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Dear Physician:

For diabetic footwear to be covered by Medicare and many other insurance plans, all applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements must be met. Medicare requires a physical evaluation of the patient, and the following bullet points must be included in the physician's chart note (Medicare does not consider a letter part of the medical record). Please fax any Medicare compliant chart notes to our office.

The physician must document the following:

1. Management of the patient's diabetes, *and*
2. Foot exam within the past 6 months, *and*
3. Treatment of the patient's condition(s) requires the use of diabetic footwear, *and*
4. Patient has **one or more of the following** as noted on the therapeutic shoe form (the physician must discuss one or more of the following conditions that exist within their chart notes):
5.
  - a. Foot deformity
  - b. Current or previous foot ulcerations
  - c. Current or previous pre-ulcerative calluses
  - d. Previous partial amputation of one or both feet or complete amputation of one foot
  - e. Peripheral neuropathy with evidence of callus formation
  - f. Poor circulation

**\*Effective 11/5/2020 an NP or PA working directly under the supervision of the MD/DO who manages the patient's diabetic care can evaluate the patient for diabetic management and fill out the CMN form for therapeutic footwear. The treating MD/DO will need to sign off on the notes and form to be valid.**