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*Abbreviations*

ACE	Agency for Care Effectiveness
AIC	Agency for Integrated Care
ALOS	average length of stay
CDMP	Chronic Disease Management Programme
CGHS	Central Government Health Scheme
CHAS	Community Health Assist Scheme
CHCs	community health centres
Covid-19	coronavirus-19
CMS	Cooperative Medical System
C-section	caesarean delivery
CSMBS	Civil Servants Medical Benefit Scheme
CSSA	Comprehensive Social Security Allowance
DBP	disease-based payment
DH	Department of Health (Hong Kong)
DHS	district health system
DREC	Drug Reimbursement Evaluation Committee
DRG	diagnosis-related group
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
ESIC	Employees' State Insurance Corporation
ESIS	Employees' State Insurance Scheme
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FDI	foreign direct investment
FHB	Food and Health Bureau
FFS	fee for service
GBD	Global Burden of Disease study
GDP	gross domestic product
GIS	Government Insurance Scheme
GP	general practitioner / general practice
GPO	Government Pharmaceutical Organization
H1N1	influenza A virus subtype H1N1

HA	Hospital Authority
HAI	Healthcare Accreditation Institute
HALE	health adjusted life expectancy
HCSA	Healthcare Services Act (Singapore)
HIPDC	Health Insurance Policy Deliberation Committee
HIRA	Health Insurance Review Agency
HIRA-VIP	HIRA-Value Incentive Program
HITAP	Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program
HK\$	Hong Kong dollar
HLEG	High Level Expert Group
HMC	Hospital Management Council
HPA	Health Protection Account
HPS	Health Protection Scheme
HSP	Hospital Security Plan
HSRI	Health Systems Research Institute
HTA	Health Technology Assessment
ICU	intensive care unit
IHiS	Integrated Health Information Systems
IHPP	International Health Policy Program
IMR	infant mortality rate
INR	Indian rupee
IP	Integrated Shield Plan
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
KFDA	Korea Food and Drug Administration
KRW	Korean won
LIC	Low Income Card
LIS	Labour Insurance System
LOS	length of stay
MAF	Medication Assistance Fund
MDEC	Medical Device Expert Committee
MDGs	millennium development goals
Medicaid	Medical Aid program
MERS	Middle East Respiratory Syndrome
MFAS	Medical Financial Assistance Scheme
MFDS	Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (Korea)
ML	Medishield Life

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MoH	Ministry of Health (India)
MOHH	Ministry of Health Holdings Private Limited
MOHW	Ministry of Health and Welfare (Korea)
MOPH	Ministry of Public Health (Thailand)
MRD	Medical Registration Division
MSA	Medical Savings Account
MSF	Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Korea)
NCMS	New Cooperative Medical Scheme
NECA	National Evidence-based Collaborating Agency
NEHR	National Electronic Health Record
NHA	National Health Assembly
NHC	National Health Commission
NHCO	National Health Commission Office
NHFPC	National Health and Family Planning Commission
NHG	National Healthcare Group
NHI	National Health Insurance
NHIC	National Health Insurance Corporation
NHIS	National Health Insurance Service
NHM	National Health Mission
NHP	National Health Plan
NHS	National Health Service
NHSA	National Healthcare Security Administration
NHSB	National Health Security Board
NHSO	National Health Security Office
NLEM	National List of Essential Medicines (Thailand)
NPM	New Public Management
NRCMS	New Rural Cooperative Medical Scheme
NRHM	National Rural Health Mission
NSHC	National Standards for Health Care
NUHS	National University Health System
NUS	National University of Singapore
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OOP	Out of Pocket
P4P	Payment for Performance
PAP	People's Action Party

PCC	Primary Care Cluster
PCN	Primary Care Network
PHC	Primary Health Care
PHCs	primary health centres
PHMC	Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics
PHMCA	Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (Singapore)
PM-JAY	Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
RBRVS	Resource-Based Relative Value Score
RHS	Regional Health Systems
RMB	renminbi
RSBY	Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SDL	Standard Drug List
SHI	Social Health Insurance
SingHealth	Singapore Health Services
SLA	Service-Level Agreement
SOEs	State-Owned Enterprises
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SSO	Social Security Office
SSS	Social Security Scheme
TRTP	Thai Rak Thai Party
THE	Total Health Expenditure
THPF	Thai Health Promotion Foundation
UCS	Universal Coverage Scheme
UEBMI	Urban Employee Basic Medical Insurance
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
URBM	Urban workers
URBMI	Urban Resident Basic Medical Insurance
USD	\$US
VHCS	Voluntary Health Card Scheme
VHIS	Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme
WCS	Workman's Compensation Scheme
WHO	World Health Organization
YLL	Years of Life Lost