**DIABETIC SHOES – MEDICARE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

When medically necessary, Medicare allows one pair of diabetic shoes and three sets of inserts per calendar year. In order for Medicare to cover 80% of their allowable amount, the following documentation requirements need to be met.

Please follow the instructions below – **Failure to do so will cause Medicare to deny your claim**

**BEFORE YOU COME IN TO BE FITTED:**

* Go to the physician treating your diabetes and have your feet examined. You must have an office visit with the physician that treats your diabetes within 6 months prior to your shoe fitting. This physician must be an MD or DO.
* During your visit, this physician must document (in your medical records) notes indicating the continual management of your diabetes and that you have one or more of the 6 qualifying conditions for diabetic footwear listed on the certification form.
* Have this physician complete and sign the attached Statement of Certifying Physician and the Prescription for Therapeutic Footwear (this section can optionally be completed by a DPM).

**PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO MURDOCH SHOES:**

* Your completed Statement of Certifying Physician & Prescription for Therapeutic Footwear. This form expires 3 months from the date the physician signs it.
* A signed copy of your MD or DO’s medical records from your last office visit that pertains to your diabetic footwear. Again, these notes must document something relating to your feet – ex: bunions, hammertoes, pre-ulcerative callouses, amputated toe(s), poor circulation, etc.

**NEW FOR 2017** – We will **only** accept assignment for your Medicare claim if all of your documentation is complete. If not, you can pay up front for your shoes and/or inserts and we will submit the claim on your behalf.

**FAX TRANSMITTALS**

We no longer accept fax transmittals of the above documentation. We do not have the staff to support the phone inquiries. Please bring all required documentation into our store.