

# State Health Plan MA Orthopedic shoes and orthotic inserts



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## Applies to:

Medicare Plus Blue PPO<sup>SM</sup>  Medicare Plus Blue Group PPO<sup>SM</sup>  Both

## Orthopedic shoes and orthotic shoe inserts

Orthopedic shoes and orthotic shoe inserts intend to correct an abnormal or irregular walking pattern by slightly altering the angles at which the foot strikes a walking or running surface.

## Original Medicare

Original Medicare Part B covers the furnishing and fitting of either orthopedic shoes or orthotic shoe inserts each calendar year, if you have diabetes and severe diabetic foot disease:

- One pair of custom-molded shoes and inserts
- One pair of extra-depth shoes

Medicare also covers:

- Two additional pairs of inserts each calendar year for custom-molded shoes
- Three additional pairs of inserts each calendar year for extra-depth shoes

Medicare will cover the orthopedic shoes only as a part of a leg brace. Heel replacements and shoe transfers involving shoes on a covered brace are also covered. Inserts and other shoe modifications are covered if they are on a shoe that is an integral part of a covered brace and if they are medically necessary for the proper functioning of the brace. Shoes and related modifications, inserts, heel/sole replacements or shoe transfers billed without a KX modifier will be denied as noncovered because coverage is statutorily excluded.

Medicare lists the following devices as orthotics under the heading of Durable Medical Equipment (DME):

- Bracing for ankle, foot, knee, back, neck, spine, hand, wrist, elbow
- Orthopedic shoes as a necessary part of a leg brace
- Prosthetic devices like artificial limbs.

## Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup> Group PPO enhanced benefit for State Health Plan MA

Medicare Plus Blue is a Medicare Advantage plan that provides at least the same level of benefit coverage as Original Medicare (Part A and Part B) and may provide enhanced benefits beyond the scope of Original Medicare within a single health care plan. This flexibility allows Blue Cross to offer enriched plans by using Original Medicare as the base program and adding desired benefit options.

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Coverage up to 100% of the approved amount for orthopedic shoes and orthotic shoe inserts is provided to members under the State of Michigan Medicare Plus Blue Group PPO plan. Because Original Medicare only covers 80% of this service, the scope of benefit, reimbursement methodology, maximum payment amounts, and the member's cost sharing are determined by the group.

## Policy Guidelines/Medical Conditions

Orthopedic shoes and orthotic shoe inserts are covered beyond diabetic foot disease, based on medical necessity. This means a medical diagnosis is required for the member to obtain the shoes and/or inserts.

Example: Inserts would be covered for someone diagnosed with plantar fasciitis.

**Note:** This enhanced benefit does not require the orthotic shoe to be attached to a leg brace.

## Conditions for payment

The table below specifies payment conditions for orthotic shoes and inserts.

Conditions for payment	
Eligible provider	No restrictions
Payable location	No restrictions
Frequency	<u>Orthopedic shoes &amp; orthotic shoe inserts</u> 2 every 3 years: HCPCS codes L3030-L3031, L3020, L3000, L3010 1 every year: HCPCS codes L3254, L3255, L3257, L3260, L3265 1 every 3 years: HCPCS codes L3100, L3140, L3150 3 every 6 months: HCPCS codes L3300, L3310, L3320, L3334 2 every 1 year: HCPCS codes L3001-L3003, L3040, L3050, L3060, L3070, L3080, L3090, L3215-L3217, L3219, L3221-L3222, L3224-L3225, L3230, L3250-L3253 2 every 6 months: HCPCS codes L3160, L3170, L3201-L3204, L3206-L3209
CPT/HCPCS codes	L3000 - L3649
Diagnosis restrictions	No restrictions
Age restrictions	None

## Member cost sharing

Services are covered up to 100% of the approved amount.

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