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## SHOES AND INSERTS

**Original Medicare** can pay a portion of the cost of your diabetic shoes. Part B will cover both the fitting and the footwear. The Part B deductible still applies. Also, Medicare can cover the cost of modifications to your shoes, rather than inserts. For Medicare to cover your diabetic shoe cost, your doctor must verify that the shoes are medically necessary.

You need to meet at least three of these health conditions: Diabetes Foot Deformity Nerve damage caused by diabetes Foot Ulcers Amputation of the foot Poor circulation Must be getting treatment through a thorough health care plan

## Medicare also requires:

Verification of your need for therapeutic shoes and/or inserts from the doctor who treats your diabetes Prescription for therapeutic shoes and/or inserts from a podiatrist or other qualified provider. A nurse practitioners can prescribe diabetic shoes. Physician assistants, nurse specialists, and podiatrists can also prescribe these shoes. Doctors need to provide proper documentation that the patient's feet have a thorough examination.

Remember that even with Medicare, you may still pay a portion of the bill. You could end up with copays, coinsurance, and deductible costs.

### **Frequently Asked Questions.**

# Medicare Advantage Plans Cover Diabetic Shoes?

Medicare Advantage policies can cover the costs of your therapeutic shoes. Since Medicare covers diabetic shoes, Medicare-Advantage plans will also cover diabetic shoes. Of course, you must still meet all eligibility requirements. Keep in mind, Advantage plans have specific networks. If your plan's network doesn't include Kinetic, you may not have coverage for you shoes or visits.

## Can Medigap Help Cover the Cost of Diabetic Shoes?

A Medigap policy may be just what you need to help cover your diabetic shoes. Medicare Supplement plans are a great asset in helping with the extra costs. Because Medigap plans cover the balance of what Medicare does, Medicare Supplement policies can help cover the out-of-pocket expenses you may have when getting diabetic shoes.

## **Does Medicare Cover Shoes for Diabetic Neuropathy?**

Medicare can cover extra-depth shoes for diabetic neuropathy. You can get one pair of extra-depth shoes, and three pairs of inserts.

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