



Urgent Client Notice: Revised Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Non-Coverage (ABN)

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The **Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage (ABN), Form CMS-R-131** helps Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) beneficiaries make informed decisions about items and services Medicare usually covers, but may not. An ABN is issued by providers to Medicare beneficiaries in situations where Medicare payment is expected to be denied.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) had extended the deadline to use ABN form CMS-R-131, with an expiration date of 03/2020, through the end of 2020.

However, **the renewed ABN, with an expiration date of 06/30/2023, will be mandatory to use starting 1/1/2021.** The ABN update includes a revised footer and expiration date, but no other changes to the form have been made. The new ABN should have the following footer:

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-0566. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 7 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Form CMS-R-131 (Exp. 06/30/2023)

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If your current ABN forms have an expiration date of 03/2020, please discard them and contact your CPL Account Representative for new forms. **ABN Forms with a 03/2020 expiration date will be ineligible to use after 1/1/2021.**

As always, you may utilize CPL's Atlas ordering system to generate a pre-populated ABN or visit www.cpllabs.com/clinicians/medicare-medical-necessity to access a quick ABN to verify Medicare Medical Necessity.

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