Abbreviations

AB Aid to the Blind **ACF** Administration for Children and Families **ACR** Adjusted Community Rate **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 **DHHS** Department of Health and Human Services DI Disability Insurance Durable medical equipment **DME** DOE Department of Energy DOL Department of Labor **DRG** Diagnosis-related group EΑ **Emergency Assistance EBT** Electronic benefit transfer **EPSDT** Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program **ESRD** End-stage renal disease **FDA** Food and Drug Administration **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 **GPO** Government Pension Offset **HCBS** Home and community based services **HCFA** Health Care Financing Administration HHA Home health agency **HHS** Department of Health and Human Services н Hospital Insurance HΙV Human immunodeficiency virus **HMO** Health maintenance organization **ICF** Intermediate care facility ICFs/MR Intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded LIHEAP Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program **LTC** Long-term care MA Medicare Advantage **MBC** Monthly benefit credited **MBR** Master Beneficiary Record **MCCA** Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act **MCCRA** Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Repeal Act Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act MMA MN Medically needy **MSA** Medical savings account **NRC** 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 PDP Prescription Drug Plan **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 **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 TDI Temporary Disability Insurance **TEFRA** Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act **TWP** Trial work period USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture VA Department of Veterans Affairs **VEAP** Veterans' Educational Assistance Program

WEP Windfall Elimination Provision

WIN Work Incentive Program