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UPDATED CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS) SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF) ADVANCED BENEFICIARY NOTICE (ABN) FORM CMS-10055

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

We are writing to inform providers of the updates that CMS made to the SNF ABN Form CMS-10055, and the form instructions. The SNF ABN provides information to the resident so they can decide whether or not to receive care that Medicare may not cover and pay for it themselves.

Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) are required to notify Original Medicare (fee-for-service - FFS) beneficiaries (residents) to transfer potential financial liability **before** providing:

- An item or service that is usually paid for by Medicare, but may not be paid for because it is not deemed medically reasonable and necessary; or
- Custodial care.

During the initial, recertification surveys and/or complaint investigations, the SNF Beneficiary Notification Review is conducted to evaluate a SNFs compliance with the requirements to notify Medicare beneficiaries.

On **August 28, 2024**, CMS revised the CMS SNF ABN, Form CMS-10055, and the form instructions.

- The updated SNF ABN form and instructions are available for download on the CMS [FFS SNF ABN](#) webpage.
- The updated form and instructions are available for(2024) immediate use and will become **mandatory** for use on **October 31, 2024**.

Starting October 31, 2024:

SNFs will:

- Provide residents or resident representatives with the updated SNF ABN Form CMS-10055 (2024) for residents whose Medicare Part A coverage is ending or when services may no longer be covered, with benefit days remaining.
- Be cited for noncompliance at **F582**, when failing to provide residents or resident representatives the updated SNF ABN form.

RCS Staff will:

- When conducting the SNF Beneficiary Notification Review, make sure to obtain the updated SNF ABN Form CMS-10055 (2024) from the SNF. Confirm the SNF has provided the updated form to residents discharged from a Medicare covered Part A stay with benefit days remaining.
- Issue a citation for noncompliance at **F582**, when the SNF does not issue the updated SNF ABN form to residents or their representatives starting October 31, 2024. CMS has directed the state agency to cite as the updated form is mandatory, and provides a more thorough explanation of resident rights and choices.

If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Meyers, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, at (360) 464-0373 or Tiffany.Meyers@dshs.wa.gov.

In addition, questions regarding the SNF ABN or ABN can be submitted to CMS at: <https://appeals.lmi.org/>.

Sincerely,

 for Amy Abbott

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Related References: [FFS SNF ABN webpage](#),
[SNF ABN \(CMS-10055\) \(PDF\)](#),
[SNF ABN Instructions \(PDF\)](#)
[F582 - SOM Appendix PP \(Revised 8/8/2024\)](#)