## Certifying Physician

## Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A "CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN"?

# WHO CAN BE A "CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN"?

- Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO): Responsible for diagnosing and treating the beneficiary's diabetic systemic condition through a comprehensive plan of care.
- Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Physician Assistant (PA): Practicing under the supervision of an MD or DO "incident to" (supervising MD or DO must verify/sign/date all documentation).
- NP: Practicing independently and enrolled in the Primary Care First (PCF) Model Demonstration.

# WHO CANNOT BE A "CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN"?

- Podiatrist (DPM)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)

#### **IN-PERSON VISIT**

In-person visit during which diabetes management is addressed.

When: Within 6 months prior to delivery of the shoes/inserts.

### "STATEMENT OF CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN"

Sign the certification statement on or after the date of the in-person visit.

When: On or after the date of the in-person visit and within 3 months prior to delivery of the shoes/inserts.

#### **FOOT CONDITION**

- Document one or more of criteria a-f in the medical record,  $\boldsymbol{or}$
- Obtain, initial, date (prior to signing the certification statement), indicate agreement of an in-person visit with a podiatrist, CNS, another MD, DO, PA, or NP that documents one or more of criteria a-f.

When: Within 6 months prior to delivery of the shoes/inserts and prior to or on the same day as signing the certification statement.

### RESOURCES

Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=33369&ContrlD=140">https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=33369&ContrlD=140</a>

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