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**ABN TRANSITION EXTENDED FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 TO  
MARCH 1, 2009**

**Medicare Part B**

**REVISED ABN (CMS-R-131) MANDATORY USE DATE EXTENDED**

On August 27, 2008 CMS advised all Medicare contractors that the implementation date for mandatory use of the revised Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) (CMS-R-131) has been extended until March 1, 2009.

The revised ABN was released on March 3, 2008 and providers were authorized to begin using the notice immediately. Beginning March 1, 2009, all providers, practitioners and suppliers paid under Part B, as well as hospice providers and religious non-medical health care institutions (RNHCIs) paid exclusively under Part A, shall use the revised ABN (CMS-R-131) in place of the ABN-G (CMS-R-131-G) and ABN-L (CMS-R-131-L).

The revised ABN and form instructions can be accessed at [www.cms.hhs.gov/bni](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/bni) on the CMS web site. Beginning March 1, 2009, the ABN-G and ABN-L forms will no longer be valid.