Covered routine foot care CPT codes:
G0127, 11055, 11056, 11057, 11719, 11720, 11721

While the Medicare program generally excludes routine foot care services from coverage, there are specific indications or exceptions under which there are program benefits. These include:

1. Routine foot care when the patient has a systemic disease, such as metabolic, neurologic, or peripheral vascular disease, of sufficient severity that performance of such services by a nonprofessional person would put the patient at risk (for example, a systemic condition that has resulted in severe circulatory embarrassment or areas of desensitization in the patient’s legs or feet).

2. Treatment of warts on foot is covered to the same extent as services provided for the treatment of warts located elsewhere on the body.

3. Services normally considered routine may be covered if they are performed as a necessary and integral part of otherwise covered services, such as diagnosis and treatment of ulcers, wounds, or infections.

4. Treatment of mycotic nails may be covered under the exceptions to the routine foot care exclusion. The class findings, outlined below, or the presence of qualifying systemic illnesses causing a peripheral neuropathy, must be present. (Treatment of mycotic nails for patients without systemic illnesses may also be covered and are defined in a separate local coverage determination (LCD) for Debridement of Mycotic Nails)

The following physical and clinical findings, which are indicative of severe peripheral involvement, must be documented and maintained in the patient record, in order for routine foot care services to be reimbursable. The presumption of coverage is applied when the physician rendering the routine foot care has identified either (1) the Class A finding (Q7); (2) two of the Class B findings (Q8); or (3) one Class B and two Class C findings, in addition to a primary condition (Q9).

Class A findings:

- Non-traumatic amputation of foot or integral skeletal portion thereof

Class B findings:

- Absent posterior tibial pulse
- Advanced trophic changes as evidenced by any three of the following:
  - hair growth (decrease or increase)
  - nail changes (thickening)
  - pigmentedary changes (discoloring)
  - skin texture (thin, shiny)
  - skin color (rubor or redness)
- Absent dorsalis pedis pulse

Class C findings:
• Claudication
• Temperature changes (e.g., cold feet)
• Edema
• Paresthesias (abnormal spontaneous sensations in the feet)
• Burning

Note: Information on the potential coverage and billing for those diabetic patients with severe peripheral neuropathy involving the feet, but without vascular impairment, may be found at: Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual-Pub. 100-03, Chapter 1, Section 70.2.1 and Medicare Claims Processing Manual-Pub. 100-04, Chapter 32, Sections 80-80.8.

Diagnoses
Codes with an “*” require the date last seen by an MD/DO.

030.0 Lepromatous leprosy (type I)
030.1 Tuberculoid leprosy (type t)
030.2 Indeterminate leprosy (group i)
030.3 Borderline leprosy (group b)
030.8 Other specified leprosy
030.9 Leprosy unspecified
039.4 Madura foot
040.0 Gas gangrene
042 HIV disease
045.10-045.13 Acute polio w/other paralysis
053.13 Postherpetic polyneuropathy
066.41-066.49 West Nile fever
088.81 Lyme disease
094.0 Tabes dorsalis
094.1 General paresis
094.2 Syphilitic meningitis
094.81 Syphilitic encephalitis
094.82 Syphilitic parkinsonism
094.9 Neurosyphilis unspecified
110.1 Dermatophytosis of nail
249.00*-249.92 Secondary diabetes mellitus
250.00*-250.13 Diabetes mellitus w/o comp
250.20*-250.23 Diabetes w/hyperosmolarity
250.40*-250.43 Diabetes renal manifest
250.60*-250.63 Diabetes neuro manifest
250.70*-250.73 Diabetes circulant manifest
250.80*-250.83 Diabetes unspec manifestation
250.90*-250.93 Diabetes other
265.2* Pellagra
272.7 Lipidoses
277.30 Amyloidosis, unspecified
277.31 Familial mediterranean fever
277.39 Other amyloidosis
281.0* Pernicious anemia
289.89 Other blood diseases
323.9 Encephalitis unspec
331.0 Alzheimer’s disease
332.0 Paralysis agitans
333.2 Myoclonus
333.4 Huntington’s chorea
334.0-334.2 Spino cerebellar disease
335.10 Spinal muscle atrophy unspec
335.20 Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
335.21 Progressive muscular atrophy
340* Multiple sclerosis
341.8 CNSs demyelination other
342.00-342.92 Flaccid hemiplegia
343.0-343.9 Infantile cerebral palsy
344.00-344.1 Quadraplegia/quadruparesis
344.3 Monoplegia lower limb
353.4 Lumbosacral root les other
353.8 Other nerve root/plexus disorder
355.0-355.5 Mononeuritis lower limb
356.0-356.9 Hereditary peripheral neuropathy
357.0-357.9 Inflammatory & toxic neuropathy
357.0* Acute infective polyneuritis
357.1 Polyneuropathy in collagen vascular disease
357.2* Polyneuropathy in diabetes
357.3* Polyneuropathy in malignant disease
357.4 Polyneuropathy in other diseases classified elsewhere
357.5* Alcoholic polyneuropathy
357.6* Polyneuropathy due to drugs
357.7* Polyneuropathy due to other toxic agents
357.81 Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuritis
357.82 Critical illness polyneuropathy
357.89 Other inflammatory and toxic neuropathy
357.9 Unspecified inflammatory and toxic neuropathies
436 CVA
438.20-438.22 Hemiplegia unspec side
438.40-.438.42 Monoplegia lower limb
438.50-438.52 Other paralytic syndrome
440.0-440.9 Atherosclerosis
442.3 Aneurysm artery lower extremity
443.0 Raynaud's syndrome
443.1 Thromboangitis Oblitertans (Buerger's disease)
443.81-443.9 Other peripheral vascular dis
444.22 Lower extremity embolism
444.81 Iliac artery embolism
444.89 Arterial embolism other
446.0 Polyarteritis nodosa
446.7* Takayasu's disease
447.8 Arterial disease other
447.9 Arterial disease unspec
451.0*-451.9 Phlebitis/Thrombophlebitis
453.9 Embolism and thrombosis of unspecified site
454.0-454.9 Varicose veins lower extremity
457.1 Other lymphedema
459.10-459.19 Postphlebetic syndrome
459.81-459.9 Other dis circulatory system
579.0 Celiac disease
579.1 Tropical sprue
585.1* Chronic kidney disease, stage i
585.2* Chronic kidney disease, stage ii (mild)
585.3* Chronic kidney disease, stage iii (moderate)
585.4* Chronic kidney disease, stage iv (severe)
585.5* Chronic kidney disease, stage v
585.6* End stage renal disease
585.6* End stage renal disease
700 Corns & callosities
703.8 Other specified diseases of nail
707.9 Unspec disease nail
706.2 Sebaceous cyst
707.06 Chronic ulcer skin, ankle
707.07 Chronic ulcer skin, heel
707.14 Ulcer heel/midfoot
707.15 Ulcer other
729.5* Pain limb
782.0* Skin sensation disturb
785.4 Gangrene
795.39* Other nonspec positive culture
893.0-893.2 Open wound toe
917.0-917.9 Open wound toe
924.3 Contusion toe
928.3 Crushing injury toe
945.11 1st deg burn toe
945.12 1st deg burn toe
945.21 2nd deg burn toe
945.22 2nd deg burn foot
945.31 3rd deg burn toe
945.32 3rd deg burn foot
945.41 Deep 3rd deg burn toe
945.42 Deep 3rd deg burn foot
945.51 3rd deg burn w/loss toe
945.52 3rd deg burn w/loss foot
956.0-956.9 Anaphylactic shock food
959.7 Lower leg injury unspec
976.0 Poison local anti infect
976.2 Poison loc astringent/detergent
976.3 Poison emol/demul/protect
991.1 Frostbite hand
991.2 Frostbite foot
V07.39 Prophylactic chemotherapy
V12.3 History blood disease
V12.50-v12.59 History circulatory disorder
V49.3 Sensory problems w/limbs
V49.70-v49.77 Lower limb amputation status
V58.61 Encounter long anticoag use

* for these diagnoses, the patient must be under the active care of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy (MD or DO) or qualified non-physician practitioner for the treatment and/or evaluation of the complicating disease