

ABN/HHCCN Triggering Events

Initiation of Care (for each episode)	Reduction of Care (some services continue)	Termination of Care
Services not ordered by physician <i>Complete the ABN</i>	Reduction of services due to physician orders (not the beneficiary's choice) <i>Complete the HHCCN</i>	All services ending <i>*GED Only</i>
No beneficiary need for intermittent skilled nursing care, PT, SLP or continuing OT <i>Complete the ABN</i>	Covered/noncovered services reduced for HHA financial or other HHA reasons <i>Complete the HHCCN</i>	Covered/noncovered services ending for HHA financial or other HHA reasons <i>Complete the HHCCN</i>
Beneficiary not homebound <i>Complete the ABN</i>	Some previously covered services reduced because beneficiary no longer meets coverage criteria <i>Complete the HHCCN</i>	All covered services ending, but noncovered services continue <i>Complete the HHCCN and ABN</i>
Services not reasonable and necessary <i>Complete the ABN</i>	Reduction of services (includes duration of visits) not planned/anticipated in POC; not communicated in advance with beneficiary <i>Complete the HHCCN</i>	
Item or service not a Medicare benefit under Title XVIII <i>Complete the ABN</i>		*GED – Generic Expedited Determination
Services custodial in nature (housekeeping) <i>Complete the ABN</i>		

The ABN/HHCCN is not required when

Initiation of Care	Reduction of Care	Termination of Care	Other Reasons
Beneficiary meets all home health coverage criteria	Reduction in number, duration of services, or length of visits that are anticipated in the POC, which were communicated in advance to the beneficiary	Beneficiary chooses to terminate all services	Increases in care/services
	Beneficiary chooses to reduce services	Transfers to other covered care (another HHA or other Medicare agency)	Emergency or other unplanned situations (natural disasters, etc.)
	Missed Visit due to: Pt. choice, emergency or unplanned situation, transfer (e.g. hospital) and within ranges ordered	Care ends due to patient goals met/physician's orders completed (expedited review)	Changes in personnel/caregiver