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Common U.S. Healthcare Terms Infographic

Healthcare VA Learning Hub | Learn US Healthcare Admin One Workflow at a Time.

Resource type	Infographic
Who it is for	Beginners learning healthcare admin, Medical VA, scheduling, billing, eligibility, prior authorization, and AR terms.
When to use it	Use as a quick visual glossary before deeper workflow practice.
How to use it	Review the visual, then choose three terms and explain where, why, and what-if-wrong for each.
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Core learning rule: Where does this happen? Why does it matter? What happens if it is wrong?

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Beginner terms that make the workflow easier to understand.

TYPE	Infographic
WHO	Medical VA, billing, scheduling, and RCM beginners.
WHEN	Use before reading detailed modules or building practice notes.
HOW	Read each term with the question: Where does this appear in the workflow?
Workflow stage: Foundation / vocabulary	
Patient	Person receiving healthcare services.
Provider	Person or organization delivering healthcare services.
Payer	Insurance company or program that processes claims.
Claim	Bill sent to request payment for covered services.
Eligibility	Whether coverage is active for the date/service checked.
Benefits	Plan details such as copay, deductible, coinsurance, limits, and network.
Authorization	Payer approval that may be required before certain services.
AR	Accounts receivable follow-up for unpaid, denied, or unresolved balances.
COMMON MISTAKE AVOIDED Learning definitions only, without connecting each term to front-end, middle, or back-end RCM.	
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SOURCE / REVIEW NOTE This beginner resource explains general healthcare admin workflow concepts. Verify current requirements with official sources, employer policy, payer rules, client instructions, and updated guidance. Last reviewed: July 2026.	

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How to use this infographic

1. Pick one term.
2. Say where it appears in the claim lifecycle.
3. Say why it matters.

4. Say what can go wrong if it is incorrect or misunderstood.
5. Write a fictional one-sentence practice example.

Common beginner mistakes

- Memorizing vocabulary without workflow context.
- Thinking active eligibility means payment is guaranteed.
- Confusing payer approval with final claim payment.
- Using unclear abbreviations in notes.
- Using real patient or account data while practicing.

Safe practice reminder

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Recommended next step

Next: use the Medical Billing Workflow Infographic to place each term into the claim lifecycle.