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Comment Now On Revised ABN

You can have another crack at commenting on the general Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN). The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)** has opened a second comment period on the ABN (CMS-R-131) that will close June 24, the agency notes. The general ABN and lab ABN will combine in the new form, among other changes, CMS notes.

But until the new form takes effect, be sure to continue using the current form, CMS- **Elizabeth Carmody** cautioned in a recent Open Door Forum.

Resource: Instructions for commenting are in the May 25 Federal Register notice at www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a070525c.html - scroll down to the "29322-29323 [07-2578]" entry under CMS notices.