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I have just downloaded the proposed new ABN and am absolutely horrified by the errors in it.

See the copy attached and corrections below.

- 1) The quote mark should appear after the period. Should bedescribed under "Reason."
- 2) "You may receive"
- 3) 'about' is superfluous when used with 'estimated.' Should be "We have estimated how much you may ... "
- 4) Should be " opinion that Medicare will not pay."
- 5) Should be " ... though Medicare does not require us to do this."
- 6) The 3rd sentence under #3 makes no sense. "You can ask for payment now that will be refunded if Medicare pays." Does this sentence refer to the doctor or to the patient? If it pertains to the patient why would the patient ask for payment; and payment from whom?
- 7) Privacy Notice at bottom-'Privacy' is misspelled.
- 8) "things" is not very expressive, PLUS it may not be a thing but a service. Therefore suggest the sentence read: "NOTE: There are limits to what Medicare will pay for; you may have to pay."
- 9) I questions that there is such a word as noncoverage. I believe it should be Non-coverage or Non-Coverage but that should be determined by an appropriate editor.
- 10) Replace the word "get" with "receive" a copy.

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