



Midwest
Health Plan

Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice (MOON)

Per the Federal Notice of Observation Treatment and Implication for Care Eligibility Act (NOTICE Act), passed on August 6, 2015, all hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals are required to provide written and oral notification to individuals receiving observation services as outpatients for more than 24 hours.

The MOON is intended to inform beneficiaries who receive observation services for more than 24 hours that they are outpatients receiving observation services and not inpatients, and the reasons for such status, and must be delivered no later than 36 hours after observation services begin.

For MOON instructions, frequently asked questions and the final rule, visit:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/index.html>