

**MEDICARE
REQUIREMENTS FOR
DME AND PHYSICIAN
CHART NOTES**

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According to the Medicare guidelines and Local Coverage Determination the physician chart notes must include the following information:

- Chart notes need to be dated within 6 months prior to date of service.
- Insulin treated or non insulin treated
- Daily testing regimen that the beneficiary is to be testing daily
- Narrative statement explaining in detail why the beneficiary is to be testing this many times per day; **ex:** uncontrolled blood sugars with highs/lows in mornings/evenings, hypoglycemic episodes with a description of symptoms, insulin/non insulin treated and to include any other disorders that may contribute to diabetes like eye, foot, kidney, liver, renal failure or any type of swelling in the legs, etc. (I can get definitions of complications online to print for appeals.)
- Documentation in the chart notes stating beneficiaries diabetic prognosis and blood sugar control was discussed with the beneficiary.
- Chart notes need to indicate the medications that beneficiary is on pertaining to their diabetes. (Can get info online as to what they are used for)
- Anything hand written needs to be legible, dated by the physician and signed. If signature is unreadable then there needs to be a printed signature below that clearly states the physician's signature.
 - * If there is not a signature then we need an attestation filled out and signed
 - * If addendum to other notes it needs to indicate this and to what the date of the chart notes are
- Any blood work that was done pertaining to diabetes example: A1C with the range listed.
- Pt's testing log showing testing regimen has to match what is in the chart notes.
- Physician order can not have a testing range; dr needs to choose one or the other.