



# CERNER FLASH

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## CERNER ADVANCED BENEFICIARY NOTICE (ABN) FOR MEDICAL NECESSITY

### **What is an ABN (Medical Necessity)?**

Medical Necessity Checking refers to the process of checking a patient's appointment or procedure information against the diagnosis to determine if services to be provided are medically necessary based on criteria laid out by the insurance carrier.

### **Why is the price on the printed ABN higher than what I have seen?**

ABN checking pulls from the highest price listed in Cerner's Charge Service Pricing Data base. If there is more than one price built for that test, it will pull the highest price in the data base.

### **Why does the ABN print multiple times on the same patient encounter?**

An ABN will fire for each order that qualifies. If there are multiple sequenced orders; such as a PT/PTT or Mammography that has a frequency – the ABN will print for each of the frequencies on that test that is placed in an order status or activated to an order status. The system does not group orders together if there are multiple test being completed on one encounter.

### **Why didn't the ABN fire on an order that should have fired?**

ABN's pull from the Primary Diagnosis. If the Primary Diagnosis is not listed correctly, the ABN will not fire.