



CMS Required Forms for Hospital Inpatients

Per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), hospitals are required to provide the *Important Message from Medicare (IM)* form to all Medicare beneficiaries who are hospital inpatients. The IM informs hospitalized inpatient beneficiaries of their hospital discharge appeal rights.

A *Detailed Notice of Discharge (DND)* is given only if a beneficiary requests an appeal. The DND explains the specific reasons for the discharge.

Current versions of these forms can be found on the [CMS website](#).

Providers must use the updated forms beginning May 15, 2026.