

Crosswalk Document for Changes to CMS-R-131  
Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage  
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Summary of Changes to CMS-R-131:

The Advance of Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) is delivered to beneficiaries in certain instances by Part B paid physicians, providers (including institutional providers like outpatient hospitals), practitioners (such as chiropractors), and suppliers, as well as hospice providers and Religious Non-medical Health Care Institutions paid under Part A. Home health agencies providing items and services under Part A or Part B also use the ABN since 2013. Other Medicare institutional providers paid under Part A use other approved notices for this purpose. Delivery of this liability notice is required prior to beneficiaries receiving usually covered items or services that might not be paid for by Medicare in a specific instance. The ABN was last approved under PRA in 2013 and non-substantive changes to the ABN form instructions addressing ABN issuance for non-assigned claims were approved on June 30, 2015. With this submission, there is one minimal, non-substantive change to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), which requires Federal Agencies to be non-discriminatory and provide this publication in an alternative format if needed. No substantive changes have been made to the existing form.

The following non-substantive changes have been made to the form:

- The form has been revised to include language informing beneficiaries of CMS nondiscrimination practices and their right to request this publication in an alternative format if needed.

The following non-substantive changes have been made to the form instructions:

- Minor language and grammar edits were made throughout the form instructions to improve comprehension and decrease the probability of provider/supplier error in completing the ABN.
- Incorrect reference to §50.14.3 in the form instructions was changed to the correct reference §50.7.1(b).

The ABN is an existing collection and is in use. It is our expectation that the non-substantive changes to the form and form instructions will have little effect on burden for all users. The Section 504 requirement was in effect with the prior notice, and including standard CMS language to advise the beneficiary of nondiscrimination and availability of alternate forms of this notice is not expected to change burden estimates associated with the ABN. Minor edits to the form instruction were made to provide clarity and assist providers/suppliers with proper ABN delivery, which should slightly ease the burden of form completion, but is not expected to cause a dramatic change in burden estimates for the ABN.