Hospice Guidelines for the Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) (CMS-R-131)

Hospice Appropriateness
Does the beneficiary meet Medicare’s “terminally ill” definition?
- Yes
- No

Are hospice services still going to be provided?
- No
- Yes

The Hospice ABN is not required.
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Level of Care
Is the hospice level of care (i.e. GIP, routine, etc.) reasonable and medically necessary to manage their terminal illness?
- Yes
- No

Are hospice services still going to be provided at this level of care?
- No
- Yes

The Hospice ABN is not required.
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Other Services
Are the items/services that are billed separate from the hospice payment (i.e. physician services) reasonable and medically necessary?
- Yes
- No

Are these hospice services (i.e. physician services) still going to be provided?
- No
- Yes

The Hospice ABN is not required.
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Other situations in which a Hospice ABN is NOT required:
- Revocations
- Respite care exceeding five consecutive days*
- Transfers
- Services unrelated to the terminal diagnosis

*Providers are encouraged to give the ABN as a voluntary notice in these cases.

The ABN can also be issued voluntarily in place of the Notice of Exclusion of Medicare Benefits (NEMB) for care that is never covered by Medicare.

For more information, go to the ‘FFS Revised ABN’ Web page at http://www.cms.gov/BNI/02_ABN.asp

Hospice Guidelines for the Expedited Determination (ED) Notice (CMS-10123 and CMS-10124)

Are all Medicare-covered hospice service ending?
- Yes
- No

The Generic ED Notice is not required.
The Generic ED Notice is required.

Are the hospice services ending due to beneficiary revocation?
- Yes
- No

The Generic ED Notice is not required.
The Generic ED Notice is required.

Are the hospice services ending due to a hospice transfer?
- Yes
- No

The Generic ED Notice is not required.
The Generic ED Notice is not required.

Did the QIO notify you the beneficiary has appealed the termination?
- Yes
- No

No additional action is necessary.
A Detailed ED Notice (CMS-10124) must be given to the beneficiary by close of business on the day QIO notified you.

For more information, go to the ‘FFS ED Notices’ Web page at http://www.cms.gov/BNI/06_FFSEDNotices.asp

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