



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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NON-INSURED HEALTH PROGRAM PROVIDES CRITERIA FOR CUSTOM-MADE FOOT ORTHOTICS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Non-Insured Health Benefit Program (ANIHB) is informing the community that custom-made foot orthotics are a benefit provided through their program. Pre-approval is required in order to be eligible through ANIHB.

Please note: each client is allowed one (1) pair every two (2) years.

When a request for custom-made foot orthotics comes in to NIHB, staff will ensure the client's request meets the following criteria:

- Must be prescribed by any of the following:
 - Doctor of Podiatric Medicine
 - Physician
 - Nurse Practitioner
 - Chiropracist

- The foot orthotic must be provided by one of the following:
 - Certified orthotist
 - Certified Prosthetist Orthotist
 - "Technicien en orthèses et prothèses" certified by the Canadian Board for the Certification of Prosthetists and Orthotists (CBCPO) or by "l'ordre des technologues professionnels du Québec (OTPO)" (Quebec only)
 - Podiatrist (doctor of podiatric medicine)
 - Chiropracist registered with provincial or territorial regulatory bodies
 - Canadian Certified Pedorthist
 - Certified Pedorthist or BOC Pedorthist (BOCPD) registered with the Pedorthic Footcare Association (PFA) Canadian chapter

If you have any questions regarding any NIHB benefits, or to ensure your out-of-pocket expense is reimbursable, please contact their office at 613-575-2341 ext. 3340, and speak to a Benefit Analyst, who will advise on benefit coverage. Failure to do so may result in non-payment to the individual.