**Acronyms**

Because of the many terms to which we refer by acronym in this final rule, we are listing the acronyms used and their corresponding meanings in alphabetical order below:

AAA Area Agencies on Aging

ACL Administration for Community Living

ADL Activities of Daily Living

AHCA American Health Care Association

AHLA American Health Lawyers Association

ANSI American National Standards Institute

ASPE Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

BPSD Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia

CASPER Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports

CIL Centers for Independent Living

CLIA Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment

CMS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CNS Clinical Nurse Specialist

CPR Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

DoN Director of Nursing

EHR Electronic Health Records

FDA Food and Drug Administration

GAO Government Accountability Office

HACCP Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point

HAI Healthcare-Associated Infection

HHS U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

ICN International Council of Nurses

IDT Interdisciplinary Team

IG Interpretive Guidance

IP Infection Preventionist

IPCP Infection Prevention and Control Program

LSC Life Safety Code

LTC Long-Term Care

NATCEP Nurse Aide Training Competency Evaluation Program

MAR Medication Administration Record

MDS Minimum Data Set

NA Nurse Aide

NF Nursing Facility

NP Nurse Practitioner

OIG Office of the Inspector General

OMB Office of Management and Budget

ONC Office of the National Coordinator

PA Physician Assistant

PASARR Preadmission Screening and Resident Review

PIPs Performance Improvement Projects

PEU Protein-Energy under Nutrition

QA Quality Assurance

QAA Quality Assessment and Assurance

QAPI Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement

QIO Quality Improvement Organization

RFA Regulatory Flexibility Act

RN Registered Nurse

SNF Skilled Nursing Facility

WHO World Health Organization