

Introduction

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Doctors of Podiatric Medicine

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-1, Medicare General Information, Eligibility, and Entitlement, Chapter 5, Section 70.3 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/ge101c05.pdf>

Foot Care

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Section 290 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Billing of the Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Neuropathy with Loss of Protective Sensation in People with Diabetes

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 32, Section 80 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c32.pdf>

Routine Foot Care Exclusion

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 16, Section 30 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c16.pdf>

Consultation Services Rendered by a Podiatrist in a Skilled Nursing Facility

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-3, Medicare National Coverage Determinations, Part 1, Section 70.2 http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/ncd103c1_Part1.pdf

Services Provided for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Diabetic Sensory Neuropathy with Loss of Protective Sensation (aka Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy)

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-3, Medicare National Coverage Determinations, Part 1, Section 70.2.1 http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/ncd103c1_Part1.pdf

Multiple Surgery Guidelines

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 40.6 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

Evaluation & Management Service Codes

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 30.6 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

Correct Coding Initiative

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 23, Section 20.9 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c23.pdf>

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Local Coverage Determinations <http://www.cgsmedicare.com>

Click the appropriate "Part B" tab for your jurisdiction/state and select the "Coverage & Pricing" tab to locate the policies for your state.

Beneficiary Notices Initiative (BNI) Website

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/index.html>

- Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN)
 - Review "FFS Revised ABN" Section

CGS Education/Workshops

<http://www.cgsmedicare.com>

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