Hospice Guidelines for the Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN)
(CMS-R-131)

**Hospice Appropriateness**
Does the beneficiary meet Medicare’s “terminally ill” definition?

- **Yes**
  - Level of Care
    - Is the hospice level of care (i.e. GIP, routine, etc.) reasonable and medically necessary to manage their terminal illness?
      - **Yes**
        - Other Services
          - Are the items/services that are billed separate from the hospice payment (i.e. physician services) reasonable and medically necessary?
            - **Yes**
              - The Hospice ABN is required.
            - **No**
              - The Hospice ABN is not required.
        - **No**
          - The Hospice ABN is not required.
  - **No**
    - Are hospice services still going to be provided?
      - **Yes**
        - The Hospice ABN is not required.
      - **No**
        - The Hospice ABN is required.

**Other situations in which a Hospice ABN is NOT required:**
- Revocations
- Respite care exceeding five consecutive days*
- Transfers
- Services unrelated to the terminal diagnosis

The ABN can also be issued voluntarily in place of the Notice of Exclusion of Medicare Benefits (NEMB) for care that is never covered by Medicare.

For more information, go to the “FFS Revised ABN” Web page at: [http://www.cms.gov/BNI/02_ABN.asp](http://www.cms.gov/BNI/02_ABN.asp)

Hospice Guidelines for the Expedited Determination (ED) Notice
(CMS-10123 and CMS-10124)

**Are all Medicare-covered hospice services ending?**

- **Yes**
  - Are the hospice services ending due to beneficiary revocation?
    - **Yes**
      - The Generic ED Notice (CMS-10123) is required no later than 2 days before all covered services end.
    - **No**
      - Did the QIO notify you the beneficiary has appealed the termination?
        - **Yes**
          - A Detailed ED Notice (CMS-10124) must be given to the beneficiary by close of business on the day QIO notified you.
        - **No**
          - No additional action is necessary.
  - **No**
    - Are the hospice services ending due to a hospice transfer?
      - **Yes**
        - The Generic ED Notice (CMS-10123) is required no later than 2 days before all covered services end.
      - **No**
        - The Generic ED Notice is not required.

For more information, go to the ‘FFS ED Notices’ Web page at: [http://www.cms.gov/BNI/06_FFSEDNotices.asp](http://www.cms.gov/BNI/06_FFSEDNotices.asp)