

MEDICAL RESOURCES LIMITED

THE THERAPEUTIC SHOE BILL

~ Update on Medicare Coverage for Diabetic Patients ~

With the passing of the Therapeutic Shoe Bill, Medicare extended coverage to diabetic patients for footwear and foot orthotics such as Stride Lite Therapeutic Shoes and Diabetic Inserts. There are several codes and guidelines. The following is a summary of the current regulations.

CODES for STRIDE LITE THERAPEUTIC SHOES AND DIABETIC INSERTS

<u>Codes</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Allowable</u>
A5500	For Diabetics only, Fitting, preparation and supply of off the shelf depth inlay shoe manufactured to accommodate multi-density insert(s), per shoe.	\$63.58 / Shoe*
A5512	For Diabetics only, multiple density insert direct formed, molded to foot after external heat source of 230 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, total contact with patient's foot, including arch, base layer minimum of 1-4 inch material of shore A35 durometer, or higher 3-16 inch material of shore A40 (or higher), prefabricated, each.	\$25.94 / each*
A5513	For diabetics only, multiple density inserts, custom molded from model of patient's foot, total contact with patient's foot, including arch, base layer minimum of 3/16 inch material of shore A35 durometer, or higher, includes arch filler and other shaping material, custom fabricated, each.	\$38.71 / each*

* Suppliers are reminded that for a multi-density insert to qualify for this benefit, the insert must be in total contact with the foot, meaning the insert must cover the heel, ball and toe. In addition all inserts must have a minimum of two layers of material with differing density with the top layer consisting of a softer material to provide protection for the patient's foot and to redistribute pressure. The bottom layer should be designed of a density that provides stability and durability. All inserts must retain the shape of the foot for the life of the insert and must be removable.

** Prices vary slightly by state. Contact your local DMERC.
Fee schedule based on Region B DMERC

Guidelines

Coverage Limitations

Coverage of off-the-shelf footwear and inserts is limited to one of the following within 1 Calendar year:

- ◆ 1 pair of Ultra-depth shoes and 3 pair of multi-density inserts.
- ◆ 1 pair of Ultra-depth shoes including modification, and 2 pair of multi-density inserts.

Stride Lite Therapeutic Shoes and Diabetic Inserts can provide you with several options to protect the diabetic foot and promote healing. An example of these options that would meet the Medicare Coverage Limitations is:

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	2008	2008
1 pair of Stride Lite Therapeutic Shoe (A5500)	<u>A5512</u> \$127.16	<u>A5513</u> \$127.16
3 pair of Diabetic Inserts	<u>\$155.64</u>	<u>\$232.26</u>
	\$282.80	\$359.42