

Acronyms Used in Credentialing

ABMS:	American Board of Medical Specialties
ACNM:	American College of Nurse-Midwives
ADA:	American Dental Association
AHA:	American Hospital Association
AMA:	American Medical Association
ANA:	American Nurses Association
AOA:	American Osteopathic Association
BPHC:	Bureau of Primary Health Care
CAQH:	Council on Affordable Quality Healthcare
CNM:	Certified Nurse Midwife
CV:	Curriculum Vitae
DDS:	Doctor of Dental Surgery
DEA:	Drug Enforcement Administration
DMD:	Doctor of Medical Dentistry
DO:	Doctor of Osteopathy
ECFMG:	Education Committee for Foreign Medical Graduates
FNP:	Family Nurse Practitioner
FQHC:	Federally Qualified Community Health Centers
FTCA:	Federal Tort Claims Act or Medical Malpractice Coverage for Health Centers
GNP:	Geriatric Nurse Practitioner
HR:	Human Resources
HRSA:	Health Resources Service Administration
JCAHO:	The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (Now TJC)
LIP:	Licensed Independent Practitioner
Locum Tenens:	See Below
MD:	Medical Doctor

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NACHC:	National Association of Community Health Centers
NCCPA:	National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
NPDB:	National Practitioner Data Base
OIG:	Office of Inspector General
OLCP:	Other Licensed or Certified Practitioner
PA:	Physician Assistant
PAL:	Program Assistance Letter (Issued by HRSA / BPHC)
PDS:	Proactive Discloser System
PIN:	Policy Information Notice (Issued by HRSA / BPHC)
PNP:	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
RD:	Registered Dietician
RDH:	Registered Dental Hygienist
TJC:	The Joint Commission (Formerly JCAHO)
UPD:	Universal Provider Database
URAC:	Utilization Review Accreditation Commission

Locum Tenens: A *locum* is a person who temporarily fulfills the duties of another. The word *locum* is short for the Latin phrase *locum tenens* (lit. "place holder", akin to the French lieutenant).