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RE: ANODYNE SHOES

Extended Health Benefits Carrier

To Whom It May Concern:

Anodyne is a line of premium orthopaedic footwear that has been biomechanically refined to bring comfort, therapy and a sense of style in a stagnant market of medical footwear. This line targets the fundamental roots of orthopaedic footwear and is manufactured according to strict medical regulations.

It has surpassed the protocol to qualify for orthopaedic footwear in Canada (please see Appendix A). It has received classification by Health Canada as a medical device as Anodyne footwear is designed specifically for those with medical foot deformities and/or complications. The product is modifiable; wherein practitioners who dispense the footwear are trained to modify these shoes to satisfactorily address a medical concern that has been diagnosed by a qualified medical practitioner and whose condition is affecting the said patient's quality of daily life. If this footwear can be used to alleviate that problem/condition; then we are providing them with the ability to continue contributing to society and functioning at a more comfortable level.

Anodyne is coded A5500 for Medicare benefits. A full listing of the shoes that are coded orthopaedic (along with the codes) in the Anodyne footwear line that meet the criteria established in Canada and are in turn eligible for reimbursement by extended health insurance plans offering such coverage, is attached.

**Anodyne Orthopaedic Footwear -
ELIGIBLE FOR CANADIAN INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT**

*the following list indicates those shoes that are deemed orthopaedic, meet all criteria set forth, and are eligible for reimbursement under qualifying health insurance plans. The shoes may "LOOK" like a certain style (i.e. runner, hiker, etc.) but are not and do not possess technical components to allow them to be classified as such. The shoes listed here are ALL orthopaedic, neutral in posting, and coded A5500 under the Medicare Act in the USA and sold as medical devices for specific medical deformities.

WOMEN'S SHOES = No. 31, 45, 77, 23, 67, 63, 81, 51, 55, 49, 33, 19, 75, 97

MEN'S SHOES = No. 46, 74, 22, 38, 56, 44, 52, 64, 88, 96, 72, 30



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Anodyne Orthopaedic Shoes

** Please refer to the Pedorthic Association of Canada's (PAC) position statement on custom-made, therapeutic and orthopaedic shoes and sandals – available on their website www.pedorthic.ca*

Please find below a table which outlines these 12 criteria, along with a description of how Anodyne meets, and far surpasses, these requirements to be a TRUE orthopaedic shoe.

Orthopaedic Features of a Shoe	Anodyne?	How Does Anodyne Measure Up?
Removable sock liner/insert	YES!	Removable heat-mouldable Plastazote/EVA insert and/or upgradable to mouldable Gel insert*
Accommodative toe shape and widths that allow for the proper fitting of both broad and narrow feet	YES!	Several widths (medium, wide, extra-wide)
High, broad toe shape which accommodates forefoot shape and deformities	YES!	High (over 1 inch) toebox on all styles; very wide to accommodate various deformities; some styles incorporate lycra to allow greater forefoot width and depth
Adjustable closure (i.e. laces, Velcro) to secure foot position inside the shoe	YES!	Every shoe in the Anodyne line of footwear has large adjustable closures or laces
Broad sole (through the heel, the shank and the forefoot) of adequate density to provide a foundation for prescribed devices	YES!	Unique last designed to ensure a very full forefoot and stable heel and shank (thermoplastic)
Easily modifiable upper and sole materials	YES!	Upper is made of a high-quality calfskin leather to allow easy modifications; soles are very easily sliced and readily glued for sole modifications
Upper material that is breathable, mouldable and durable	YES!	Full grain leather uppers (some incorporate mesh/spandex/elastic as well for added breathability)
Smooth, protective lining	YES!	Leather and/or microfibre quarter linings
Sole design with sufficient toe spring to allow normal propulsion	YES!	Rocker sole (heel to toe)
Sufficient torsional stability along medial longitudinal arch	YES!	Thermoplastic shanks
Heel stability via firm or extended heel counter	YES!	Extended AND firm plastic heel counters
Minimum of 0.5cm (3/16") for women's or 0.8cm (5/16") for men's additional depth in the last	YES!	All shoe styles offer 7/16" (1.15cm) additional depth in the last (many of the "X" styles offer 11/16" added depth)
Sole tread graded to suit the upper width	YES!	The depth of the tread grooves range from 3 to 5mm

*inserts should only be heat-moulded by a qualified and licensed health care practitioner trained in foot biomechanics.