

# Comptionary

## Glossary of Commonly Used Workers' Compensation and Medical Terms

The abbreviations specific to the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware are identified after the explanation with either (DC), (MD), (VA), or (DE)



| ABBREVIATION/<br>ACRONYM | EXPLANATION  | ABBREVIATION/<br>ACRONYM | EXPLANATION  |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| A&R                      | Agreement and Receipt (DE)   | EFR                      | Employer's first report (MD)   |
| AI                       | Accidental injury (single traumatic event)   | ER                       | Employer   |
| ADL                      | Activities of daily living   | FCE                      | Functional Capacity Evaluation (MD)  |
| AFCS                     | Agreement of Final Compromise and Settlement (fully closes a claim; also known as a "full and final") (MD) | FRI                      | First Report of Injury (DE)  |
| Agreement                | Agreement as to Compensation (DE)  | HCAP                     | Health Care Advisory Panel (DE)  |
| A/H                      | Application for Hearing (VA)   | HCPG                     | Health Care Practice Guidelines (DE)   |
| ALJ                      | Administrative Law Judge (DC)  | HCPS                     | Health Care Payment System (DE)  |
| AMA                      | American Medical Association   | HO                       | Hearing Officer (DE)   |
| AMA Guides               | AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (DE)  | HRG                      | Hearing Huffman Civil claim for delay in payment of agreed upon benefits (DE)            |
| APB                      | Agreement to Pay Benefits (VA)   | IAB or Board             | Industrial Accident Board (DE)   |
| AWW                      | Average weekly wage (generally based on 14 weeks gross wages immediately preceding D/L in (MD))            | ILU                      | Industrial loss of use   |
| CFB                      | Claim for Benefits (VA)  | IME                      | Independent medical examination  |
| CLT                      | Claimant   | CEIC                     | Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Co. (MD)   |
| Commutation              | Full and final settlement of a claim or lump sum payment of one or more benefits (DE)                      | JPHS                     | Joint Pre-Hearing Statement (DC)   |
| Cont.                    | Continued (as in a hearing)  | Legal                    | Motion hearing on legal issue  |
| CR                       | Comp rate (for lost time, 2/3 of AWW)  | LD                       | Light duty   |
| C/R                      | Causal relationship  | LT                       | Lost time  |
| Consideration Date       | Date by which contesting issues must be filed (MD)   | LMS                      | Labor Market Survey  |
| DACD                     | Petition to Determine Additional Compensation due (DE)   | MMI                      | Maximum medical improvement  |
| DCD                      | Petition to Determine Compensation due (DE)  | MO                       | Medical only claim (NLT)   |
| DC                       | Deputy Commissioner (VA)   | NCLT                     | No compensable lost time (3 days or less in MD)  |
| DORS                     | Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Rehabilitation Services (MD)                           | NCM                      | Nurse case management  |
| D/L                      | Date of loss   | N/E                      | Nature and extent of PPD (also "N&E")  |
| DME                      | Defense Medical Examination (DE)   | NLT                      | No lost time   |
| DOES                     | Department of Employment Services (DC)   | OC/AC                    | Occupational accident insurance  |
| DOL                      | Department of Labor (DE)   | OCC                      | Occurrence   |
| EAR                      | Employer's Accident Report (VA)  | OD                       | Occupational disease   |
| ECF                      | Employee claim form (MD)   | OHA                      | Office of Hearings and Adjudication (DC)   |
| EE                       | Employee   | OWC                      | Office of Workers' Compensation (DC/DE)  |
|                          |  | P and O                  | Petition and Order for Compromise Settlement (VA)  |
|                          |  | PPD                      | Permanent partial disability   |
|                          |  | PTM                      | Pretrial Memorandum (DE)   |
|                          |  | PRAC                     | Practitioner/Member of a "Provider" who provides vocational rehabilitation services (MD) |

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| PVDR                             | Provider/Company which facilitates vocational rehabilitation services (MD)    | SOL                              | Statute of Limitations (DE)                    |
| Receipt                          | Receipt of Compensation Paid (DE)   | Stip                             | Stipulation (does not close claim)             |
| RFP                              | Request for Production (DE)   | STD                              | Short term disability                          |
| ROR                              | Reset on request (no hearing to be scheduled until requested by a party) (MD) | TPA                              | Third party administrator                      |
| RQR                              | Request for Review (VA)   | TPD                              | Temporary Partial Disability (DE)              |
| RPT                              | Registered physical therapist   | Subro                            | Subrogation (3rd-party claim)                  |
| RTW                              | Return to work  | TPD                              | Temporary partial disability                   |
| Rating                           | Permanent impairment evaluation, usually expressed as a numerical percentage  | TT                               | Temporary total disability (also "TTD")        |
| SAPB                             | Supplemental Agreement to Pay Benefits (VA)                                   | TWLA                             | Termination of Wage Loss Award (VA)            |
| SAWW                             | State average weekly wage   | UEF                              | Uninsured Employers Fund (MD)                  |
| SIF                              | Subsequent Injury Fund (MD)   | UR                               | Utilization Review (DE)                        |
| SIF                              | Workers Compensation Fund or Second Injury Fund (DE)                          | VC                               | Vocational Counselor                           |
| SIG                              | Self-insurance group  | VOC                              | Vocational rehabilitation                      |
|                                  |   | VR                               | Vocational rehabilitation                      |
|                                  |   | VRP                              | Vocational Rehabilitation/Retraining Plan      |
|                                  |   | VWC                              | Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VA) |
|                                  |   | WCC                              | Workers' Compensation Commission (MD)          |

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| C/O                              | Complaints of                                     | NSAID                            | Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug       |
| CT Scan                          | Cranial axial tomography (also known as CAT scan) | ORIF                             | Open reduction internal fixation           |
| CTS                              | Carpal tunnel syndrome                            | PMH                              | Past medical history                       |
| D/C                              | Discharged  | PRN                              | Patient to return as necessary             |
| DM                               | Diabetes mellitus                                 | PT                               | Physical therapy                           |
| DX                               | Diagnosis   | RLE                              | Right lower extremity                      |
| EMG                              | Electromyography                                  | R/O                              | Rule out                                   |
| ETOH                             | Alcohol   | ROM                              | Range of motion                            |
| FCE                              | Functional capacity evaluation                    | RSD                              | Reflex sympathetic dystrophy               |
| FX                               | Fracture  | RTC                              | Return to clinic                           |
| HBP                              | High blood pressure                               | RTO                              | Return to office                           |
| HNP                              | Herniated nucleus pulposus (herniated disc)       | RUE                              | Right upper extremity                      |
| H/O                              | History of  | RX                               | Prescription                               |
| HPI                              | History of present illness                        | SLR                              | Straight leg raising/raise                 |
| HPN                              | Hypertension                                      | SX                               | Symptoms or surgery                        |
| HX                               | History   | TENS                             | Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator |
| LLE                              | Left lower extremity                              | TMJ                              | Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction        |
| LUE                              | Left upper extremity                              | TX                               | Treatment                                  |
| MRI                              | Magnetic resonance imaging                        | Y/O                              | Years old                                  |
| NCS                              | Nerve conduction study                            | WNL                              | Within normal limits                       |
|                                  |   | WT                               | Weight                                     |