

Do you qualify for a Diabetic Shoe through Medicare?

Program Information: The information provided will help you verify whether or not you are eligible to receive Therapeutic Diabetic Extra Depth footwear through Medicare and other participating insurances. This program is designed to help reduce the incidence of foot ulcerations that could lead to foot amputations.

If it appears that you have the following clinical criteria for coverage, you can take the **STATEMENT OF CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN FOR THERAPEUTIC SHOES** form to the primary treating physician for your diabetes and have your physician certify that you do fulfill Medicare guidelines for prescription shoe and orthotics.

You can bring the completed form to the office for an initial podiatric visit which will help you establish your diabetic risk for the development of an ulceration and then to Travis Freitas, CPed for your pedorthic care

Circle all that apply:

1. Are you diabetic Y or N?

2. Do you have one or more of the following conditions?
 - History of partial or complete amputation of the foot : *surgical removal of all or small portions of you foot as shown in the photograph*

 - History of previous foot ulceration: *Open sore or wound on your foot or ankle region that required some level of wound care.*

 - History of pre-ulcerative callous: *Callous on the bottom or top of your foot with noted areas of dark discoloration to the base of the callous.*

 - Peripheral Neuropathy with evidence of callous formation: *Neuropathy symptoms can include, numbness, tingling, burning, feeling of swelling without noted foot swelling or a feeling of thick “leathery skin”. Callous or thickened skin in combination with neuropathy symptoms can increase the risk of developing an ulceration.*

 - Foot deformity: *Any prominence or bony deformity including but not limited to hammertoes, bunion and bone spurs.*

 - Poor circulation: *Sometimes identified by cramps in the calf muscles at night awakening patients from sleep or pain with muscle cramping limiting activity during normal walking. Painful leg cramping is often referred to as intermittent claudication.*