

ASHT – Practice Division

Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN)

The Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) is utilized with Medicare beneficiaries to place on notice of items or services that will not be covered under the Medicare benefit. The ABN is used to transfer the potential financial liability from Medicare to beneficiary. The beneficiary must be given prior notice of the transfer of financial liability before any service or item is provided. The ABN must be reviewed with the beneficiary or his/her representative and any questions must be answered prior to signing the document. Once the form is completed, a copy is provided to the beneficiary or representative. The notifier/provider must keep a copy of the completed and signed ABN within the beneficiary's file.

An updated ABN was available to start use on January 1, 2021. Please visit this site for the updated version and detailed instructions for use with the Medicare population.

- Complete sections A-C prior to providing the form to the beneficiary
- Complete sections D-F with beneficiary to describe the service, what is the cost, and reason why Medicare may not cover the service
- The beneficiary will complete section G by choosing option 1, 2, or 3
- A signature is required to complete the form along with a date (sections I and J)
- The entire form must be completed on a single page document

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/ABN>