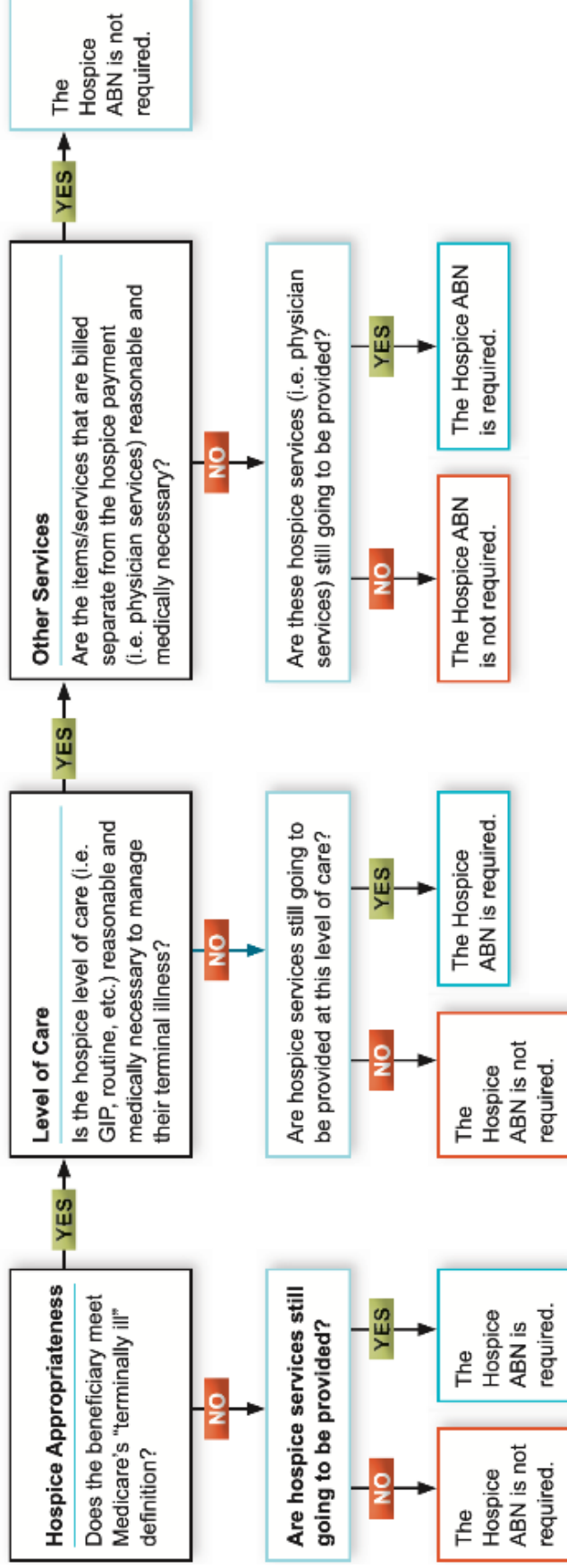


Hospice Guidelines for the Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN)

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For more information, go to:

- "FFS ABN" Web page <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/ABI/ABN.html>
- CMS Pub. 100-04, Ch. 30, section 50.15.3 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c30.pdf>

Other situations in which a Hospice ABN is NOT required:

- Revocations
 - Respite care exceeding five consecutive days*
 - Transfers
 - Untimely Face to Face Encounter
 - Room and board for nursing facilities
 - Services unrelated to the terminal diagnosis
- * Providers are encouraged to give the ABN as a voluntary notice in these cases.

Note: The ABN can also be issued voluntarily in place of the Notice of Exclusion of Medicare Benefits (NEMB) for care that is never covered by Medicare.