

New 'K' Code for Therapeutic Shoe Inserts

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CMS recently revised Appendix C of the DMEPOS Quality Standards to include a new type of therapeutic shoe insert for individuals with diabetes that is fabricated without molding it to beneficiary-specific physical positive model. The revisions allow the use of direct carving (milling) using a Computer-Aided Design/Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAD-CAM) or similar system, without the creation of a physical positive model, as a custom fabricated therapeutic shoe insert manufacturing technique falling under the scope of the Therapeutic Shoes Part B benefit. To facilitate implementation of this new category of therapeutic shoe inserts, the following new code will be added to the HCPCS code set **effective April 1, 2018:**

K0903: For diabetics only, multiple density insert, made by direct carving with CAM technology from a rectified CAD model created from a digitized scan of the patient, total contact with patient's foot, including arch, base layer minimum of 3/16 inch material of shore a 35 durometer or higher), includes arch filler and other shaping material, custom fabricated, each.

CMS reminds suppliers to use the KX modifier on all claims for K0903 when all requirements in the medical policy are met. The billing jurisdiction for this code is the DME MAC. Please note that reimbursement is also the same, \$87.12 per pair and \$261.36 for three pairs.

Please note that providers are receiving official notices sent by the suppliers regarding the use K0903 and the correct way to code based on how the inserts are made. Please note that proper billing/coding is tied to the fabrication completed by the supplier not by the provider at the office. Additionally, this only applies to A5513 "custom technique" and A5512 remains the same.