

EMAIL ALERT

New Advance Beneficiary Notice

When providers expect Medicare to deny coverage for a health care item or service, they are required to issue the Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) form to Medicare beneficiaries. The provider's failure to do so can make it illegal for the provider to subsequently bill the patient for the health care item or service. All Medicare suppliers and providers are required to use the ABN, except for home health care agencies who are required to use a different ABN form. The most recent version of the ABN is now available for providers to use. The new ABN must be used on and after November 1, 2011. Use of the old ABN after that date is the equivalent of not obtaining an ABN. If you have any questions about the ABN form or its applicability to your organization, please contact us.



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