Management Investment Board
FTI	Federal Tax Information (or Federal tax return information)
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
GAO	General Accounting Office
GISRA	Government Information Security Reform Act
GTL	Government Task Lead

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ACRONYM	DEFINITION
GOP	Grand Old Party
GSA	General Services Administration
GSS	General Support System
HCFA	Health Care Finance Administration
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HISM	Handbook of Information Security Management
HITR	HCFA Information Technology Reference
IA	Information Assurance
IBM	International Business Machines (Corp.)
ID	Identification
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
IMAP	Internet Message Access Protocol
INFOSEC	Information Security
IP	Internet Protocol
IPL	Initial Program Load
IRC	Internal Revenue Code
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IRSAP	Internal Revenue Service Acquisition Procedure
IS	Information System
ISA	Information Sensitivity Assessment
ISS	Information Systems Security
ISSO	Information Systems Security Officer
ISSP	Information Systems Security Plan
ISSPH	Information Systems Security Plan Handbook
IS prgm	Information Security Program
IT	Information Technology
ITA	Information Technology Architecture
ITMRA	Information Technology Management Reform Act
IV&V	Independent Validation & Verification
LAN	Local Area Network
MA	Major Applications
MBI	Minimum Background Investigation
MCM	Medicare Carriers Manual
MCS	Multiple Console Support
MDCN	Medicare Data Communications Network
MIM	Medicare Intermediary Manual
MIS	Management Information Services
MVS	Multiple Virtual Storage
NACI	National Agency Check and Inquiries

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ACRONYM	DEFINITION
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NASA	National Aeronautical and Space Administration
NC	Network Computer
NCSC	National Computer Security Center
NFS	Network File System
NIE	Net Impact Estimate
NIPC	National Infrastructure Protection Center
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NOS	Network Operating System
NSA	National Security Agency
NSC	National Security Council
NSTISSI(C)	National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Committee
NT	New Technology
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OIS	Office of Information Services
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OS	Operating System
OTC	On-Time-Cost
P3P	Platform for Privacy Preferences Project
P&P or Pol./Proc.	Policies and Procedures
PC	Personal Computer
PDA	Personal Digital Assistants
PDD	Presidential Decision Directive
PDS	Partitioned Data Sets
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
PM	Project (Program) Managers
PO	Procurement Office/ Project Officer
POP	Post Office Protocol
PRCP	Project Review and Coordination Panel
Program	Information Security Program
PSGH	CMS Policy Standards and Guidelines Handbook
PSO	Physical Security Officer
PUB	Publication
RA	Risk Assessment
RACF	Resource Access Control Facility
RAID	Redundant Array of Independent Disks

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ACRONYM	DEFINITION
RAM	Random Access Memory
RDS	Remote Data Services
RFI	Radio Frequency Interference
RFP	Requests for Proposals
RO	Regional Office
ROB	Rules of Behavior
ROM	Read Only Memory
RPC	Remote Procedure Call
SA	Security Administrator
SAR	Safeguard Activity Report
SBI	Single Scope Background Investigation
SBU	Sensitive But Unclassified
SDLC	System Development Life Cycle
SER	Scientific, Engineering, and Research
SSI	Security/Suitability Investigation
SIRT	Security Incident Response Team
SISSO	Senior Information Systems Security Officer
SLE	Single Loss Expectancy
SM	System Manager
SMF	System Management Facility
S-MIME	Secure Multi-purpose Internet Mail Extensions
SOR	System of Records
SOW	Statement of Work
SPR	Safeguard Procedures Report
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSC	Systems Security Coordinator
SSG	Security and Standards Group
SSH	Secure Shell
SSL	Secure Socket Layer
SSM	Standard System Maintainers
SSN	Social Security Number
SSO	Systems Security Officer
SSP	System Security Plan(s)
SSPM	System Security Plans Methodology
SSPS&GH	System Security Policy Standards and Guidelines Handbook
SSSA	Senior Systems Security Advisor
ST&E	Security Test and Evaluation
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
TLS	Transport Layer Security

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ACRONYM	DEFINITION
TO	Training Office
TMG	Technology Management Group
UID	User Identification (see also USERID)
UL	Underwriter's Laboratory
U.S.C.	United States Code
USERID	User Identification (see also UID)
VPN	Virtual Private Network
WAN	Wide Area Network
WST	Web Support Team
Y2K	Year 2000