
Podiatry Services

4.221 Podiatry Services (5/1/2023, GCR 22-099)

4.221.1 Definitions

- (a) **“Podiatry services”** means the diagnosis and treatment of ailments of the foot, ankle, and lower extremity.

4.221.2 Covered Services

- (a) Vermont Medicaid covers medically necessary podiatry services.
- (b) Routine foot care, including the cutting or removing of corns and calluses, and trimming, cutting, clipping, or debriding of toenails, is covered when medically necessary for beneficiaries who have a medical condition, including diabetes or a peripheral vascular disease, that affects the lower extremities.

4.221.3 Qualified Providers

- (a) Podiatry services are covered when performed by a licensed podiatrist, or other licensed providers, working within their scope of practice.

4.221.4 Non-Covered Services

- (a) Hygienic care including cleaning or soaking of feet is not covered.
- (b) Services performed in the absence of a medical condition or injury involving the foot, ankle, or lower extremity are not covered.
- (c) Routine foot care services are not covered, except as provided at HCAR 4.221.2(b), even if the individual is unable to perform these services for themselves.