

*Center for Hospice Care*  
**COMMON ABBREVIATIONS**  
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ADC – Average Daily Census  
ALF – Assisted Living facility  
ALOS – Average Length of Stay  
CADS – Center for Adult Day Services  
CAHPS – Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers Survey  
CAM – Complementary Alternative Medicine  
CBSA – Core-Based Statistical Area  
CDE – Community Development Entities  
CHC – Center for Hospice Care  
CMS – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
COPs - Conditions of Participation (Medicare guidelines)  
COTI – Certification of Terminal Illness  
CPC – Center for Palliative Care  
DBA – Died Before Admission  
ECF - Extended Care Facility (nursing homes, assisted living, group homes, convents, etc.)  
EGSS – Evaluation of Grief Support Services (through NHPCO)  
GPIC – Global Partners in Care  
HHM - Home Health Medicare  
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
HIS – Hospice Item Set  
HMB - Hospice Medicare Benefit  
HQRP – Hospice Quality Reporting Program  
IDT - Interdisciplinary Group  
IHPCO - Indiana Hospice and Palliative Care Organization  
IPU – Inpatient Unit (formerly Hospice House)  
ISDH – Indiana State Department of Health  
LCD – Local Coverage Determination  
LTC – Long Term Care facility (nursing home) *or*  
Life Transition Center (bereavement office in Mishawaka)  
MADS – Milton Adult Day Services

MHB - Medicaid Hospice Benefit  
NCHPP – National Council of Hospice & Palliative Professionals  
NHERT – National Hospice Executive Roundtable  
NHPCO - National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization  
OASIS – Outcome Assessment Information Set  
OIG - Office of Inspector General  
PACE – Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly  
PCAU – Palliative Care Association of Uganda  
PCC – Patient Care Coordinator (nursing supervisors)  
PCG - Primary Caregiver  
PEPPER Report – Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Report (as designated by CMS)  
PHB - Private Hospice Benefit (commercial insurance, billed per diem)  
POC – Plan of Care  
PRN – as needed staff (*Latin: pro re nata*)  
PVT - Private Insurance (commercial insurance, billed per visit)  
QA – Quality Assurance (medical records and auditing)  
QAPI – Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement  
QI – Quality Improvement  
SC - Self- Pay (Supportive Care)  
SHB – Self-Pay Hospice Benefit  
SIA – Service Intensity Add-on (*Medicare payment*)  
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facility