

Tips Regarding Therapeutic Shoes

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How criterion 2 of the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) is met:

In order to meet criterion 2, the certifying physician must either:

Personally document one or more of criteria 2a–2f (**please see below**) in the medical record of an in-person visit within six months prior to delivery of the shoes/inserts and prior to or on the same day as signing the certification statement;

- a. Previous amputation of the other foot, or part of either foot
- b. History of previous foot ulceration of either foot
- c. History of pre-ulcerative calluses of either foot
- d. Peripheral neuropathy with evidence of callus formation of either foot
- e. Foot deformity of either foot
- f. Poor circulation in either foot

Or obtain, initial, date (prior to signing the certification statement), and indicate agreement (I agree) with information from the medical records of an in-person visit with a podiatrist, other M.D or D.O., physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist that is within six months prior to delivery of the shoes/inserts, and that documents one or more of criteria **2a–2f**.

Specific information that must be included in the "fitting" chart note:

At the time of in-person delivery to the beneficiary of the items selected, the supplier must conduct an objective assessment of the fit of the shoe and inserts and document the results. A beneficiary's subjective statements regarding fit as the sole documentation of the in-person delivery does not meet this criterion. An example of an objective assessment will include quantifying data. There should be objective information about what the fitter observed. E.g., foot box fits properly, length and width are appropriate, beneficiary walked a few steps and there was no rubbing, etc.