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## **CLINICAL NOTES GUIDELINES FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICARE REPLACEMENT PLANS**

Dear Certifying Physician,

Thank you for helping this patient to receive Diabetic Footwear.

Medicare has for years required you to fill out and submit a Statement of Certifying Physician. In June of 2010, CMS increased the paperwork requirements for the certifying physician. We realize these requirements place a burden on you and your staff. However, in order for us to receive payment for the diabetic shoes and custom inserts, we must have clinical notes from you that support the Statement of Certifying Physician.

The clinical note must explicitly document a foot exam and one or more of the required conditions (listed as a. – f. on the Statement of Certifying Physician). You may rely on findings of other doctors, but must specify the findings and sign off on them. A copy of your clinical note must be received along with the signed Statement of Certifying Physician prior to the fitting of diabetic shoes and inserts.

Please know that these efforts will ensure your patient gets the footwear that they need and help to ensure Medicare approves paying for them. Please contact our office with any questions. Thank you for your assistance.