

# Getting Started with Billing Acronyms

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Medical Billing (also known as RCM- Revenue Cycle Management) uses an alphabet soup of acronyms. Let's start by defining the codes used to build and bill medical claims.

- **CPT** - Current Procedural Terminology - codes used to report medical, surgical, and diagnostic procedures
  - **EIN** - Employer ID number - a 9-digit number assigned by the IRS to identify businesses
  - **HCPCS** - Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System - codes used to report products, supplies, and services not included in the CPT code set
  - **ICD-10** - International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Edition - codes used to report a patient's diagnosis
  - **NDC** - National Drug Code - a three-segment number used to identify finished, unfinished, and compounded drug products
  - **NPI** - National Provider Identifier - a 10-digit code assigned to each provider (can also be assigned as a type 2 organizational NPI) used to identify who provided services to a patient.
  - **TIN** - Tax-ID number - used by payers to ensure records are kept of who is paid and how much.
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