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On December 9, 2013, Judge Charles J. Siragusa ruled that the limitations on medically necessary orthopedic footwear and compression stockings applied as a result of April 1, 2011 amendments to New York Soc. Serv. Law § 365-a(2)(g)(iii) and (iv) can no longer be applied in Medicaid coverage determinations. (Davis v. Shah, W.D.N.Y., 12-CV-6134)

Effective December 9. 2013, the Medicaid program is returning to medical necessity criteria applied prior to the April 1, 2011 State law amendments.

- The criteria for coverage of medically necessary prescription footwear, shoe modifications and additions is <u>no longer</u> limited to diabetics, children under the age of 21, or for use as part of a lower limb brace.
- The criteria for coverage of medically necessary compression and support stockings coverage is <u>no</u> <u>longer</u> limited to use during pregnancy or for treatment of open venous stasis ulcers.

For additional information please refer to the Provider Communication **"Medicaid Prescription Footwear and Stocking Benefit Update**" located in the Physician manual at eMedNY.org.

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