



United Anesthesia Services, P.C.

Dear Patient:

You are scheduled to have a procedure done with United Anesthesia Services, PC that requires you to have anesthesia, or your physician has recommended you have anesthesia for your procedure. Before your services are performed, you may be asked to sign an Advanced Beneficiary Notice or “ABN”.

Included below are answers to some of the questions you may have about the ABN and why you are being asked to sign it.

⊕ **What is an Advanced Beneficiary Notice or “ABN”?**

An ABN is a form that lets you know that you may have to pay for a service the provider will render if your insurance carrier refuses to pay for it. The ABN helps you to make an informed decision about whether to obtain the service and pay for it, or choose not to receive it.

⊕ **Why don't you think my insurance will pay for this service?**

Most insurance carriers pay only for services that they consider to be medically necessary. The medical necessity requirements varies from one carrier to another.

⊕ **I have not had to pay for this service before. Is this something new?**

The ABN is not new – it has been around for ten years. There have been recent changes in how insurance carriers pay for different services, and these changes make it more likely that your insurance carrier may not pay.

⊕ **Why do you want me to sign the ABN?**

If you receive an ABN that means that we expect that your insurance may not pay for your services. We ask patients to sign an ABN whenever it appears the insurance carrier is likely to deny payment for the specific service. This provides documentation that we have notified you that you will likely be responsible for the bill.

Please feel free to contact the number listed below should you have any further questions.

Thank you,

United Anesthesia Services