

## Introduction

This specialty manual is linked to the appropriate sections of the Online CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) Manual System for your convenience and to assure that you always have access to the most up-to-date information on guidelines relating to this specialty.

CMS transitioned to a Web-based system in 2003. Their system is called the Online CMS Manual System and is located at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals>. The Online Manual System is organized by functional area and includes guidelines affecting all of Medicare (i.e. Part A (Hospital Services), Part B (Medical Services), etc.).

To use this manual, simply locate the topic of interest and note the corresponding section of the Online CMS Manual system, then click on the link to the Online CMS Manual System. This takes you to the appropriate Publication and Chapter; you then review the Table of Contents for your topic/section number. Most chapters in the Online CMS Manual allow you to click on the specific section in the Table of Contents which takes you directly to that section in the chapter. Other chapters require that you scroll through the chapter to find the section noted in the specialty manual.

## Disclaimer

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## Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) Specialty Manual

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- Use the navigation tool on the left side of this page to link to the FFS Revised Advance Beneficiary Notices (FFS Revised ABN).

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