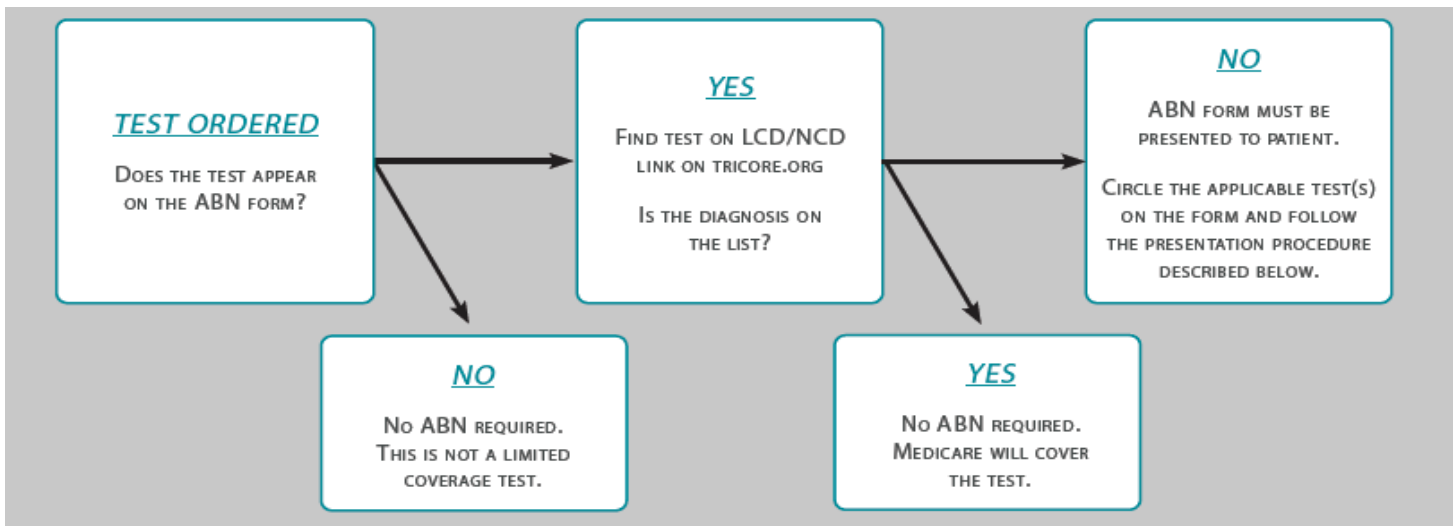




First, explain the ABN to the patient:

1. The ABN lets you know that you may have to pay for a test your doctor has ordered, if Medicare refuses to pay for it.
2. In keeping with federal guidelines, Medicare only pays for tests that are reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of disease, illness, or injury.
3. The doctor has ordered a test for you that he or she wants you to have, but the test may not meet Medicare's rules for Medical Necessity.
4. If Medicare refuses to pay for the test, TriCore will bill you or your other insurance.
5. The purpose of the ABN is to inform you that there is a chance Medicare could deny coverage for this test (or tests).
6. By signing this ABN, you indicate that you have been informed of this chance.

Next, present the ABN and complete all items, 1 through 6:

1. If using an ABN not obtained from TriCore.org, list TriCore as an additional notifier, e.g., Dr. Smith/TriCore. The omission of TriCore as a notifier will invalidate the ABN.
2. Use the Medical Record Number. Do NOT use the Medicare ID or Social Security Number as they will invalidate the ABN.
3. Provide the patient with the estimated price, in the event Medicare denies payment. Remind the patient that this is an estimate only. You may obtain the estimated price by calling TriCore at 505.938.8888 option 3, or 1.800.245.3296, option 3.
4. Give the form to the patient to read. Use the Spanish language version of the form (if applicable). If the patient cannot read, read the form to him or her and ask the patient to select an option.
5. You must provide the patient with a copy of the signed ABN.
6. Send the original signed and dated ABN to TriCore along with the requisition and specimen.