



## MEDICARE COMPLIANCE CORNER

Here is a list of the most recent policy updates from CMS:

1. Each calendar year, Medicare requires a new Measurement of your patient's feet, a foam impression box and a new Certifying Physician Statement. (see attached form)
2. The Supplier Standards have increased from 26 standards to 30 standards. Please use the attached form and discard all the old copies. (see attached form)
3. CMS has delayed the PECOS deadline due to a backlog in processing applications. They have not indicated what the new deadline will be. If you have not submitted your application as of yet, please go <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov> and process your application.
4. Timely filing of claims has been reduced to 12 months. All claims for services furnished on or after January 1, 2010, must be filed with your Medicare contractor no later than one calendar year (12 months) from the date of service.
5. All 4 Jurisdictions have been sending out Pre-Payment Reviews. **This is documentation CMS requires:**

	Activity	Responsible Person	Requirements <sup>1</sup>
1	Visit to document diabetes management <sup>2</sup>	Certifying MD/DO	Within 6 months prior to delivery
2	Visit to document qualifying foot condition <sup>2</sup>	Certifying MD/DO, other MD/DO, DPM, PA, NP, CNS	Within 6 months prior to delivery
3	Completing Certification Statement	Certifying MD/DO	-After visit(s) to document diabetes management and qualifying foot condition <sup>2</sup> -After Certifying Physician reviews and signs report of visit documenting qualifying foot condition by other MD/DO, DPM, PA, NP, CNS - if applicable <sup>3</sup> -Prior to initial provision of shoes and inserts -For subsequent provision of shoes and inserts, required if delivery is more than 1 year after most recent Certification Statement
4	Providing dispensing order to supplier <sup>4</sup>	Prescribing physician	-After visit with Prescribing physician -Before delivery
5	Signing detailed written order	Prescribing physician	-After visit with Prescribing physician
6	Selection visit	Supplier	
7	Delivery visit	Supplier	-After selection visit -After receiving dispensing order or detailed written order
8	Submitting claim	Supplier	-After delivery -After receiving detailed written order -After receiving Certification Statement

<sup>1</sup> If the table states that one event needs to occur "before" or "after" another event, both could occur on the same date if that sequence was followed

<sup>2</sup> Effective for dates of service on/after 1/1/2011

<sup>3</sup> Applicable if qualifying foot condition is not documented on visit with Certifying Physician

<sup>4</sup> Separate dispensing order not needed if detailed written order received by supplier prior to delivery

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