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 immune 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 effortMSA Medical savings accountNEW Native Employment WorksNRC 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

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 Administration
SSI 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