

Financial Policy

1. We will gladly file your insurance claim if our office participates with your individual insurance plan. At the time of service, you will be responsible for any co-pays, deductibles, and any co-insurance amounts specified by your insurance company. You may verify our participation with your plan by calling the insurance number on the back of your insurance identification card.
2. We *must* have a copy of your insurance card to file any insurance claims for you or your family member(s). We will ask for a photo ID to verify the name of the insured individual.
3. Due to time restrictions for claim filing, we must be notified of all insurance changes at the time of service. If your insurance coverage changes and we are not notified at the time of your visit you may be responsible for all charges incurred. Once the time limit has expired, we will not be able to bill your insurance company and you will be financially responsible for all charges.
4. For those patients who are members of an HMO or managed care plan (e.g. Tricare, Indian Health Services), please verify with the receptionist before your visit to ensure that you do have a current referral/authorization to be seen. If you do not have a referral/authorization you will be responsible for all charges incurred during your visit.
5. The responsibility for payment of services rendered to any dependent children whose parents are divorced rests with the parent/guardian who seeks treatment. Any court-ordered responsibility judgment must be worked out between the individuals involved without the inclusion of our office.
6. If your insurance plan denies payment for non-covered services or supplies (boots, cast and post-op shoes, orthotics, etc.) received from our office, the patient or guardian will be financially responsible for the charges incurred.
7. If you have any questions regarding your podiatry coverage, please call the number on the back of your insurance card *prior* to receiving services or supplies. Once supply items have left the building they cannot be returned or resold, even if they show no wear or made no improvement to your condition.
8. All charges incurred during your visit(s) are subject to correction and verification from our billing department for both insurance and self-pay claims. As a result, these corrections can change your patient responsibility.
9. Our office will make our very best effort to help guide you through the billing process. However, we are *not* responsible for misquotes by your insurance company. Information obtained from your insurance company by our office is done as a courtesy and *cannot* be guaranteed. We encourage you, a knowledgeable family member or friend to contact your insurance company directly for price quotes or amounts applied to patient responsibility.
10. A \$35.00 service charge will be applied to your account for all returned checks. Your account will be handled on a cash only basis for future visits.
11. Any patient balances will be billed to you after claim finalization from your insurance company. Three statements will be mailed to the address you report; please make sure we are aware of any address changes. After three statements, your account will be turned over to collections. You will then be responsible for your debt and any collection fees added to your account by our collection agency, including all Attorney fees encountered in the collection of this debt. No further appointments will be scheduled until your account is paid in full.
12. Once a surgical procedure has been scheduled with a surgical facility, a cancellation fee will be applied to your account for surgery cancellations that are unrelated to a medical condition. A \$150.00 fee will apply to cases under 60 minutes; a prorated fee of \$75.00 per additional facility hour will be charged.
13. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required for scheduled appointments. A \$50.00 service charge will be applied to your account for chronic No-Show appointments; Medicaid patients will be terminated from the practice.
14. Refunds will be issued to the patient or guardian listed on the account.
15. All patient complaints will be handled in the same manner that has been established for Medicare beneficiaries.
PROTOCOL FOR RESOLVING COMPLAINTS FROM MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES - The patient has the right to freely voice grievances and recommend changes in care or services without fear of reprisal or unreasonable interruption of services. Service, equipment, and billing complaints will be communicated to management and upper management. These complaints will be documented in the *Medicare Beneficiaries Complaint Log*, and completed forms will include the patient's name, address, telephone number, and health insurance claim number, a summary of the complaint, the date it was received, the name of the person receiving the complaint, and a summary of actions taken to resolve the complaint. All complaints will be handled in a professional manner. All logged complaints will be investigated, acted upon, and responded to in writing or by telephone by a manager within a reasonable amount of time after the receipt of the complaint. If there is no satisfactory resolution of the complaint, the next level of management will be notified progressively and up to the owner of the practice, Dr. Tommy Roe. The patient will be informed of this complaint resolution protocol at the time of set-up of service.

I have read, understand, and agree to High Desert Foot & Ankle Specialists and Tommy G. Roe, DPM financial policy which is stated above and I agree to be responsible for any insurance assigned medical expenses and/or those that are not covered by my insurance company and further agree to immediately report any changes in healthcare insurance coverage.

Signature of Patient (Beneficiary), Guardian, or Responsible Party

Date

Please Print Name of Above Signature

Relationship to Patient (Beneficiary)

Heath Questionnaire

The following information will help your physician in reviewing your personal health, family history, and your current health habits. This will be kept in strict confidence and made part of your medical record.

Podiatric History

Chief Complaint

Briefly List Current Symptoms/Complaints _____

How long has your problem been bothering you? _____ Days _____ Weeks _____ Years

Have you ever seen a Podiatrist before? Yes No If yes, Condition you were treated for _____

Any past problems with your feet and/or ankles? _____

Any past surgical procedures on your feet and/or ankles? _____

What is your shoe size? _____ Current Weight? _____ Current Height? _____

Accident/Injury Information

Was your condition due to an auto accident? Yes No Will this claim be covered by Workman's Compensation? Yes No

Date of Injury _____ Place of Injury _____

Insurance Company Name _____ Adjustors Name _____

Case Number _____ Contact Number _____

Hospice Election

Is the patient enrolled in Hospice Care? Yes No If yes, Date of Enrollment _____

Current or Past Foot Problems

Please check (√) all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ankle Sprain | <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Sprain | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain-Burning or Tingling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athlete's Foot | <input type="checkbox"/> Foot Ulcers | <input type="checkbox"/> Plantar Warts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bunions | <input type="checkbox"/> Fracture/Broken-Foot or Ankle | <input type="checkbox"/> Plantar Fasciitis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Nail Color or Thickness | <input type="checkbox"/> Gout | <input type="checkbox"/> Skin Rashes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corns and Calluses | <input type="checkbox"/> Hammertoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Skin Fissures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cramps in Feet or Legs | <input type="checkbox"/> Ingrown Toenails | <input type="checkbox"/> Sprained Ankles or Feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eczema-Foot | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Pain or Swelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Swelling in Ankles or Feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Numbness in Feet or Legs | <input type="checkbox"/> Tendonitis |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain-Ankle, Heel, Foot, or Toe (Circle) | |

Personal Medical History

Please check (√) all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Emphysema | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Sleep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis | <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of weight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Polio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Disorders | <input type="checkbox"/> Gout | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Circulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardening of Arteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Raynaud's Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broken Bones | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent Infections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore that won't heal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Dependency | <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Stomach Ulcers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chills | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV Positive | <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in Moles | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Trouble | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Liver Trouble | <input type="checkbox"/> Varicose Veins |

Diabetes Date of Last Blood Sugar _____ Date of Last A1C _____ Date Last Seen by PCP for Diabetes _____

List All Surgeries & Hospitalizations

Social History & Health Habits

Place of Birth _____	Education (Highest Level) _____	
Occupation _____	How Long? _____	
If student, school attending _____		
Employed by _____		
Job Involve Heavy Lifting? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How much? _____	How often? _____
Spouse Employed by _____		Occupation? _____
Cigarette Smoking? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number of packs per day? _____	Number of Years? _____
Electronic Cigarette? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How much/often? _____	Number of Years? _____
Smokeless Tobacco? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How much/often? _____	Number of Years? _____
Quit Nicotine Use? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	When? _____	
Alcohol Use? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How much/often? _____	Number of Years? _____
Quit Alcohol Use? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	When? _____	
Street Drug Use? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type? _____	How much/often? _____
Do you live alone? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Exercise? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type? _____	How often? _____

Medication & Pharmacy Information

Pharmacy Name _____	Pharmacy Address/Phone _____		
Medication Name	Dose & How Often	Reason for Taking	Prescribing Physician
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Allergies & Sensitivities			
<input type="checkbox"/> Betadine?	<input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotics (Penicillin, Sulfa Drugs)?	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Latex?	<input type="checkbox"/> Anesthetics (Lidocaine, Marcaine)?	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tape?	<input type="checkbox"/> Other?	_____	_____

Family History

Does anyone in your family have a history of any of the following conditions, list family member(s)

High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Thyroid Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Overweight	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Similar Foot Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	_____
Is your father	<input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	Cause of Death _____
Is your mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased	Cause of Death _____

Patient/Guardian Signature and Consents

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is complete and correct. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform my doctor if I, the beneficiary, or my minor child, have a change in health condition. I hereby give my permission to administer treatment, and to perform such minor operative procedures as may be deemed necessary in the diagnosis and/or treatment of my, the beneficiary, or my minor child's podiatric condition.

I agree that High Desert Foot & Ankle Specialists and Dr. Tommy Roe may request and use my prescription medication history from other healthcare providers or third-party pharmacy benefit payers for treatment purposes.

I acknowledge that I was provided a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices and that I have read and understand the Notice and agree to its terms.

Signature of Patient (Beneficiary), Guardian, or Responsible Party _____	Date _____
Please Print Name of Signature Above _____	Relationship to Patient (Beneficiary) _____