

Acronyms of Relevance to Private Health Insurance Practitioners

Acronym	Means	Details
AACR	Australasian Association of Cancer Registries	Association
AAMT	Australian Association of Massage Therapists	Professional body
AAQHC	Australasian Association for Quality in Health Care	Industry association
AASB	Australian Accounting Standards Board	Government agency
AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal	Government agency
ABF	Activity Based Funding	Acronym
ABN	Australian Business Number	Abbreviation
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics	Government agency
ABW	Activity-Based Working	Abbreviation
ACAA	Aged Care Association Australia	Industry association
ACAC	Acute Care Advisory Committee	Committee under HIA
ACAM	Australian Centre for Asthma Monitoring	Academic site (AIHW affiliate)
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team	Abbreviation
ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission	Government agency
ACD	Advance Care Directive	Abbreviation
ACE	Aged Care Emergency	Abbreviation
ACEM	Australasian College for Emergency Medicine	Professional body
ACERH	Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health	Think tank/academic site
ACF	Aged Care Facility	Abbreviation
ACFI	Aged Care Funding Instrument	Abbreviation
ACHI	Australian Classification of Health Interventions	Abbreviation
ACHPER	Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation	Government agency
ACHR	Australian Centre for Health Research	Research entity
ACHS	Australian Council on Healthcare Standards	Not-for-profit organisation
ACHSE	Australian College of Health Service Executives	Professional body
ACL	Anterior Cruciate Ligament	Supporting ligament in knees
ACM	Australian College of Midwives	Professional body
ACNC	Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission	Government regulator
ACNP	Australian College of Nurse Practitioners	Professional body
ACOSS	Australian Council of Social Services	
ACS	Acute Coronary Syndrome	Abbreviation
ACS	Aged Care Services	Abbreviation
ACSA	Aged & Community Services Australia	Industry Association
ACSAA	Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency	
ACSQHC	Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	Government agency
ACT	Australian Capital Territory	Australian Territory
ADA	Australian Dental Association	Professional body
ADGP	Australian Divisions of General Practice (see AGPN)	Professional body
ADHA	Australian Day Hospital Association (pka ADSA)	Industry association
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	Medical condition
ADL	Activities of Daily Living	Abbreviation
ADIA	Australian Dental Industry Association	Industry association
ADIA	Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association	Industry association

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ADMA	Australian Disease Management Association	Industry association
ADPA	Australian Dental Prosthetists Association	Professional body
ADSA	Australasian Day Surgery Association (now ADHA)	Industry association
ADT	Androgen Deprivation Therapy	Medical treatment
AF	Atrial fibrillation	Medical condition
AFP	Australian Federal Police	
AFR	Australian Financial Review	Newspaper
AGM	Annual General Meeting	Acronym
AGPN	Australian General Practice Network (pka ADGP)	Industry Association
AHA	Australian Healthcare Association (now AHHA)	Industry association
AHCA	Australian Health Care Agreement	Hospital financing agreement
AHD	Department of Human Services	Government department
AHHA	Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association	Industry association
AHIA	Australian Health Insurance Association (now Private Healthcare Australia)	Industry association
AHMAC	Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council	Government agency
AHMC	Australian Health Ministers' Conference	Government agency
AHPA	Allied Health Professions Australia	Peak professional association
AHPRA	Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency	Government agency
AHR	Australian Health Review	Publication of AHHA
AHS	Australian Health Survey	ABS process
AHSA	Australian Health Service Alliance	Industry joint venture
AHWMC	Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council	Government agency
AI	Actuaries Institute	Professional association
AICD	Automatic implantable cardiac defibrillator	Medical device
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	Medical condition
AIFS	Australian Institute of Family Studies	Government agency
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Government agency
AIMA	Australasian Integrative Medicine Association	Professional association
AIPAR	Australian Institute for Population Ageing Research	Think tank/Academic site
AIPC	Australian Institute of Primary Care	Think tank/Academic site
ALM	Active Learning Module	Abbreviation
ALOS	Average Length Of Stay	Abbreviation
ALRC	Australian Law Reform Commission	Government agency
AMA	Australian Medical Association	Professional body
AMD	Aged-related Macular Degeneration	Medical condition
AMI	Acute Myocardial Infarction	Medical condition
AMLA	Australian Medicare Local Alliance	Policy and advocacy group
AN	Anorexia Nervosa	Medical condition
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office	Government agency
ANF	Australian Nursing Federation	Professional association
ANMF	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation	Health union
ANPHA	Australian National Preventive Health Agency	Government agency
AN-SNAP	Australian National Subacute and Non-acute Patient Classification	Patient classification system
ANU	Australian National University	University
APA	Australian Physiotherapy Association	Professional association
APH	Antepartum haemorrhage	Medical condition
APH	Parliament of Australia	Government Agency
APHA	Australian Private Hospitals Association	Industry association

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APHCRI	Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute	Research body at ANU
APODC	Australasian Podiatry Council	Professional association
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	Government agency
APS	Australian Psychological Society	Professional association
APS	Australian Public Service	Abbreviation
ARCHI	Australian Resource Centre for Hospital Innovations	
ARCPOH	Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health	Academic site (AIHW affiliate)
AR-DRGs	Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups	Health classification system
ARHG	Australian Regional Health Group	Industry joint venture
ARIA	Accessibility/Remoteness Index for Australia	
ART	Assisted Reproductive Technology	Abbreviation
ARTG	Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods	Government Register
ASB	Advertising Standards Board Advertising Standards Bureau	Industry self-regulation agency
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	Medical condition classification
ASFA	Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia	Industry association
ASGC	Australian Standard Geographic Classification (replaced by ASGS in 2011)	ABS classification
ASGS	Australian Statistical Geography Standard (replaces ASGC from 2011)	ABS classification
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investment Commission	Government Agency
ASMI	Australian Self Medication Industry	Industry Association
ASX	Australian Securities Exchange	
ATO	Australian Taxation Office	Government agency
ATSE	Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering	Professional group
AWE	Average Weekly Earnings	Abbreviation
BAU	Business As Usual	Abbreviation
BCA	Business Council of Australia	Lobby group
BCP	Business Continuity Plan	Abbreviation
BEACH	Bettering the Evaluation and Care of Health	Program conducted by AIHW
BED	Binge Eating Disorder	Medical condition
BHI	Bureau of Health Information	NSW Government agency
BLP	Benefit Limitation Period	Abbreviation
BMI	Body Mass Index	Abbreviation
BN	Bulimia Nervosa	Medical condition
BOD	Burden Of Disease	Abbreviation
BPD	Borderline Personality Disorder	Medical condition
BVA	Bionic Vision Australia	Entrepreneurial company
BYOD	Bring Your Own Device	Abbreviation
CAA	Chiropractors' Association of Australia	Professional association
CAA	Council of Ambulance Authorities	Professional association
CAC	Clinical Advisory Committee	Abbreviation
CACP	Community Aged Care Package	Abbreviation
CAG	Clinical Advisory Group	Prostheses adviser
CALD	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	Abbreviation
CATI	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview	Abbreviation
CBT	Cognitive Behaviour Therapy	Medical treatment
CC	Complications and/or comorbidities	Abbreviation
CCMR	Centre for Complementary Medicine Research	Academic site

Acronym	Means	Details
CDBS	Child Dental Benefits Schedule Children's Dental Benefits Scheme	Government program
CDO	Collateralised Debt Obligation	Investment term
CDDS	Chronic Dental Disease Scheme	Government program
CFS	Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	Medical condition
CHA	Catholic Health Australia	Industry association
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	Abbreviation
CEPR	Centre for Economic Policy Research	Think tank/academic site
CERA	Centre for Eye Research Australia	Research facility
CFD	Contract For Difference	Investment term
CHD	Coronary Heart Disease	Medical condition
CHERE	Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation	Think tank/academic site
CHF	Consumers Health Forum of Australia	Peak organisation
CHPE	Centre for Health Program Evaluation	Think tank/academic site
CIS	The Centre for Independent Studies	Think tank
CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease	Disease
CMF	Comprehensive Management Framework	Process to review the MBS
COAG	Council of Australian Governments	Peak intergovernmental forum
COB	Close Of Business (time)	Abbreviation
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Medical condition
COSA	Clinical Oncological Society of Australia	Peak professional body
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure	Machine to treat sleep apnoea
CPD	Continuing Professional Development	Abbreviation
CPD	Centre for Policy Development	Think tank
CPE	Continuing Professional Education	Abbreviation
CPHC	Comprehensive Primary Healthcare Centre	Abbreviation - Govt concept
CPI	Consumer Price Index	Abbreviation
CPSA	Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association of NSW Inc.	Lobby group
CRC	COAG Reform Council	
CSIRO	Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation	Government Agency
CSO	Council Supervised Obligation	PHIAC requirement (S200-1)
CMF	Comprehensive Management Framework	Process to review the MBS
CVD	Cardiovascular Disease	Medical condition
DAA	Dietitians Association of Australia	Professional Association
DAE	Deloitte Access Economics	Consulting organisation
DALY	Disability-Adjusted life year	Abbreviation
DBA	Dental Board of Australia	Government Agency
DCIS	Disease Costs and Impact Study	
DHAC	Department of Health and Aged Care (obsolete name)	Government Department
DoH	Department of Health	Government Department
DoHA	Department of Health and Ageing (obsolete name)	Government Department
DHF	Day Hospital Facility	Defined term in the NHA
DIY	Do It Yourself	Abbreviation
DQS	Data Quality Statement	Abbreviation
DR	Disaster Recovery	Abbreviation
DRG	Diagnosis Related Group	Health classification system
DSM	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (of Mental Disorders)	
DSS	Data Set Specification	Abbreviation

Acronym	Means	Details
DVA	Department of Veterans' Affairs	Government Department
ECG	Electrocardiogram	Medical procedure
ECLIPSE	Electronic Claims Lodgement and Information Processing Service Environment	Claims processing channel
ECT	Electro Convulsive Therapy	Medical procedure
ED	Emergency Department	Hospital facility
ED	Eating Disorder	Medical condition grouping
EDL	Exceptional Drug List	Abbreviation
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer	Abbreviation
EFU	Equivalent Family Unit	Health insurance measure (counts half for singles & one for all other memberships). See also SEU in this list
EM	Explanatory Memorandum	Abbreviation
EMSN	Extended Medicare Safety Net	Feature within Medicare
EOI	Expression Of Interest	Abbreviation
EQuIP	Evaluation and Quality Improvement Program	Program of ACHS
ERM	Enterprise Risk Management	Abbreviation
ERP	Estimated Resident Population	Abbreviation
ERS	Electronic Reporting Specification	ATO terminology (on rebates)
ESKD	End-Stage Kidney Disease	Medical condition
ESL	English as a Second Language	Abbreviation
ETR	Exposed to Risk	Actuarial expression
FAI	Femoral acetabular impingement	Medical condition
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions	Abbreviation
FCR	Financial Condition Report	Abbreviation
FED	Front-End Deductible	Abbreviation
FOBT	Faecal Occult Blood Test	Medical test for bowel cancer
FOI	Freedom Of Information	Abbreviation
FRLI	Federal Register of Legislative Instruments	Government website
FTA	Failure To Attend	Abbreviation
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent	
GA	General anaesthetic	Medical procedure
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	Economic term
GFC	Global Financial Crisis	Abbreviation
GP	General Practitioner	Abbreviation
GPEI	Global Polio Eradication Initiative	Government/private program
GRC	Governance, Risk & Compliance	Abbreviation
GSP	Gross State Product	
GST	Goods and Services Tax	Federal legislation
HACC	Home and Community Care	Abbreviation
HAI	Hospital-Acquired Infection	Abbreviation
HALE	Health-Adjusted Life Expectancy	PC terminology
HAMBS	HAMB Systems Ltd	Software supplier for PHI
HBF	Health Benefit Fund	Abbreviation
HCP	Hospital Casemix Protocol	Reporting protocol for data
HDSC	Health Data Standards Committee (now part of National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee)	Government agency
Health	Department of Health	Government Department
HECS	Higher Education Contribution Scheme	Government program

Acronym	Means	Details
HIA	Health Insurance Act 1973	Commonwealth act
HIB	Health insurance business	PHI terminology
HIC	Health Insurance Commission	Government agency
HIIT	High Intensity Interval Training	Physical fitness regime
HILDA	Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia survey	PC terminology (& maybe also ABS)
HIRMAA	Health Insurance Restricted Membership Association of Australia	Industry association
HITH	Hospital in the home	Abbreviation
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus	Virus causing AIDS
HPC	Health Practice Committee	Committee of the IAAust
HPPA	Hospital Purchaser - Provider Agreement	Defined term in the NHA
HRB	Health Related Business	PHI terminology
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission	Government agency
HSRG	Health Services Research Group	Academic site
HTA	Health Technology Assessment	Government review
HWA	Health Workforce Australia	Government agency
IAA	International Actuarial Association	Professional body
IAAust	Institute of Actuaries of Australia	Professional body
IAAHS	International Actuarial Association Health Section	Section within IAA
IAESR	Melbourne Institute of Applied Economics and Social Research	Academic site
IAIS	International Association of Insurance Supervisors	International agency
IBNR	Incurred But Not Reported	Abbreviation
IBS	Irritable Bowel Syndrome	Medical condition
IC	Industry Commission	Government Agency (merged into PC about 1996)
ICD	International Classification of Diseases	
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases and health-related problems, 10 th revision	Used in Australia for mortality data
ICD-10-AM	International Classification of Diseases and health-related problems, 10 th revision, Australian modification	Used in Australia for hospital morbidity data
ICPC	International Classification of Primary Care	
ICSI	Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection	ART technology
ICU	Intensive Care Unit	Hospital facility
IER	Independent Expert Report	Abbreviation
IFC	Informed Financial Consent	Abbreviation
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards	International standard
IGA	Inter-Governmental Agreement	Abbreviation
IGR	Intergenerational Report	Treasury Publication (5/2002)
IHI	Individual Health Identifier	Abbreviation
IHME	Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation	Independent health research centre
IHPA	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority	Government agency
IM	Information Memorandum	Abbreviation
INR	International Normalised Ratio	Pathology measure (of blood)
IP	Intellectual Property	Abbreviation
IPART	Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal of NSW	Government agency
IPD	Implicit Price Deflator	Abbreviation
IPO	Initial Public Offering	Abbreviation
IPS	Incentive Payment Scheme	Facility for claiming PHI rebates at Medicare offices

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IRSD	Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage	Abbreviation
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation	
IT	Information Technology	Abbreviation
IUI	Intrauterine Insemination	Abbreviation
IVF	In-Vitro Fertilisation	Abbreviation
JDRF	Junior Diabetes Research Foundation	Charity/research organisation
K10	Kessler Psychological Distress Scale	Health measure
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	Abbreviation
KRT	Kidney Replacement Therapy	Medical treatment
LAT	Liability Adequacy Test	Test of sufficiency of premium rates (AASB1023)
LFS	Labour Force Survey	ABS process
LHC	Lifetime Health Cover	Defined term in the NHA
LHN	Local Hospital Network	
LIC	Listed Investment Company	Investment term
LOS	Length Of Stay	Abbreviation
MAU	Medical assessment unit	Abbreviation
MBA	Medical Board of Australia	Government agency
MBS	Medicare Benefits Schedule	Schedule of fees and benefits
MD	Managing Director	Abbreviation
MDC	Major Diagnostic Category	Classification within ICD
METeOR	Metadata Online Registry	AIHW facility
MHCA	Mental Health Council of Australia	Industry association
MIAA	Medical Industry Association of Australia	Industry association
MIIAA	Medical Indemnity Industry Association of Australia	Industry association
MICE	Meeting, Conference, Incentive and Exhibition	US industry group acronym
MID	Merger Implementation Deed	Abbreviation
MJA	Medical Journal of Australia	Professional publication
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding	Abbreviation
MPI	Matter of Public Importance	Abbreviation (parliamentary)
MPPA	Medical Purchaser - Provider Agreement	Defined term in the NHA
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	Abbreviation
MS	Multiple Sclerosis	Medical condition
MSAC	Medical Services Advisory Committee	Government agency
MSI	Managing Supervision and Intervention	PHIAC terminology
MSRA	Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia	Research organisation
MTAA	Medical Technology Association of Australia	Industry association
NACA	National Aged Care Alliance	Association
NARI	National Ageing Research Institute	Government agency
NASOG	National Association of Specialist Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	Professional body
NATSEM	National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling	Academic site
NBCC	National Breast Cancer Centre (now Cancer Australia)	Association
NBA	National Blood Authority	Government Agency
NBN	National Broadband Network	Abbreviation
NCCH	National Centre for Classification in Health	Academic site
NCEPH	National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health	Think tank/academic site
NCIRS	National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Research facility
NCOA	National Commission of Audit	Government agency

Acronym	Means	Details
NCVER	National Centre for Vocational Education Research	Government Agency
NEAT	National Emergency Access Target	AIHW terminology
nec	Not elsewhere classified	Abbreviation
NEC	National Efficient Cost	IHPA terminology
NEDC	National Eating Disorders Collaboration	
NEP	National Efficient Price	IHPA terminology
NEST	National Elective Surgery Target	AIHW terminology
NET	Neuroendocrine Tumour	Medical condition
NFP	Not For Profit	Abbreviation (business)
NGO	Non-Government Organisation	Abbreviation
NHA	National Health Act 1953	Commonwealth act
NHA	National Healthcare Agreement National Health Agreement	
NHCA	Natural Health Care Alliance	Industry association
NHCDC	National Hospital Cost Data Collection	
NHDD	National Health Data Dictionary	Abbreviation
NHHRC	National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission	Government Agency
NHISSC	National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee	Government Agency
NHMD	National Hospital Morbidity Database	AIHW collection
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council	Government Agency
NHMS	National Health Measures Survey	
NHPA	National Health Priority Area	
NHPC	National Health Performance Committee	
NHRA	National Health Reform Agreement	
NHS	National Health Service	UK Government Agency
NHS	National Health Survey	Survey conducted by ABS
NHTP	Nursing Home Type Patient	Defined term in the HIA
NHWDS	National Health Workforce Data Set	AIHW classification
NICS	National Institute of Clinical Studies	Government Agency
NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	Hospital facility
NISU	National Injury Surveillance Unit	
NMBA	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia	Government Agency
NMDS	National Minimum Data Set	Abbreviation (AIHW)
NMHC	National Mental Health Commission	Government Agency
NNPAS	National Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey	ABS process
NOM	Net Overseas Migration	Abbreviation (demography)
NP	Nurse Practitioner	Abbreviation
NPA	National Performance Authority	Government agency
NPA	National Partnership Agreement	
NPAT	Net Profit After Tax	Abbreviation (business)
NPDC	National Perinatal Data Collection	Abbreviation
NPESU	National Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit	AIHW affiliate
NPHCP	National Primary Health Care Partnership	Peak health collaboration
NPHEd	National Public Hospital Establishments Database	Abbreviation (AIHW)
NPSU	National Perinatal Statistics Unit	Academic site/AIHW affiliate
NRA	National Reform Agenda	PC terminology
NRAS	National Registration and Accreditation Scheme	Government arrangement
NRHA	National Rural Health Alliance	Lobby group
NSA	National Seniors Australia	Community Association

Acronym	Means	Details
NSAID	Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug	Abbreviation
NSW	New South Wales	Australian State
NT	Northern Territory	Abbreviation
NUM	Nurse Unit Manager	Abbreviation
NWAU	National Weighted Activity Unit	IHPA terminology
OAIC	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	Government agency (privacy)
OBPR	Office of Best Practice Regulation	Government agency
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	Medical condition
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	International Agency
OFPC	Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner	Government agency
OGTR	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Government agency
OH&S	Occupational Health & Safety	Abbreviation
OR	Operating Room	Abbreviation
OSA	Obstructive sleep apnoea	Medical condition
OSR	Office of State Revenue	NSW government agency
OT	Occupational Therapist (or therapy)	Occupation
OTC	Over the counter	Abbreviation
OTD	Overseas Trained Doctors	Abbreviation
pa	per annum	Abbreviation
PANDA	Post and Antenatal Depression Association	Self-help organisation
PBAC	Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee	Government agency
PBPA	Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority	Government agency
PBS	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	Government benefits program
PC	Productivity Commission	Government Agency
PCCL	Patient Complexity and Comorbidity Level	IHPA terminology
PCEHR	Personally-Controlled E-Health Record	Facility established by Govt
PDC	Prostheses and Devices Committee	Government agency
PDF	Portable Document Format	Abbreviation
PEARL	PHIAC Extranet Automated Returns Lodgement	PHIAC procedure
PET	Positron Emission Tomography	Abbreviation
PGA	Pharmacy Guild of Australia	Industry association
PGD	Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis	Medical treatment
PHCO	Primary Health Care Organisation	Abbreviation (Govt proposal)
PHCRIS	Primary Health Care Research & Information Service	Collaborative agency
PHI	Private Health Insurance	Abbreviation
PHIA	Private Health Insurance Act 2007	Commonwealth Act
PHIAC	Private Health Insurance Administration Council	PHI regulator
PHIIA	Private Health Insurance Intermediaries Association	Industry body
PHIIB	Private Health Insurance Incentive Beneficiary	Term defined in PHI Act
PHIIS	Private Health Insurance Incentives Scheme	Federal Government Initiative
PHIO	Private Health Insurance Ombudsman	PHI regulator
PHIQS	Private Health Industry Quality and Safety Committee	Industry committee
PHN	Primary Health Network	Government program
PIAC	Pathways In Aged Care	Research project (AIHW)
PIP	Practice Incentive Program	Government program
pka	Previously known as	Abbreviation
PLAC	Prostheses List Advisory Committee	Prostheses adviser
PMHA	Private Mental Health Alliance	Stakeholder association (previously SPGPPS)
POA	Probability of Adequacy	Abbreviation

Acronym	Means	Details
POA	Power of Attorney	Abbreviation
POA	Price on Application	Abbreviation
PoCE	Panel of Clinical Experts	Prostheses adviser
POW	Prince of Wales Hospital	Public hospital in Sydney
PPHG	Promoting Private Health Group	Peak association
PPP	Public-Private partnership	Abbreviation
PPQ	Possible Parliamentary Question (like QTB)	Abbreviation (public service)
PPSA	Private Patient Service Adjustment	IHPA terminology
PPV	Pay Per View	Abbreviation
PRS	Premiums Reduction Scheme	Formal name for PHI rebate
PSA	Prostate-Specific Antigen	Marker for prostate cancer
PSA	Pharmaceutical Society of Australia	Professional body
PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	Medical condition
PWI	Personal Wellbeing Index	Abbreviation
PYLL	Potential Years of Life Lost	Abbreviation
Q&As	Questions and Answers	Abbreviation
QALY	Quality-Adjusted Life Year	
QIS	Quantitative Impact Study	PHIAC term
QTB	Question Time Brief	Abbreviation (public service)
RA	Remoteness Area	Abbreviation
RAC	Residential Aged Care	Abbreviation (AIHW)
RACGP	Royal Australian College of General Practitioners	Professional body
RACP	Royal Australasian College of Physicians	Professional body
RACS	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	Professional body
RANZCP	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists	Professional body
RAP	Reconciliation Action Plan	Abbreviation
RAPS	Rules Application Processing System	<i>Health</i> software system
RCNA	Royal College of Nursing, Australia	Professional body
RCS	Resident Classification Scale	Abbreviation
RCT	Randomised Control Trial	Abbreviation
RDAA	Rural Doctors Association of Australia	Professional body
REM	Rapid Eye Movement	Abbreviation
RFDS	Royal Flying Doctor Service	NFP charitable service
RFP	Request For Proposal	Abbreviation
RFT	Request For Tender	Abbreviation
RN	Registered nurse	Abbreviation
ROGS	Report On Government Services	Abbreviation
RPA	Royal Prince Alfred Hospital	Public hospital in Sydney
RPBS	Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme	Government benefits program
RSE	Relative Standard Error	Abbreviation
SA	South Australia	Abbreviation
SAB	Staphylococcus Aureus Bacteraemia	Serious bloodstream infection
SACC	Standard Australian Classification of Countries	ABS classification
SCN	Special Care Nursery	Hospital facility
SCoH	Standing Council on Health	Meeting of Australian Health Ministers
SCRGSP	Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision	Government agency administered within ACCC
SCU	Special Care Unit	Hospital facility
SE	Standard Error	Abbreviation

Acronym	Means	Details
SEIFA	Socio-Economic Index For Areas	ABS classification
SES	State Emergency Service	Government agency
SES	Socio-Economic Status	Abbreviation
SEU	Single Equivalent Unit	Health insurance measure (counts one for singles, single parent families and kid-only families & two for all other memberships) See also EFU in this list
SHI	Social Health Insurance	Abbreviation
SIRT	Selective Internal Radiation Therapy	Medical treatment (liver Ca)
SLA	Statistical Local Area	ABS classification
SLA	Service Level Agreement	
SLE	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus	Autoimmune disease
SLK-581	Statistical Linkage Key	Concatenation of 5 characters of name, 8 digit DOB and sex
SMH	Sydney Morning Herald	Sydney newspaper
SOE	Standard Operating Environment	Abbreviation
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure	Abbreviation
SPF	Special Purpose Fund	IHPA terminology
SPGPPS	Strategic Planning Group for Private Psychiatric Services	Stakeholder association (now see PMHA)
SPP	Specific Purpose Payment	Government funding vehicle
STAC	Second Tier Advisory Committee	Government Agency
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	Acronym for these skills
TAI	The Australia Institute	Think tank
TCM	Traditional Chinese Medicine	Health practitioner group
TCP	Transition Care Program	
TFR	Total Fertility Rate	PC terminology
TFSL	Transport Friendly Society Limited	Parent of Transport Health
TGA	Therapeutic Goods Administration	Government Agency
TIA	Transient ischaemic attack	Medical condition
TOR	Terms of Reference	Abbreviation
TPA	Trade Practices Act 1974	Commonwealth act
TPC	Trade Practices Commission	Government Agency (now renamed as the ACCC)
TTR	Teaching, Training and Research	IHPA terminology
UGPA	United General Practice Australia	Coalition of GP groups
UMP	United Medical Protection	Medical indemnity insurer
URL	Uniform Resource Locator	Abbreviation (web-address)
USO	Universal Service Obligation	Abbreviation
VCCC	Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre	Health facility
VET	Vocational Education and Training	
VMO	Visiting Medical Officer	
VSP	Vision Service Plan	US optometrist provider
WHICS	Wachters Health Insurance Computer System	Proprietor's software product
WHO	World Health Organisation	United Nations agency
WHS	Work Health & Safety	Abbreviation
YLD	Years of life Lost due to Disability	Abbreviation
YLL	Years of Life Lost due to premature death	Abbreviation

Other Entities

Acronym	Means	Details
	Cochlear Limited	Listed company
HCN	Health Communication Network	e-health company
	Healthe Australia Pty Ltd	Unlisted private hospital operator
	Healthscope Limited	Listed private hospital operator
	Ramsay Health Care Limited	Listed private hospital operator

Acronym not on the list? Try the [Department of Health and Ageing Glossary](#).

Health Benefit Funds

Acronym	Health Benefits Fund	Market size	Market ranking
ACA	ACA Health Benefits Fund Ltd	0.11%	30
AUHL	Australian Unity Health Ltd	3.12%	6
BUPA	BUPA Australia Pty Ltd	27.66%	2
CBHS	CBHS Health Fund Ltd	1.50%	10
CDH	Cessnock District Health Benefits Fund Ltd	0.05%	34
	CUA Health Ltd (pka Credicare Health Fund)	0.51%	19
	Defence Health Ltd	1.68%	9
DHF	The Doctors' Health Fund Ltd	0.23%	25
GMHBA	GMHBA Ltd	1.73%	8
	Grand United Corporate Health Ltd	0.66%	13
HBF	HBF Health Ltd	6.55%	5
HCI	Health Care Insurance Ltd	0.07%	32
HIF	Health Insurance Fund of Australia Ltd	0.52%	18
	Healthguard Health Benefits Fund Ltd	0.55%	16
HP	Health Partners Ltd	0.66%	14
HPL	Health.com.au Pty Ltd <i>registered 20 December 2011 operating from 3 May 2012</i>	0.14%	27
HCF	The Hospitals Contribution Fund of Australia Ltd	11.42%	3
	Latrobe Health Services Ltd	0.69%	12
Peoplecare	Lysaght Peoplecare Ltd	0.55%	17
MPL	Medibank Private Ltd <i>includes AHM after 30 June 2012</i>	28.88%	1
MDHF	Mildura District Hospital Fund Ltd	0.18%	26
NHBA	National Health Benefits Australia Ltd (pka Onemedifund)	0.12%	29
NIB	NIB Health Funds Ltd	6.60%	4
	Navy Health Ltd	0.28%	24
	Phoenix Health Fund Ltd	0.14%	28
	Police Health Ltd	0.47%	21
	Queensland Country Health Fund Ltd	0.37%	23
TUH	Queensland Teachers' Union Health Fund Ltd	0.60%	15
RT	Railway & Transport Health Fund Ltd	0.49%	20
	Reserve Bank Health Society Ltd	0.06%	33
	St Luke's Medical & Hospital Benefits Association Ltd	0.42%	22
	Teachers Federation Health Ltd	2.20%	7
	Transport Health Pty Ltd	0.08%	31
	Westfund Ltd	0.72%	11

Market size and market ranking in this table are based on HIB premium revenue in PHIAC's Annual Report for 2012/13.