



Do you know what an ABN form is and why it is provided to Medicare patients?

The Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (**ABN**) serves several purposes:

1. **Notification:** It informs Medicare beneficiaries that Medicare may not cover a specific service, item, or procedure that their healthcare provider recommends or provides.
2. **Financial Responsibility:** It notifies beneficiaries that they may be responsible for payment if Medicare denies coverage for the service or item.
3. **Informed Decision-Making:** It empowers beneficiaries to make informed decisions about their healthcare by providing them with information about potential costs and coverage limitations.
4. **Appeals Process:** It helps beneficiaries understand their rights to appeal Medicare coverage decisions if they disagree with the determination of non-coverage.
5. **Compliance:** It ensures compliance with Medicare regulations, as providers are required to issue an ABN in certain situations where Medicare coverage is uncertain.

Overall, the ABN facilitates transparency, clarity, and accountability in the Medicare coverage process, benefiting both beneficiaries and healthcare providers.