



MEMORANDUM

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FROM: DR. GEORGE N. MERRITT

SUBJECT: DIABETIC FOOTWEAR DOCUMENTATION REQUEST

DATE:

PATIENT:

DOB:

I am writing to request your assistance in providing the above patient with diabetic footwear, as provided under the Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes Act (TSPD). In order to qualify for Medicare reimbursement, your certification that they meet certain conditions is required. I am asking you to review, complete the attached form, and submit with the accompanying office note. The patient must be seen and evaluated within six (6) months.

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**STATEMENT FOR CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN & MEDICAL
NECESSITY FOR DIABETIC SHOES**

I, Dr. George N. Merritt, am writing to request a completion of the information below to certify you agree with my diagnosis and the need for therapeutic shoes and inserts. To qualify for reimbursement, your certification is *required*. It is important to note there must be documentation in your medical records indicating you are managing the patient's diabetes and one of the conditions listed below is present.

Patient Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Insurance/Policy #: _____

I certify that all of the following statements are true:

1. This patient has diabetes mellitus. ICD-10;
_____ Diabetes Type II (Non-insulin Dependent); E11.9
_____ Diabetes Type I (Insulin Dependent); E11.49

2. This patient has one (or more) of the following conditions:
_____ History of partial or complete amputation of the foot.
_____ History of previous foot ulceration.
_____ History of pre-ulcerative callus.
_____ Peripheral neuropathy with evidence of callus formation
_____ Foot deformity
_____ Poor circulation

3. I am treating this patient under a comprehensive plan of care for his/her diabetes.

4. This patient needs special shoes (depth or custom-molded shoes) because of his/her diabetes.

5. This patient needs shoe inserts (heat molded or custom fabricated) because of his/her diabetes.

Physician's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name (MD/DO): _____ NPI: _____

Physician's Address: _____

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM and INCLUDE OFFICE
NOTE VIA FAX TO: 850.656.9293**

Thank you for your cooperation in assisting our mutual diabetic patient! Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our office at 850.878.6998. Thank you.



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