

Home Health Forms – Which is Required?: The Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) / Home Health Change of Care Notice (HHCCN) / Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage (NOMNC)

Scenario	ABN	HHCCN	NOMNC
Patient met goals under the plan of care (POC) and is being discharged from home health care			X
Physician writes an order to decrease services listed in the POC. Patient wants to continue to receive higher amount of services.	X	X	
Physician writes an order to discontinue services listed in the POC		X*	X
HHA reduces services due to internal agency reasons (e.g., staffing shortage)		X	
HHA discontinues services due to internal agency reasons (e.g., no staff available for a specific discipline)		X	
HHA terminating care because of safety issue posing a threat to staff		X	
HHA terminating care because patient has not had face-to-face encounter with physician		X	
Patient wants to receive services from HHA but patient is not homebound	X		
Patient only requires custodial care	X		
Patient's care not considered medically reasonable and necessary	X		
Skilled nursing services provided to patient, but services are frequent and not considered intermittent under Medicare guidelines	X		

*** If a termination involves the end of all Medicare covered care and no further care is being delivered based on physician's orders, the only notice required is the NOMNC; however, the HHA may choose to issue the HHCCN as well.**

Resources

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet-Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100-04, *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 30, Sections 40-50
- CMS Change Request (CR) 8403: <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM8403.pdf>
- CMS CR 8404: <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM8404.pdf>
- CMS Beneficiary Notices Initiative: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/index.html>
- Questions regarding the ABN and HHCCN can be emailed to: RevisedABN_ODF@cms.hhs.gov