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CMS Finalizes Revised DMEPOS Quality Standards

One Small Change

On January 9, 2018, CMS published its final changes to the DMEPOS Quality Standards, specifically the standards that address the definition of the term "molded to patient model" as it relates to the provision of custom fabricated diabetic inserts.

CMS made only one small change to the definitions it included in its November 2, 2017 proposed rule that included direct milled, custom fabricated diabetic inserts made using a digital or virtual model of the patient's foot in the proposed definition of the term "molded to patient model." There was no change in the proposed language in the final changes to the DMEPOS Quality Standards. CMS did include the use of a foam box impression as an acceptable means of creating an impression of the patient's foot for use in the creation of a positive model of the patient's foot. [Read more.](#)

CMS Issues Temporary "K" Code to Describe Direct Milled, Custom Fabricated Diabetic Inserts

A fee schedule for K0903 has not been released

On January 11, 2018, as part of its quarterly HCPCS update, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a new HCPCS code to describe direct milled, custom fabricated diabetic inserts. The new code is effective April 1, 2018 and reads as follows: "K0903-For Diabetics Only, Multiple Density Insert, Made By Direct Carving With CAM Technology From A Rectified CAD Model Created From A Digitized Scan Of The Patient, Total Contact With Patient's Foot, Including Arch, Base Layer Minimum Of 3/16 Inch Material Of Shore A 35 Durometer (Or Higher), Includes Arch Filler And Other Shaping Material, Custom Fabricated, Each"

The new code is categorized as a "K" code which is technically a temporary code designed to allow CMS to track utilization prior to deciding whether to issue a permanent HCPCS code, in this case an "A" code. Any codes that are created mid-year must be issued as "K" codes. [Read more.](#)

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