

Routine Foot Care Policy

Routine Foot Care includes the trimming of *non-infected* toenails, corns and calluses. Medicare and most private insurance companies do not cover routine foot care. They do not consider this service to be medically necessary. As for Diabetic foot care, the diagnosis of Diabetes alone does not confer coverage by Medicare for at-risk foot care; Diabetes must be accompanied by significant neuropathy or vascular disease for routine procedures to be covered. The debridement of fungal nails is only covered by Medicare in the presence of accompanying infection or significant pain. Private insurance policies tend to follow the Medicare guidelines for these services.

Patients are responsible for their own charges incurred for these services. It is not the responsibility of this office to verify insurance coverage for services prior to the patient visit. That is clearly the individual patient's responsibility. GFAA expects payment at the time of service for routine foot care.