

January 1, 2024

Subject: Discontinuation of **Podiatry Routine Foot Care Services** due to Medicare Cuts

Dear Patient,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I am writing to inform you about an upcoming change in our podiatry services at DeLand Foot and Leg Center. It is with a heavy heart that we must announce the **discontinuation of routine foot care services without another medical problem in the same visit** for Medicare and Commercial beneficiaries, effective January 1, 2024.

As you are likely aware, the recent Medicare cuts have placed a significant financial strain on healthcare providers across the nation. These reductions in reimbursements for podiatry services have made it increasingly difficult for us to maintain the high standard of care that our patients deserve and have come to expect from us. As a result, we find ourselves at a crossroads where we must make difficult decisions to ensure the sustainability of our practice and the quality of care we provide.

We believe that the "Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act" is a crucial piece of legislation that has the potential to address the challenges we are currently facing. This act aims to restore fair and adequate reimbursements for essential medical services, ensuring that both patients and healthcare providers are supported in their healthcare journey. Passage of this act would enable us to continue offering routine foot care services to Medicare beneficiaries without compromising on quality or accessibility.

We understand the importance of routine foot care in maintaining the overall health and well-being of our patients, particularly those who rely on Medicare for their medical needs. Unfortunately, due to recent reductions in Medicare reimbursement, I am unable to physically see twice the number of nail and callus patients to make up for the financial shortfall. This decision to discontinue these services was incredibly difficult, as I value the trust you've placed in me for your care. I remain deeply committed to advocating for the "Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act", which would stabilize reimbursement and ensure I can continue providing essential services without compromise.

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Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 386.738.3733 or medicare@delandpodiatry.com. We remain hopeful for positive legislative action and look forward to serving your healthcare needs in the best way possible.

Sincerely,

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