Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage:

Medicare health plan enrollees receive a Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage (NOMNC) prior to termination of Medicare-covered skilled nursing facility (SNF), home health (HH), and comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility (CORF) services. The NOMNC informs individuals of their right to an immediate, independent review of the proposed discontinuation of covered services.

The updated version of the Medicare notice and instruction is available on the CMS website at: http://www.cms.gov/BNI/09_MAEDNotices.asp#TopOfPage. This notice is valid until October 31, 2013. Please use the updated versions of these notices as soon as possible, but no later than February 28, 2011.

Hospital Discharge Appeal Notices

On November 27, 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule, CMS-4105-F: Notification of Hospital Discharge Appeal Rights. Beginning July 2, 2007, hospitals must deliver a revised version of the Important Message from Medicare to inform Medicare beneficiaries who are hospital inpatients about their hospital discharge appeal rights. Notice is required both for Original Medicare beneficiaries and for those enrolled in Medicare health plans. Beneficiaries who choose to appeal a discharge decision will receive a more detailed notice.

The latest versions of the "Important Message from Medicare", Form CMS-R-193, and the "Detailed Notice of Discharge", Form CMS-10066, - updated as of July 20, 2010 - are posted with the manual instructions for this process at: http://www.cms.gov/BNI/12_HospitalDischargeAppealNotices.asp. Please note that the latest version of the "Important Message from Medicare" requires hospitals to note the time of delivery. Hospitals and Medicare Advantage organizations (MAOs) may use these versions immediately, but use is not required until April 1, 2011. After April 1, 2011, the forms with approval dates of 05/07 will not be valid.