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Step By Step Guide

Navigating Medicare's Diabetic Shoe Program

Proper footwear is critical for people with diabetes. People with diabetes are more prone to circulatory problems, infections, ulcers, and nerve damage which can lead to amputations. Footwear and foot inserts designed for the diabetic foot can help prevent and may alleviate conditions, helping you lead a healthier and more active lifestyle.

Foot Solutions of Reading are specialists in diabetic footwear and are nationally accredited to work with Medicare Beneficiaries. We have created forms and fact sheets for you and your physician to ensure a simple and smooth process for you.

You are ultimately responsible for providing the documentation necessary to receive diabetic shoes and inserts. We have included the necessary forms for you to take to your doctor.

1. **Schedule an appointment to see your physician who is managing your diabetic condition.** Your physician must complete a diabetic exam, a comprehensive foot exam, and complete Medicare forms. The provider must be an MD or DO. Exams completed by a DPM, CRNP, or PA-C will not suffice.
2. **Request your physician complete, sign and date the Standard Written Order and the Statement of Certifying Physician.** Instructions for completing these forms are included in our Physician's Guide Packet. The provider must be an MD or DO. Forms completed by a DPM, CRNP, or PA-C will not suffice, nor can there be a co-signature on the form.
3. **Ask your physician for a copy of the medical or progress notes of your visit.** The notes must have a description of the evaluation of your diabetic condition and your diabetic foot exam. The notes must state that you have one of the qualifying foot conditions.
4. **Call us to schedule your initial assessment for your diabetic shoes and/or inserts when you have completed the documentation.** Request the physician's office fax the forms to us or you can bring them with you to your appointment. Our fax number and mailing address are listed above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at **(610) 775-4950**.