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Dear Physician:

For diabetic footwear to be covered by Medicare, all applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements must be met. Medicare requires a physical evaluation of the patient, and **the following bullet points must be included in the physician's chart note** (Medicare does not consider a letter part of the medical record). Please fax any Medicare compliant chart notes to our office.

The physician managing the diabetes (MD or DO) must complete and document the following:

1. Management of the patient's diabetes within past 6 months, **and**
2. Foot exam within the past 6 months (the physician can sign off on this if another treating physician completed exam), **and**
3. Treatment of the patient's condition(s) requires the use of diabetic footwear, **and**
4. Must document AND DISCUSS, ALL that will be chosen on the Therapeutic Shoe Form:
 - a. History of partial or complete amputation of the foot
 - b. Current or previous foot ulceration
 - c. Current or previous pre-ulcerative calluses
 - d. Peripheral neuropathy with evidence of callus formation
 - e. Foot deformity
 - f. Poor circulation

Thank you, and please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.