

# Apis Footwear Company

## Medicare Therapeutic Shoe Bill

Congress passed The Therapeutic Shoe Bill in 1993 to provide proper footwear and inserts for diabetic patients who qualify under Medicare part B benefits. The Therapeutic Shoe Program was designed to help prevent lower limb ulcers, amputation and other complications in people with diabetes. Qualified beneficiaries will get one pair of extra-depth shoes plus extra pairs of heat-moldable inserts and/ or shoe modifications in each calendar year under this bill.

Qualified beneficiaries will receive the therapeutic shoes, inserts and/or modifications covered by Medicare only if they met the following criteria:

1. The beneficiary has diabetes mellitus( ICD-9 codes) and at least one or more following conditions,
  - Previous amputation of foot or part of either foot, or
  - History of previous foot ulceration of either foot, or
  - History of pre-ulcerative calluses of either foot, or
  - Peripheral neuropathy with evidence of callus formation of either foot, or
  - Foot deformity of either foot, or
  - Poor circulation in either foot
2. The certifying physician (MD or DO) who is managing the beneficiaries systemic diabetes condition has certified that one or more of the above conditions are diagnosed and she or he is treating the beneficiary under a comprehensive plan of care for the diabetes and the beneficiary is in need of therapeutic shoes, inserts and/or modifications.

The reimbursement of the therapeutic shoe program includes the foot evaluation, fitting of the shoes and inserts, modifications and follow-up session.

Medicare Fee Schedule 2009 (For reference only)

Medicare Reimbursement Schedule Updated 01-01-2009							
Medicare Fee Schedule							
		Each	Allowable Units	Extended	Medicare Reimbursement		
					Medicare 80%	Supplemer 20%	Total
<b>A5500</b>	Shoe	<b>\$66.76</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$133.52</b>	<b>\$106.82</b>	<b>\$26.70</b>	<b>\$133.52</b>
<b>A5512</b>	Heat Moldable Inserts	<b>\$27.24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$163.44</b>	<b>\$130.75</b>	<b>\$32.69</b>	<b>\$163.44</b>
<b>A5513</b>	Custom Inserts	<b>\$40.65</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$243.90</b>	<b>\$195.12</b>	<b>\$48.78</b>	<b>\$243.90</b>
<b>L5000</b>	Toe Filler	\$500.00	1				
Apis Value Package							
	1 pair of off-the-shelf low-top shoes		2	\$133.52			
	3 paris of heat moldable inserts		6	\$163.44			
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$296.96</b>			
	1 pair of off-the-shelf low-top shoes		2	133.52			
	3 paris of custom-made inserts		6	\$243.90			
<b>Total</b>				<b>377.42</b>			

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