



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Dear Provider:

SUBJECT: Clarification of Policy on Orthopedic Shoes

This letter serves as clarification to policy listed in the Medicaid Provider Manual, Medical Supplier Chapter (Section 2.24 Orthopedic Footwear). The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) covers only medically necessary orthopedic footwear products such as "orthopedic shoes, surgical boots, removable inserts, Thomas heels, and lifts." Standard shoes available at retail stores or offered by manufacturers on-line, (e.g., tennis or gym shoes) are non-covered items.

MDCH considers orthopedic shoes that are identified by the manufacturer as "orthopedic," provide extra depth, have wider heel box and contain any modifications to accommodate a brace.

MDCH follows National coding assignments listed with the Medicare Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding Contractor (PDAC) and may re-assign a Healthcare Common Procedure Codes System (HCPCS) Level II code to the requested product if an appropriate code has been identified. Orthopedic shoes to accommodate a brace do not require prior authorization if the standards of coverage have been met and the provider utilizes the correct HCPCS code assigned by PDAC. When billing and/or requesting prior authorization for orthopedic footwear, providers must identify the product by using the appropriate HCPCS code. For an orthopedic shoe that does not have an existing HCPCS code to describe it, providers may use the miscellaneous or "Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)," code. All NOC codes require prior authorization. The brand, product or part number and description of the product must be included on the Special Special Prior Approval - Request/Authorization (MSA-1653-B) form.

Providers should refer to the Medical Supplier Chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual for Standards of Coverage and further clarification.

Questions regarding this letter may be submitted to Provider Support at: 1-800-292-2550 or providersupport@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Fitton".

Stephen Fitton, Director
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