

## Diabetic Foot Ulcer - Total Contact Casting

### Obtaining PharmaCare Covered Orthotics Offloading Devices

#### NSWOCs/WCs Process

1. The Nurse Specialized in Wound Ostomy Continence (NSWOC) or Wound Clinician (WC), who is in a Health Authority defined NSWOC/WC position, determines if Total Contact Casting (TCC) therapy is appropriate for a diabetic client diagnosed with a Diabetic Foot Ulcer (DFU) condition.
2. NSWOC/WC discusses TCC therapy with client's Physician/Nurse Practitioner as well as other members of the client's team.
3. The NSWOC starts the TCC therapy. The clinic where the TCC therapy **must** to be on the [British Columbia Health Authority Outpatient/Ambulatory Clinics -Total Contact Casting \(TCC\)](#) list. This list is used by the Orthotic providers to ensure the referral is coming from a health authority operated clinic. To have a clinic added to the list, please contact your Health Authority NSWOC Lead.
4. The [Orthotics Referral - Post Completion of Total Contact Casting \(TCC\)](#) form is completed prior to wound closure. The following is required to ensure PharmaCare approval for coverage of the custom-made offloading inserts and shoes:
  - The name of the listed Health Authority Outpatient/Ambulatory Clinic and
  - The name of the NSWOC/WC, or physician/nurse practitioner overseeing the TCC treatment in the clinic.

Note: The Orthotics site must be on the [BC PharmaCare Enrolled Orthotics Providers](#) list.
5. Upon receiving the referral from a British Columbia Health Authority Outpatient/Ambulatory Clinic- Total Contact Casting, the Orthotist sees the client to determine the client's offloading device(s) treatment plan and submits an application to PharmaCare for approval of coverage.
6. PharmaCare approves the devices for coverage. There are three PharmaCare plans that provide coverage subject to the person's type of plan and deductible requirements:
  - Plan I (Fair PharmaCare) coverage is income-based and clients may need to pay a deductible and/or family maximum; client must have active MSP coverage and be registered with Fair PharmaCare to get maximum coverage.
  - Plan B is for permanent residents of a Long Term Care facility; 100% coverage for eligible costs with no deductible or family maximum; the facility must be registered with PharmaCare.
  - Plan C is for clients receiving income assistance and/or disability benefits from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR); 100% coverage for eligible costs with no deductible or family maximum.

Note: the client may have other forms of coverage for these types of device:

- Eligible First Nations persons are covered through First Nations Health Authority/Pacific Blue Cross Medical Supplies & Equipment Benefits program; or Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB).



- SDPR provides funding (separate from PharmaCare Plan C) for adult orthoses through their Health Supplements Program.
  - Private insurance.
7. When the client's wound closes, TCC therapy is discontinued and client wears their offloading device(s) to maintain their wound as closed/healed and prevent recurrence or further injury.
  8. PharmaCare will provide coverage for specific offloading devices as well as replacement and adjustments of the devices as per the link below:  
[\*PINs and reimbursement schedule for offloading devices - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)\*](#)