

Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Providers

From: Vicki Wrihster, Senior Director, Provider Network Operations

Re: **Updates to Beneficiary Notices Initiative (BNI)**

Date: April 27, 2026

The federal Office of Management and Budget approved the updated Important Message from Medicare (IM) and Detailed Notice of Discharge (DND) for three years. These required documents inform Medicare patients of their appeal rights when leaving a hospital. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) improved the notices' readability and design.

The new forms are posted in English and Spanish on [CMS' BNI webpage](#).

The updated IM and DND are effective now and expire on March 31, 2029. Providers may continue to use the expired version of the notices until May 15, 2026, but must transition to the approved forms no later than that date.

Hospitals are required to deliver the IM, formerly CMS-R-193 and now CMS-10065, to all Medicare beneficiaries (original Medicare beneficiaries and Medicare Advantage Plan enrollees) who are hospital inpatients.

The IM informs hospitalized inpatient beneficiaries of their hospital discharge appeal rights. A DND is given only if a beneficiary requests an appeal.

The DND explains the specific reasons for the discharge. For additional instructions, see Section 200, of Chapter 30 of the [CMS Claims Processing Manual](#), on the above webpage.

We look forward to working with you throughout this process. If you have any questions, please email ProviderRelations@goldchp.org. As always, thank you for your collaboration and the tremendous care you provide for our members.

Sincerely,

Vicki Wrihster
Senior Director, Provider Network Operations