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Dear Mr./Mrs. _____

As your podiatrist I occasionally come across information that is important to communicate.

A Big Step For People With Diabetes:

There have been recent mentions in the media about the Therapeutic Shoe Bill (1993) that enables people with diabetes to obtain coverage by Medicare Part B for Diabetic Shoes and Insoles, even without a history of any foot complications. Following Medicare's lead, most private health insurances and Medicaid provide coverage as well. The preventative nature of the bill demonstrates the importance of proper foot care as it relates to diabetes.

As your partner in Diabetes care, we now make it easy to obtain diabetic shoes right in our office! Our Foot Consultant measures, fits, and provides billing expertise for these important items, even if you have purchased them elsewhere in the past. Getting Diabetic Shoes and Insoles is quick and simple. Just have your doctor complete the enclosed prescription and bring it to our office. We take care of the rest. Best of all, we accept assignment (no up-front costs paid by patient) for all diabetes supplies, including shoes and insoles.

We encourage you to take advantage of your Medicare (Part B), Medicaid, and health insurance coverage for Diabetic Shoes and Insoles. They are a giant step toward better foot health.

Please give us a call at _____ with any questions about the Therapeutic Shoe Bill, the benefits of Diabetic Shoes and Insoles, or individual eligibility for coverage. We will always do our best to be of service.

Your podiatrist,

Rx#1 and Rx#2