

Medical Necessity Checking

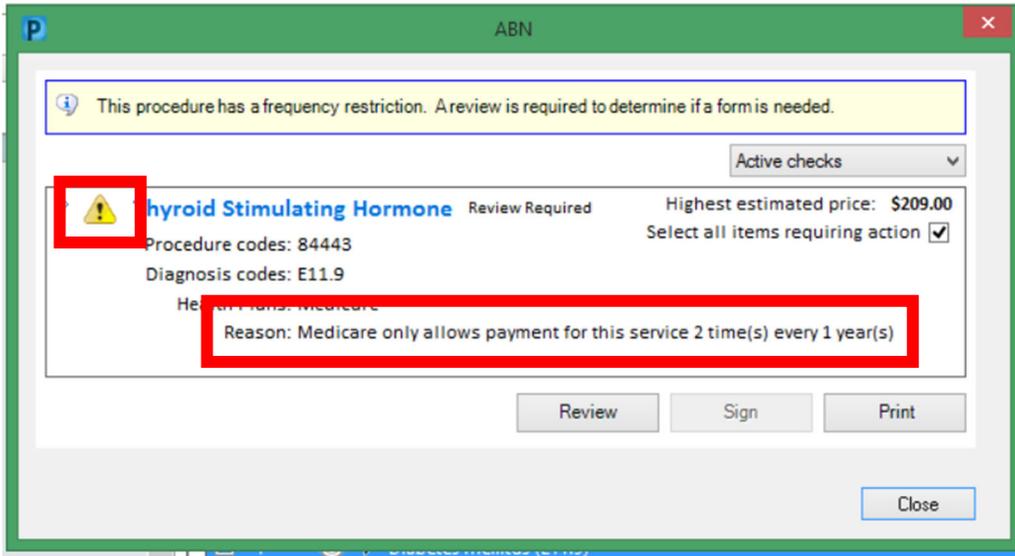
Background: Medical Necessity checking looks at the Patients with a Medicare or Medicare Advantage health plan and compares the procedure and diagnosis to determine if it is medically necessary and if Medicare will cover the Cost

PowerChart Checking: The medical necessity check first runs when the order is being placed electronically in the system.

1. Select procedure
2. Fill in required OEF fields
 - Indicate future order = yes so the request will send to a queue for scheduling
3. Associate a diagnosis to the procedure
 - If it passes medical necessity and an ABN is not required, there will be no notification
 - If it does not pass medical necessity and an ABN form is required there will be a Review ABN button that shows up in the diagnosis window
 - If a procedure has an appropriate diagnosis associated but has a frequency restriction for payment coverage, the Review ABN button will still fire as a warning

The screenshot displays a software interface for a medical order. At the top, it shows patient information: 'CHH FMC Cannon; Room 1 Fin#:820271948 Admit: 7/9/2020 09:00 EDT'. Below this, the order details are shown: 'Radiology MG Combo Diagnosti... Order 8/3/2020 14:27 EDT 8/3/2020 Routine, Reason: Lump, Required & Missing, Accelerated essential hypertension, Rad Type'. The main section is titled 'Details for MG Combo Diagnostic Bilat wo CAD'. It has tabs for 'Details', 'Order Comments', and 'Diagnoses'. Under the 'Diagnoses' tab, there is an 'Add' button and an 'IMO' input field. Below that is a table of 'Available Diagnoses' with one entry: 'Accelerated essential hypertension (I10)' with a checkbox checked and a 'Pending: Future visit' dropdown. A 'Review ABN' button is highlighted with a red box in the top right corner of the diagnosis window. At the bottom of the interface, there are buttons for '0 Missing Required Details', 'Dx Table', 'Orders For Cosignature', and 'Sign'.

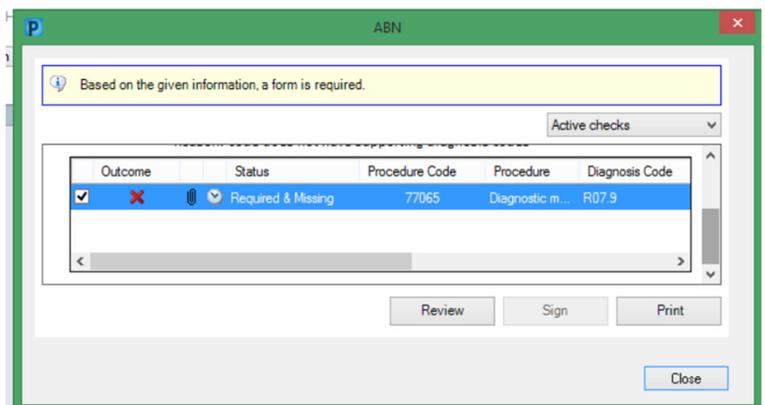
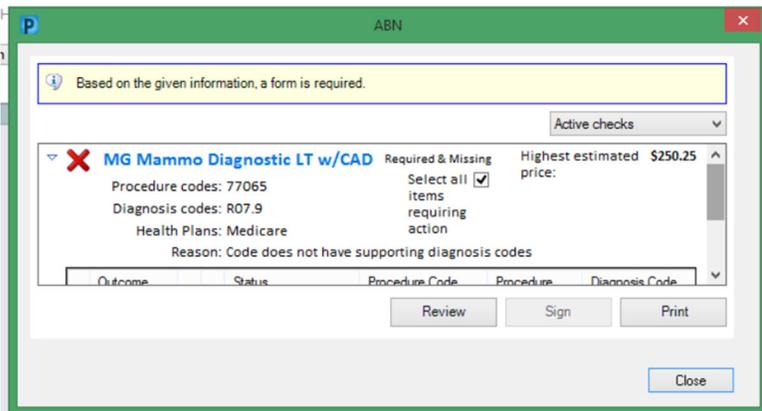
4. Clicking the Review ABN button will open the details window to review why the check ran and the reason why Medicare might not cover the cost. True denials will show with a red X and any frequency alerts will show with a yellow !



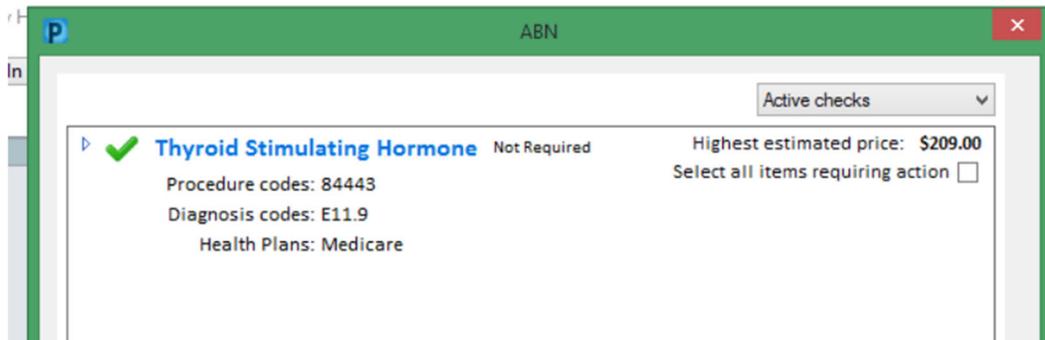
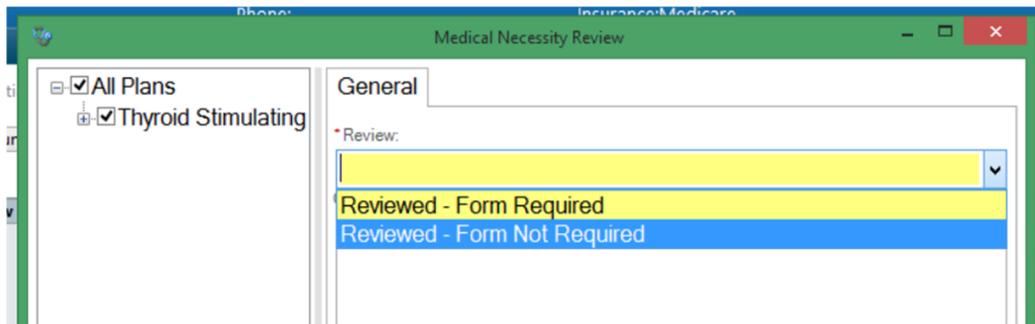
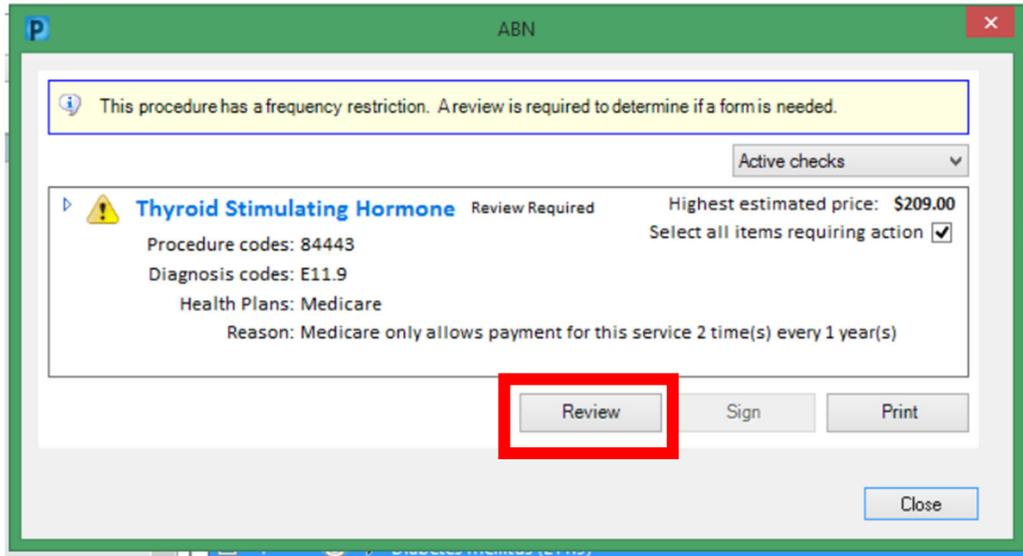
Note: Expanding the carrot in the Review ABN window will give visibility to more details. The paperclip icon will direct providers to a PDF version of the CMS guidelines that show what diagnoses pass or fail depending on the CPT being used

They can also save this link to their favorites and reference it if needed:

https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/lcd-list.aspx?Ctrctr=380&ContrVer=1&CtrctrSelected=380*1&s=58&DocType=1&bc=AAIAAAAAAA&#aFinal



- At this point, physician should evaluate the diagnosis and procedures selected. If they want to continue without updating any order details, select SIGN. It is expected that at this point that a conversation is had with the patient that the procedure might not be covered by insurance.
- If a frequency alert has been reviewed and it's been confirmed that the order satisfies the timeline requirements, the form can be marked as Not Required using the Review button in the Review ABN window. This will give the green checkmark and will not fire the alert again downstream.



7. There will be one last safety alert that fires as a reminder to the physician or clinic staff to address the ABN if applicable

Note: The CMS link provided above was also added to the alert window if the reference guide was needed in real time.

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 **MEDICAL NECESSITY WARNING**

Your patient does not have an appropriate diagnosis for this procedure per CMS Local/National Determinations. Be advised this could result in financial risk for the patient and/or institution.

Please review diagnosis and refer to 'Review ABN' selection to complete the form if necessary.

Alert Action:

- CANCEL ORDER THAT'S TRIGGERING ABN AND RETURN TO ORDERS SCREEN
- CONTINUE ORDERING WITHOUT ADDRESSING ABN (NOT RECOMMENDED)
- MODIFY ORDER, MODIFY DIAGNOSIS and/or REVIEW ABN

[CMS Guidelines](#) OK

8. Hover over the alert action option to see which order the alert is applicable to
9. Make selection and click OK

Note: Selecting the second option to continue means Future order will be placed with ABN Status of Required and Missing, a scheduled request will be sent to appropriate queue in the Scheduling Appointment Book