**Review 1   
  
Medicare LCD Eligibility Analysis**

**Rule Engine + AI Analysis • HIPAA Compliant**

Analysis Type

Episode Analysis

**Recommended**

Single Encounter

**Episode Analysis (Default):** Analyzes complete patient history across all episodes and encounters, including previous eligibility decisions for comprehensive medical necessity assessment.

MARIA ELLISON - DFU at left heel, left lower extremity, left foot, right heel

9/3/2025 • 4 encounters

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Analyze Episode Eligibility

**Full History**

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Wound and Ulcer Care

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**Status: UNCLEAR - REVIEW NEEDED**

**Rule Engine Analysis**

The patient's eligibility determination is classified as 'Unclear' due to multiple documentation gaps identified across the single episode of care. The patient has undergone four encounters for a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) located on the left heel and other areas, but significant documentation deficiencies hinder a conclusive assessment. Specifically, there is a lack of adequate conservative care documentation, including insufficient duration of care (only 21 days documented instead of the required 30 days), missing weekly assessments, and no vascular assessment performed. Additionally, the wound area has not shown the required 20% reduction, and essential components of standard care, such as offloading, infection control measures, and patient education, have not been documented. These gaps collectively prevent a definitive determination of eligibility for advanced wound care treatments.

Required Documentation Gaps:

* 9 additional days of conservative care
* Assessment for week 2025-W36
* Assessment for week 2025-W37
* Assessment for week 2025-W38
* Assessment for week 2025-W39
* Adequate wound area reduction
* Vascular assessment (ABI or TcPO2)
* Offloading not documented for DFU
* Infection control measures not documented
* Patient education not documented
* 30 days of conservative care documentation
* 30 days of conservative care

Key Points for Letter:

* Patient has a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) on the left heel and other locations.
* Four encounters documented from September 4, 2025, to September 19, 2025.
* Only 21 days of conservative care documented; 30 days required.
* Missing 4 weekly assessments for proper monitoring.
* No vascular assessment documented.
* Wound area has not shown the required 20% reduction.
* Offloading, infection control measures, and patient education not documented.

Historical Context:

**1**

Episodes

**4**

Encounters

**1**

Previous Checks

Episode Timeline:

**2025-09-04**

**Initial**

**Progression:** Initial measurement recorded; no subsequent measurements documented.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measuring 4cm × 5cm with an area of 20cm².
* No infection noted.

**2025-09-11**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** Wound area increased from 20cm² to 27.5cm².

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measuring 5cm × 5.5cm with an area of 27.5cm².
* No infection noted.

**2025-09-15**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** Wound area decreased from 27.5cm² to 22.5cm².

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measuring 5cm × 4.5cm with an area of 22.5cm².
* No infection noted.

**2025-09-19**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No change in wound area from previous assessment.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measuring 5cm × 4.5cm with an area of 22.5cm².
* No infection noted.

Cross-Episode Patterns:

Compliance History:

* Non-compliance with required weekly assessments across all encounters.

Citations & References:

**Wound and Ulcer Care**

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Patient 2  
**Medicare LCD Eligibility Analysis**

**Rule Engine + AI Analysis • HIPAA Compliant**

Analysis Type

Episode Analysis

**Recommended**

Single Encounter

**Episode Analysis (Default):** Analyzes complete patient history across all episodes and encounters, including previous eligibility decisions for comprehensive medical necessity assessment.

PETER BERNIUS - DFU at right foot

8/26/2025 • 3 encounters

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Analyze Episode Eligibility

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**Status: NOT ELIGIBLE**

**Rule Engine Analysis**

The patient is determined to be not eligible for coverage under Medicare LCD due to multiple documentation gaps and failures to meet required standards for conservative care. The patient has a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) on the right foot, but only 29 days of conservative care have been documented, falling short of the required 30 days. Additionally, there are no weekly assessments documented for the required five weeks, and there is no evidence of adequate wound area reduction, as the wound measurements are missing entirely. The absence of a vascular assessment, appropriate wound-related ICD-10 code, and documentation of offloading, infection control measures, and patient education further contribute to the ineligibility status. The wound type is compliant with coverage, but the overall documentation fails to meet the necessary criteria outlined in the LCD.

Required Documentation Gaps:

* 1 additional day of conservative care
* Assessment for week 2025-W35
* Assessment for week 2025-W36
* Assessment for week 2025-W37
* Assessment for week 2025-W38
* Assessment for week 2025-W39
* Adequate wound area reduction
* 30 days of conservative care documentation
* Vascular assessment (ABI or TcPO2)
* Wound-related ICD-10 code
* Offloading not documented for DFU
* Infection control measures not documented
* Patient education not documented
* 1 additional days of conservative care
* 30 days of conservative care

Key Points for Letter:

* Patient has a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) on the right foot.
* Only 29 days of conservative care documented; 30 days required.
* Missing five weekly assessments necessary for evaluation.
* No evidence of wound area reduction; 20% reduction required.
* No vascular assessment documented.
* ICD-10 code not wound-related.
* Offloading, infection control measures, and patient education not documented.

Historical Context:

**1**

Episodes

**3**

Encounters

**0**

Previous Checks

Episode Timeline:

**2025-08-27**

**Initial**

**Progression:** No measurements available.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant due to lack of documentation.

* Wound details indicate a DFU on the right foot.
* No measurements documented.

**2025-09-10**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No measurements available.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant due to lack of documentation.

* Continued documentation of DFU on the right foot.
* No measurements documented.

**2025-09-17**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No measurements available.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant due to lack of documentation.

* DFU on the right foot remains unchanged.
* No measurements documented.

Cross-Episode Patterns:

Compliance History:

* Non-compliance due to missing documentation across all encounters.

Citations & References:

**Wound and Ulcer Care**

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Patient 3

**Medicare LCD Eligibility Analysis**

**Rule Engine + AI Analysis • HIPAA Compliant**

Analysis Type

Episode Analysis

**Recommended**

Single Encounter

**Episode Analysis (Default):** Analyzes complete patient history across all episodes and encounters, including previous eligibility decisions for comprehensive medical necessity assessment.

JON PATTERSON - DFU at left foot, left lower extremity, left heel

9/7/2025 • 4 encounters

MAC RegionNoridian Healthcare Solutions (MAC J-E)

Analyze Episode Eligibility

**Full History**

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**Status: UNCLEAR - REVIEW NEEDED**

**Rule Engine Analysis**

The patient's eligibility determination is classified as 'Unclear' due to multiple documentation gaps identified across the single episode of care. The patient has undergone four encounters for a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) located on the left foot, left lower extremity, and left heel, starting from September 8, 2025. Despite the wound type being compliant with the LCD guidelines, significant gaps in documentation hinder the ability to assess the effectiveness of conservative care and the overall treatment plan. Specifically, only 17 days of conservative care have been documented, falling short of the required 30 days. Additionally, there are missing weekly assessments for three consecutive weeks, and no vascular assessment has been documented. The wound has not shown any reduction in size, which is critical for determining the effectiveness of the conservative care provided. Furthermore, essential components such as offloading, infection control measures, and patient education have not been documented, leading to a failure in meeting the standard of care requirements outlined in the LCD.

Required Documentation Gaps:

* 13 additional days of conservative care
* Assessment for week 2025-W37
* Assessment for week 2025-W38
* Assessment for week 2025-W39
* Adequate wound area reduction
* 30 days of conservative care documentation
* Vascular assessment (ABI or TcPO2)
* Offloading not documented for DFU
* Infection control measures not documented
* Patient education not documented
* 30 days of conservative care

Key Points for Letter:

* Patient has a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) on the left foot, left lower extremity, and left heel.
* Total of 4 encounters documented from September 8, 2025, to September 22, 2025.
* Only 17 days of conservative care documented; 30 days required.
* Missing 3 weekly assessments for weeks 2025-W37, 2025-W38, and 2025-W39.
* No vascular assessment documented.
* Wound area has not shown any reduction; 20% reduction required for conservative care effectiveness.
* Offloading, infection control measures, and patient education not documented.

Historical Context:

**1**

Episodes

**4**

Encounters

**0**

Previous Checks

Episode Timeline:

**2025-09-08**

**Initial**

**Progression:** No measurements documented for subsequent encounters.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measuring 22cm × 1cm with an area of 22cm².
* Infection status: None.

**2025-09-11**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No improvement noted.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measurements remain unchanged at 22cm × 1cm.
* Infection status: None.

**2025-09-16**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No improvement noted.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measurements remain unchanged at 22cm × 1cm.
* Infection status: None.

**2025-09-22**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No improvement noted.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measurements remain unchanged at 22cm × 1cm.
* Infection status: None.

Cross-Episode Patterns:

Citations & References:

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**Status: NOT ELIGIBLE**

**Rule Engine Analysis**

The patient is determined to be not eligible for coverage under Medicare LCD due to multiple documentation gaps and failure to meet the required criteria for conservative care. The patient has a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) on the right foot, with a primary diagnosis of L84. Throughout the single episode consisting of three encounters, there was no documentation of conservative care for the required 30 days, nor were there any weekly assessments conducted. Additionally, there was no evidence of adequate wound area reduction, as the wound measurements were not documented at all. The absence of a vascular assessment and the lack of appropriate ICD-10 coding further contributed to the ineligibility. The patient’s care plan did not include necessary infection control measures, offloading documentation, or patient education, which are critical components of the standard of care for DFUs.

Required Documentation Gaps:

* 30 additional days of conservative care
* Assessment for week 2025-W35
* Assessment for week 2025-W36
* Assessment for week 2025-W37
* Assessment for week 2025-W38
* Assessment for week 2025-W39
* Adequate wound area reduction
* 30 days of conservative care documentation
* Vascular assessment (ABI or TcPO2)
* Wound-related ICD-10 code
* Offloading not documented for DFU
* Infection control measures not documented
* Patient education not documented
* 30 days of conservative care

Key Points for Letter:

* Patient has a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) on the right foot.
* No conservative care documented for the required 30 days.
* Missing five weekly assessments as required by LCD.
* No evidence of wound area reduction documented.
* Lack of vascular assessment and appropriate ICD-10 coding.
* Infection control measures, offloading, and patient education not documented.

Historical Context:

**1**

Episodes

**3**

Encounters

**0**

Previous Checks

Episode Timeline:

**2025-08-27**

**Initial**

**Progression:** No measurements available.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant due to lack of conservative care documentation.

* Wound details indicate DFU on right foot.
* No measurements documented.

**2025-09-10**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No measurements available.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant due to lack of conservative care documentation.

* Continued DFU on right foot.
* No measurements documented.

**2025-09-17**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No measurements available.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant due to lack of conservative care documentation.

* DFU remains on right foot.
* No measurements documented.

Cross-Episode Patterns:

Compliance History:

* Non-compliance with conservative care documentation requirements.

Citations & References:

**Wound and Ulcer Care**

Section: LCD: Wound and Ulcer Care (38902) • Effective: 2025-09-11

Patient 2   
**Status: UNCLEAR - REVIEW NEEDED**

**Rule Engine Analysis**

The patient's eligibility determination is classified as 'Unclear' due to multiple documentation gaps identified across the single episode of care. Specifically, there are 12 missing items that prevent a definitive conclusion regarding the patient's treatment effectiveness and compliance with required standards of care. The patient has not documented the necessary 30 days of conservative care, which is critical for evaluating the effectiveness of treatment for the diabetic foot ulcer (DFU). Additionally, there are missing weekly assessments for weeks 36 to 39 of 2025, which are essential for monitoring wound progression. The lack of adequate wound area reduction, vascular assessment, offloading documentation, infection control measures, and patient education further complicates the determination. Despite passing two rules related to wound type coverage and ICD-10 validation, the failed rules significantly outweigh these successes, leading to the unclear status.

Required Documentation Gaps:

* 30 additional days of conservative care
* Assessment for week 2025-W36
* Assessment for week 2025-W37
* Assessment for week 2025-W38
* Assessment for week 2025-W39
* Adequate wound area reduction
* 30 days of conservative care documentation
* Vascular assessment (ABI or TcPO2)
* Offloading not documented for DFU
* Infection control measures not documented
* Patient education not documented
* 30 days of conservative care

Key Points for Letter:

* Patient has a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) located on the left heel and lower extremity.
* Total of 4 encounters documented within the active episode.
* Multiple documentation gaps identified, including lack of conservative care duration and weekly assessments.
* Wound measurements were documented but lack of adequate reduction noted.
* Patient education and infection control measures not documented.

Historical Context:

**1**

Episodes

**4**

Encounters

**0**

Previous Checks

Episode Timeline:

**2025-09-04**

**Initial**

**Progression:** Initial measurement recorded; no subsequent measurements documented.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with conservative care documentation.

* Wound measuring 4cm × 5cm with an area of 20cm² and depth of 0.4cm.
* No infection status reported.

**2025-09-11**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** Wound area increased from 20cm² to 27.5cm².

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measuring 5cm × 5.5cm with an area of 27.5cm².
* No infection status reported.

**2025-09-15**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** Wound area decreased from 27.5cm² to 22.5cm².

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measuring 5cm × 4.5cm with an area of 22.5cm².
* No infection status reported.

**2025-09-19**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No change in wound area from previous assessment.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measuring 5cm × 4.5cm with an area of 22.5cm².
* No infection status reported.

Cross-Episode Patterns:

Compliance History:

* Non-compliance with conservative care documentation and weekly assessments.

Citations & References:

**Wound and Ulcer Care**

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Patient 3  
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**Status: UNCLEAR - REVIEW NEEDED**

**Rule Engine Analysis**

The patient's eligibility determination is classified as 'Unclear' due to multiple documentation gaps identified across the single episode of care. Specifically, there are 11 missing items that hinder the ability to fully assess the patient's conservative care and treatment effectiveness. The patient has not documented the required 30 days of conservative care, nor have the necessary weekly assessments been completed. Additionally, there is a lack of adequate wound area reduction, vascular assessment, and documentation of offloading, infection control measures, and patient education. These gaps prevent a clear determination of eligibility under the current policy guidelines.

Required Documentation Gaps:

* 30 additional days of conservative care
* Assessment for week 2025-W37
* Assessment for week 2025-W38
* Assessment for week 2025-W39
* Adequate wound area reduction
* 30 days of conservative care documentation
* Vascular assessment (ABI or TcPO2)
* Offloading not documented for DFU
* Infection control measures not documented
* Patient education not documented
* 30 days of conservative care

Key Points for Letter:

* Patient has a documented DFU on the left foot, left lower extremity, left heel.
* Four encounters have been recorded, but critical documentation gaps exist.
* No vascular assessment has been performed or documented.
* Offloading measures for the diabetic foot ulcer have not been documented.
* Infection control measures and patient education have not been addressed.
* The required 30 days of conservative care documentation is missing.

Historical Context:

**1**

Episodes

**4**

Encounters

**0**

Previous Checks

Episode Timeline:

**2025-09-08**

**Initial**

**Progression:** Initial measurement recorded.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with conservative care documentation.

* Wound measuring 22cm × 1cm with an area of 22cm².
* No infection status reported.

**2025-09-11**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No improvement noted.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measurements remain unchanged at 22cm × 1cm.
* No infection status reported.

**2025-09-16**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** No improvement noted.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measurements remain unchanged at 22cm × 1cm.
* No infection status reported.

**2025-09-22**

**Follow-up**

**Progression:** Wound area reduced but not documented adequately.

**Compliance:** Non-compliant with required weekly assessments.

* Wound measuring 2cm × 2cm with an area of approximately 3.14cm².
* No infection status reported.

Cross-Episode Patterns:

Citations & References:

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