

HB 377 PODIATRIST PRACTICE AMENDMENTS

Currently a Podiatrist is not allowed to treat any patient above the knee. HB377 allows a DPM (Doctor of Podiatric Medicine) who has also obtained a very high level of wound care training and certification (Certified Wound Specialist Physician) to treat wounds in other parts of the body.

CERTIFIED WOUND SPECIALIST PYSICIAN

- Physician specializing in wound care (MDs, DOs, and DPMs)
- 3 years of wound care experience.
- Pass an advanced wound care exam
- Board certification demonstrating master-level knowledge and expertise in wound management.
- Recognition as a specialist and expert in wound care.
- Commitment to highest standards in wound care, improving patient outcomes.



15-20%

Shortage of providers and nurses specialized in wound care

53%

Increase of 65+ population in the past 10 years with a higher risk of pressure injuries, falls, and wounds.

BENEFITS OF IMPROVED WOUND CARE

- Improved Patient Outcomes
- Reduced Healthcare Costs
- Enhanced Quality of life

This Policy Improves Diabetic Wound Care