

Step-By-Step Process for Medicare Telehealth ABN

Effective October 1, 2025

- Identify At-Risk Services*
 - Audio-only telehealth
 - Patient's home as originating site
 - Provider's home, office as distant site

- Verify Coverage Status*
 - Check CMS updates and MAC guidance
 - Confirm if service is no longer reimbursable as of October 1, 2025

- Prepare ABN (CMS Form CMS-R-131)*
 - Clearly describe the service
 - State why Medicare may not pay (e.g., "Medicare no longer covers audio-only telehealth for this service after October 1, 2025")

- Discuss With Patient*
 - Explain financial responsibility
 - Answer questions and confirm understanding

- Obtain Signature Before Service*
 - Patient must sign ABN prior to receiving the service
 - Keep a copy in the medical record

- Use Modifier -GA When Billing*
 - Indicates ABN was issued and patient accepted responsibility

