

Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) Use Expanding

Effective Date: July 18, 2023

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Medicare does not pay for services (exams, tests, procedures, etc.) unless medical necessity exists and is documented in the patient record. In many cases, additional conditions for coverage are based on frequency of testing. If Medicare will not pay for a test or service, but the physician or advance practice provider (APP) believes it is still appropriate, an Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) must be provided to the patient in advance, informing them of the potential for non-coverage by Medicare.

To ensure we are fully meeting Medicare requirements, **on Tuesday, July 18, 2023**, Corewell Health will turn on additional ABN features in Epic for several tests, exams, and procedures. These additional notices will “flag” medical necessity as well as frequency of orders. In line with our current policies and as required by Medicare rules, Corewell Health, ordering physicians, and APP’s (including employed physicians and APP’s and independent physician offices that utilize the Community Connect platform) are responsible for collecting patient signatures on ABN’s or informing patients of the need to complete an ABN at the time of test collection. Ordering physicians and APP’s are also responsible for ensuring the medical record reflects medical necessity for testing.

If you do not order in EPIC, there is still an expectation that a review of the order and coverage determination is completed. If an ABN is required, it should be presented at the office and completed by the representative and the patient.

ABN’s are not new, but they will now be required for more tests and procedures based on frequency of testing. The lab procedures that we will expect an ABN due to frequency are:

- Lipid Panel
- Hemoglobin A1C
- Thyroid Stimulating Hormone
- 25 Hydroxy Vitamin D
- Prostate Specific Antigen, Screening

You can learn more about ABN requirements here:

- [Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual \(cms.gov\)](#)
- [Preventive Services \(medicare.gov\)](#)
- [Search CMS](#)

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If you have questions, please contact please contact your Beaumont Laboratory Customer Service Department:

- Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak, and Troy: 800-551-0488 or 248-551-1155, Option 5
- Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton, and Wayne: 800-245-3725, Option 1

Laboratory Test Directory: <http://beaumontlaboratory.com/test-lab-directory>.

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