

Podiatry Class Findings Modifiers

Modifiers Q7, Q8, and Q9 are to be used to bill podiatric services.

Modifier	Description
Q7	One Class A Finding
Q8	Two Class B Findings
Q9	One Class B and Two Class C Findings

Class Findings

- Class A:
 - Non-traumatic amputation of foot or integral skeletal portion thereof
- Class B:
 - Absent posterior tibial pulse
 - Absent dorsalis pedis pulse
 - Advanced trophic changes (at least three of the following):
 - Decrease or absence of hair growth
 - Nail thickening
 - Skin discoloration
 - Thin and shiny skin texture
 - Rubor or redness of skin
- Class C:
 - Claudication
 - Temperature changes (cold feet)
 - Edema
 - Paresthesia (abnormal spontaneous sensations in feet)
 - Burning

For more information on podiatry services and class findings modifiers, please refer to our Routine Foot Care article.

References

- Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) Form (CMS-R-131) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Internet-Only Manual, Publication 100-02, Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, Section 290 [\[PDF\]](#)

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