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### WHAT IS AN ABN?

An Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) is a written notice that a provider/supplier gives to a Medicare patient before items or services are rendered when the provider/supplier believes Medicare probably/certainly will not pay for some or all of the items or services.

ABNs should only be provided to Medicare beneficiaries. The ABN allows the beneficiary to make an informed decision about whether to receive services that he may be financially responsible for paying. The ABN serves as proof the patient had knowledge prior to receiving the service that Medicare might not pay. If a provider does not deliver a proper ABN to the patient, the patient cannot be billed for the service.

### CMS WEB RESOURCES

Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) Booklet

[http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/ABN\\_Booklet\\_ICN006266.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/ABN_Booklet_ICN006266.pdf)

Beneficiary Notices Initiative (BNI)

<http://www.cms.gov/BNI/>

### TRAILBLAZER HEALTH ENTERPRISES® WEB RESOURCES

Local Coverage Determinations

<http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Tools/LCDs.aspx?DomainID=1>

Modifier Code Search Tool

<http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Tools/ModifierCodeSearch.aspx?DomainID=1>

Part A ABN Modifiers Job Aid

[http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Publications/Job\\_Aid/abnmodifiers.pdf](http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Publications/Job_Aid/abnmodifiers.pdf)