

KNOW THE ROLES

Nurse Practitioner (NP) as “Certifying Physician” Role Primary Care First Model Demonstration Project

Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes

WHO

Allows NPs practicing **independently** to serve as the Certifying Physician

WHAT

Primary Care First Model Demonstration Project

WHERE

CMS launched PCF model in 26 regions – ensure NP participates in the demonstration project

WHEN

Effective: January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2025

WHY

CMS is testing new payment and service delivery models that have the potential to reduce Medicare expenditures while maintaining or improving the quality of care for beneficiaries

HOW

NP participates in the PCF Model Demonstration Project

- Completes the face-to-face diabetic exam
- Complete the foot exam, **or**
- Obtain, initial, and date the exam notes of a podiatrist/other clinician documenting the foot exam
- Refers and certifies beneficiary for diabetic shoes/inserts
- Completes SWO and “Statement of Certifying Physician”
- Billing for services under their own NPI

RESOURCES

Joint DME MAC Article “Primary Care First Model Demonstration Project - Nurse Practitioners as Certifying Physicians for Therapeutic Shoes and Inserts”

- JB: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jb/pubs/news/2020/11/cope19408.html>
- JC: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2020/11/cope19408.html>

Primary Care First Model Options:

<https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/primary-care-first-model-options>