

# One-Time Notification

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**SUBJECT: CWF Edits for Inserts for Therapeutic Shoes**

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

This instruction implements edits to enforce Medicare calendar year allowances on therapeutic shoe inserts for diabetics.

### A. Background:

Medicare has limits on how many inserts for therapeutic shoes it will pay for in a calendar year. It has come to CMS' attention that the limits are not being applied in the claims processing system to two items represented by Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes A5509 and A5511.

### B. Policy:

For each individual, coverage of the footwear and inserts is limited to one of the following within one calendar year:

- o No more than one pair of custom-molded shoes (including inserts provided with such shoes) and two additional pairs of inserts; or

- o No more than one pair of depth shoes and three pairs of inserts (not including the non-customized removable inserts provided with such shoes).

Nothing in this PM will change existing coverage policy at the DMERCs. It will simply add A5509 and A5511 to existing diabetic shoe edits.

**C. Provider Education:** None.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*

*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
2746.1	For claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2004, the Common Working File (CWF) must add HCPCS code A5509 to existing edits to ensure Medicare payment is not made for more than one pair of custom-	CWF

	molded shoes (including inserts provided with such shoes) and two additional pairs of inserts per beneficiary per calendar year.	
2746.2	For claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2004, the Common Working File (CWF) must add HCPCS code A5509 to existing edits to ensure Medicare payment is not made for more than one pair of depth shoes and three pairs of inserts (not including the non-customized removable inserts provided with such shoes) per beneficiary per calendar year.	CWF
2746.3	For claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2004, the Common Working File (CWF) must add HCPCS code A5511 to existing edits to ensure that Medicare payment is not made for more than one pair of custom-molded shoes (including inserts provided with such shoes) and two additional pairs of inserts per beneficiary per calendar year.	CWF
2746.4	For claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2004, the Common Working File (CWF) must add HCPCS code A5511 to existing edits to ensure that Medicare payment is not made for more than one pair of depth shoes and three pairs of inserts (not including the non-customized removable inserts provided with such shoes) per beneficiary per calendar year.	CWF

### III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION & POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

#### A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

#### B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

#### C. Interfaces: N/A

#### D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

**E. Dependencies:** N/A

**F. Testing Considerations:** N/A

**IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING**

<p><b>Effective Date: April 1, 2004</b></p> <p><b>Implementation Date: April 1, 2004</b></p> <p><b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> <b>appropriate regional office</b></p> <p><b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> <b>appropriate regional office</b></p>	<p><b>These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget</b></p>
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