

### Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes

#### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A "SUPPLIER"?

##### WHO CAN BE A "SUPPLIER"?

- Podiatrist (DPM)
- Pedorthist
- Orthotist
- Prosthetist
- Other qualified individual
- May be the "Prescribing Practitioner"
- May be the "Certifying Physician" only if practicing in a defined rural area or a defined health shortage

**NOTE:** Must meet all requirements to become a DMEPOS supplier and be enrolled in the Medicare program.

##### WHAT CAN A "SUPPLIER" DO?

Furnish the shoes, inserts, and/or modifications and bill Medicare.

##### IN-PERSON EVALUATION "SUPPLIER ROLE"

- Conducts and documents an in-person evaluation prior to selecting the specific items that will be provided.
- Conducts an objective assessment of the fit of the shoes/inserts and document the results at the time of in-person delivery.
- Both the evaluation and delivery could occur on the same day if the supplier has sufficient array of sizes and types of shoes/inserts on site to meet the beneficiary's needs.

##### "STATEMENT OF CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN"

##### Can a supplier sign the "Statement of Certifying Physician?"

No.

##### Who can sign the "Statement of Certifying Physician?"

- Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) managing beneficiary's diabetic care
- Nurse Practitioner (NP) or 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 Primary Care First (PCF) Model Demonstration effective through December 31, 2025

##### When:

The "Statement of Certifying Physician" must be signed **within 3 months** prior to delivery of the shoes/inserts.

#### RESOURCES

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

Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes Policy Article: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/article-details.aspx?articleId=52501&ContrID=140>