

Attention: Medical Reporter

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Medical Paperwork Alert!

Grand Rapids, Mich. - Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital Orthotics & Prosthetics group is issuing a "Medical Paperwork Alert!" to all physicians who treat patient's diabetes. The O&P group at Mary Free Bed has been getting diabetic patients referred but has to send the patient back for the correct paperwork.

Stephanie Millis, Podiatrists Liaison, from Mary Free Bed O&P group said, "The new Medicare rules were put into place to make the system more accountable. When providing diabetic shoes and inserts to Medicare participants, the physician who treats the patient's diabetes is required to complete and sign an SCP (Statement of Certifying Physician) form stating that all coverage requirements are met."

The following criteria must be sent to Mary Free Bed Orthotics & Prosthetics, or any rehab group, before we can see the patient:

1. Complete and sign an SCP form stating that all coverage requirements are met
2. Document in your records that you are managing the patient's diabetes
3. Provide documentation that supports that the conditions listed on the SCP form are evident.

Without this documentation, we cannot see your patient. At Mary Free Bed O&P, we realize this is additional paperwork and will only request necessary information to allow Medicare to reimburse for these items.

You can find a link to this medical policy at www.MaryFreeBedOandP.com/Alerts.php. For more information, contact our office at 616-242-0315 or 800-474-0324.

More about Mary Free Bed:

Founded more than 100 years ago, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital is an 80-bed, not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation center. Its mission is to restore hope and freedom through rehabilitation to people with disabilities. Mary Free Bed offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation for children and adults using an interdisciplinary approach. Also available are numerous specialty programs designed to increase the quality of life and independence of people with disabilities. For more information about Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, please visit www.maryfreebed.com, or call (800) 528-8989.

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