

# TOPIC: Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABNs)



**What we do today:** South Shore Medical Center performs a manual medical necessity review on limited laboratory tests. Other SSHS entities perform very little or no ABN screening. This leads to a high volume of medical necessity claim write-offs at the point of billing.

**What will change with Epic:** Initially, the Epic ABN functionality will be adopted on a limited basis, screening only CT, MRA, and MRI tests. This will be deployed across all entities. At the point of order entry for these tests, providers will be prompted to provide a more specific diagnosis or issue and ABN. In addition, check-out staff, scheduling staff, and check-in staff will be prompted to complete an ABN on all tests with diagnosis that fail ABN edits. During optimization, SSHS will expand the use of ABNs to apply to all appropriate tests subject to Medicare ABN screening.

**Why the change is necessary:** Completing ABN screenings is a Medicare regulatory requirement. In addition, SSHS loses over \$1M in revenue annually for failure to apply ABN rules in advance of services.

**Where to find more information:** For more information on the ABN workflow, please see the Providers Visio [diagram](#).