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**MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:**

**TO:**

**FROM:** DR. GEORGE N. MERRITT

**SUBJECT:** DIABETIC FOOTWEAR DOCUMENTATION REQUEST

**DATE:**

**PATIENT:**

**DOB:**

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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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