

Email response from Anthony Culotta of CMS regarding extension on the September 1, 2008 deadline for the use of the revised Advanced Beneficiary Notice

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**From:** Culotta, Anthony J. (CMS/CBC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 1:20 PM  
**To:** Hansen, Hilary  
**Subject:** RE: Clinical Laboratory Coalition Letter

Hilary: Thanks for your letter. As you probably know, we are in receipt of several similar letters on this subject, and we are considering what kind of leeway is appropriate here. The first priority for my tiny ABN staff right now is to develop and clear the new ABN instructions, which I have just reviewed and so are almost complete. As soon as we put them out, I will then get back to you and the other lab groups on the implementation issues (just so you know roughly what to expect).  
Tony Culotta

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**From:** Hansen, Hilary  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 11:56 AM  
**To:** Culotta, Anthony J. (CMS/CBC)  
**Subject:** Clinical Laboratory Coalition Letter

Mr. Culotta,

Attached, please find a letter from the Clinical Laboratory Coalition, seeking an extension on the September 1, 2008 deadline for the use of the revised Advanced Beneficiary Notice. Thank you.

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