**IS YOUR PATIENT QUALIFIED FOR DIABETIC SHOES?**

Your patient may qualify for diabetic shoes and inserts if your patient has diabetes AND one of six qualifying foot conditions.

The six qualifying foot conditions are:

* Foot deformity ex*; bunion, hammer toes, flat feet, charcot foot, diminished arch, etc.*
* Callus – pre-ulcerative history of or current
* Foot Ulcer- history of, or current
* Poor Circulation
* Neuropathy with evidence of callus formation
* Amputation

Diabetic care providers such as yourselves routinely require diabetic patients to remove their socks and shoes at every diabetic visit. This exam is usually vigilant for dry skin, tenia pedis, calluses, ulcers, deep cracks, foot deformities, decreased sensation and diminished/absent pulses. Referral to an appropriate foot care specialist is usually coordinated when significant issues are identified.

It is helpful to document the presence of any qualifying foot condition in the medical record of your patient at each diabetes visit. This information will allow your exam not to meet Medicare standards and will allow us to provide your patient with their diabetic footwear each year.

Thank you for your continued care and assistance in the treatment of our mutual patients!