

Diabetic C.O.N.

Dr. Scott O'Connor - Central Illinois Foot & Ankle Center

Subject: Therapeutic Footwear
Date:
Patient:

Dear Dr.

The Podiatric profession and the American Diabetes Association are involved in a joint effort to lower the amputation rate in the diabetic population. To achieve this goal, diabetic patients at risk are being identified and educated about proper footwear and care of their feet. In May of 1993, Medicare established a preventative footwear program for patients with diabetes. Since that time the program has been under-utilized and the amputation rate continues to rise.

As the physician who is managing the patient's diabetic condition, you have the responsibility of certifying the need for footwear and inserts for your patients under the Medicare program. I have enclosed a copy of the Statement of Certifying Physician form that must be completed for the patient to be covered under this program. As defined in the Medicare guidelines, beneficiaries can qualify for footwear and inserts if they have Type I or Type II diabetes and any one of the six qualifying conditions listed on this form.

I have taken the liberty of completing the first and second questions of the form based on my history and examination of the patient. I would ask that you review the form and upon signing it return it to our office. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

I have taken an active role in the campaign to lower the amputation rate by supplying proper footwear and custom inserts to my diabetic patients at risk. I am achieving excellent results with the type of footwear and inserts that I am dispensing. I am asking for your help in an ongoing effort to lower the amputation rate in this at-risk population by identifying patients at risk and referring them for footwear and insert when indicated.
Professionally,

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