



How to Get Medicare Diabetic Shoes- Original Medicare Part B generally covers one pair of qualifying shoes per calendar year, plus eligible inserts. if you have diabetes and a qualifying foot condition. Please follow these steps so we can check your coverage and arrange your fitting.

1. See the clinician who orders your shoes

A podiatrist or another qualified prescribing clinician must see you in person, examine your feet, document your qualifying foot condition, and write the order for your shoes and inserts. This visit must be within 6 months before you receive the shoes.

2. Come to your shoe evaluation

We will examine and measure your feet, discuss suitable shoes and inserts, and request the medical records needed from your doctors.

3. The clinician who orders your shoes

The podiatrist or other qualified ordering clinician must complete, sign, and date the Standard Written Order (SWO) for the diabetic shoes and inserts. The ordering clinician must provide the office visit note supporting the prescription and documenting why the diabetic shoes and inserts are medically necessary.

4. The doctor who manages your diabetes

The doctor must provide office notes showing your diabetes diagnosis and that you are being treated under a comprehensive diabetes care plan. The doctor (**M.D. or D.O**) must also sign the Medicare certification stating that you need diabetic shoes. This visit must be within 6 months before you receive them.

If a nurse practitioner or physician assistant treats your diabetes, the supervising **M.D. or D.O.** doctor **must** review, sign, and date the practitioner's diabetes notes to show agreement.

If your podiatrist or another qualified prescribing clinician gives you the prescription, your diabetes doctor (M.D. or D.O). must review the foot examination note, sign and date the note to show agreement.

5. Return for your fitting

We will schedule your fitting after we receive all documents Medicare requires from your doctors and when your shoes are ready. At the fitting, we will check the shoes and inserts before you take them. We will contact you to schedule this visit.

Need help? Call Oso Orthotics & Prosthetics at 239-766-7940.