

**Detailed Written Order for Diabetic/Therapeutic Shoes  
(MD, DO, DPM, NP, PA, CNS)**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Diabetes Mellitus: ICD-10: \_\_\_\_\_  
(E08.00 – E11.9, E13.00 – E13.9)

This patient requires:

Diabetic Footwear, non-custom (A5500) – 2 units (unless otherwise indicated)

With:

Inserts - custom molded (A5513) – 6 units (unless otherwise indicated)

Inserts - non-custom (A5512) – 6 units (unless otherwise indicated)

Toe Filler (L5000) – 1 unit (unless otherwise indicated)

Rocker Soles (A5503) – 2 units (unless otherwise indicated)

Comments:

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**Prescribing Clinician Information:** (may be signed by MD, DO, NP, PA, DPM, or CNS)

Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NPI #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS  
TO HELP YOU DOCUMENT MEDICAL NECESSITY**

**Instructions for Documenting Medical Necessity  
(MD, DO, DPM, NP, PA, CNS)**

For Medicare to pay; two conditions must be documented within the past six months:

1. The Patient has to be under a comprehensive plan of care for Diabetes.
2. The Patient has to have a Foot Condition.

As the Prescribing Clinician for diabetic shoes not only do you need to fill out the adjacent form, but you will also need to satisfy the documentation requirement to satisfy Criteria 2 listed above. The form by itself does not satisfy this requirement.

**Medical Records Pertaining to Foot Conditions**

1. The specifics about your patient’s foot conditions have to be documented within the past six months by you for your patient to qualify for insurance coverage.
  2. This documentation must come from a face to face visit with the patient. Typically done in the form of an office visit note; and cannot be older than six months. Some common foot conditions that will need to be documented are:
    - a. Specifics about an amputation involving all or part of the foot
    - b. Specifics about a current foot ulcer or the history regarding one
    - c. Specifics about a pre-ulcerative callus or the history regarding one
    - d. Specifics about a callus AND peripheral neuropathy (neither neuropathy nor callusing by itself is a qualifying condition for shoes, both must be present)
    - e. The specifics about any foot deformity such as bunions, hammertoes, flat feet, charcot foot, onychomycosis, etc.
    - f. The specifics about poor circulation; which can come from one of three ways:
      1. A diagnosis of PVD, PAD, DVT, venous stasis, varicosities, etc.
      2. Document “poor circulation in feet”
      3. Documentation of signs, symptoms, or tests that indicate of poor circulation. Such as weak pedal pulses, slow capillary refill time, ischemic foot, etc. *(The diagnoses of hypertension, coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure or the presence of edema are not qualifying conditions for shoes).*
- **RULE** - Documentation about foot conditions can come from a MD, DO, NP, PA, DPM or CNS. However, if it is coming from anyone other than the MD/DO that manages the diabetic care, this documentation will need to be cosigned, dated, and a note of agreement put on by the doctor managing the diabetic care.
- **RULE** - Documentation (including co-signing in agreement) about foot conditions will need to be dated on or before the day that this form is signed.