

Scope of Practice	Podiatric Medicine	Definition of DPM	Human Foot Definition	Prescribing Orthotics, Injection and Local Anesthesia	Local Manifestation	Amputation	Other limitation/restriction	Note
Alabama	using medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, electrical to treat ailment of foot	None	foot-26 complete bony structure, below the ankle joint	Orthotics, local anesthesia	Yes	No	no surgery at or above the ankle joint	
Alaska	medical, mechanical, surgical treatment (x-ray or radium for therapeutic is prohibited)	DPM excluded from physician	foot, muscles and tendons of the leg governing the function of the foot, superficial lesions of hand	general anesthesia could be use with restriction applies	yes	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	the scope of practice for DPM includes superficial and local manifestation of hand
Arizona	electrical (in diagnosis or treatment), mechanical, manipulative, surgical; treatment of foot or leg	Podiatrist = podiatric physician and surgeon	leg: lower limb b/w the knee and the foot	foot gear, local anesthesia,	Yes	no foot, toe or leg		
Arkansas	diagnosis, medical, mechanical, surgical treatment of foot and ankle	Podiatrist = a physician legally licensed to practice podiatric medicine	foot and ankle	local anesthesia	not specified in statute	No	no nerve or vascular grafting	Ankle surgery performed above the foot other than skin and skin structures needs to be done in accredited facilities
California	diagnosis, medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, electric treatment	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine; DPM is included as a health care practitioner subject to other statute; however, DPM is not considered physicians (opinion of attorney general)	human foot, including the ankle and tendons that insert into the foot and the nonsurgical treatment of the muscles and tendons of the leg governing the functions of the foot.	local anesthesia; otherwise, at an accredited facility	Yes	DPM needs to be ankle certified	The statute includes limitation based on anatomical site, DPM's certification, and surgical centers	DPM can't perform E/M in an acute care hospital to avoid violation of the Medicare Program
Colorado	medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, electrical treatment	Podiatric Physician or podiatrist	human toe, foot, ankle, tendons that insert into the foot	Local anesthesia	not specified in statute	No	not specified in statute	DPM certification for podiatric surgery
Connecticut	diagnosis, medical and surgical treatment	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	anatomical structure of foot	anesthetic other than local should be performed in an accredited facility	yes	from the transmetatarsal level to the toes		
District of Columbia	diagnosis, treatment or prevention of foot by medical, surgical, or mechanical means	None	foot	local anesthesia	Yes	No	not specified in statute	

Scope of Practice	Podiatric Medicine	Definition of DPM	Human Foot Definition	Prescribing Orthotics, Injection and Local Anesthesia	Local Manifestation	Amputation	Other limitation/restriction	Note
Delaware	diagnosis, electrical, manipulative, mechanical, medical, surgical	Podiatrist	foot and ankle	orthotics	not specified in statute	amputation of the foot shall be restricted to state licensed podiatrists who have completed APMA accredited surgical residency program and have privileges		
Florida	diagnosis, medical, surgical, palliative, mechanical treatment	Podiatric Physician	foot and leg	Orthotics	not specified in statute	amputation of the toes or other parts of the foot but not including the amputation of the foot or leg in its entirety	surgical treatment is limited to below the anterior tibial tubercle.	Board of Podiatric Medicine v. Florida Medical Association, App. 1 Dist., 779
Georgia	diagnosis, treatment, E/M (in office, hospital, clinic or similar facility), medical care, surgical or other means	Podiatrist means a physician and surgeon of the human foot and leg who is subject to this chapter	human foot, ankle, and the leg	surgery performed under general anesthesia is permitted in facility subjected the state regulation	not specified in statute	amputations of the toe	not specified in statute	
Hawaii	medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, and electrical diagnosis and treatment	Podiatrist: as a person in the professional practice of podiatric medicine	human foot, malleoli, soft tissues above the ankle, except for ankle fractures, nonsurgical treatment of the muscles and tendons of the leg governing the functions of the foot	Local Anesthesia	Yes	digital amputation		
Idaho	diagnosis, mechanical, electrical, medical, physical and surgical treatment	A podiatrist who practice within the scope of practice is a physician and surgeon of the foot and ankle and shall be referred to as a podiatric physician and surgeon	practice is limited to the human foot and leg; Surgical treatment of the foot and ankle and those soft tissue structures below the knee governing the function of the foot and ankle	orthotics; no general anesthesia	not specified in statute	no amputation of the leg, surgery of the knee joint, bony structures proximal to the distal half of the tibia	advanced surgical procedures shall be performed in accredited licensed hospital or certified ASC	
Illinois	diagnosis, medical, physical, surgical treatment	Podiatric Physician means a physician licensed to practice podiatric medicine	ankle and soft tissue which insert into the foot, and foot	no general anesthesia	not specified in statute	No		Postgraduate training definition included in the statute

Scope of Practice	Podiatric Medicine	Definition of DPM	Human Foot Definition	Prescribing Orthotics, Injection and Local Anesthesia	Local Manifestation	Amputation	Other limitation/restriction	Note
Indiana	diagnosis, medical, surgical, mechanical treatment	Podiatrist is an individual who practices podiatric medicine; and with the following designations: DPM, Podiatric physician, and podiatric surgeon	human foot (does not mention ankle)	local	yes	no amputation of the entire foot, but does include the amputation of an entire toe, if the amputation is performed at an accredited institute and co-managed by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5		
Iowa	diagnose, prescribe and furnish medicine, medical, mechanical, and surgical treatment	podiatric physicians means a physician or surgeon licensed under this chapter to engage in the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery	ankle and soft tissue which insert into the foot, and foot	local anesthesia; orthotics	not specified in statute	no amputation of the human foot		
Kansas	diagnosis, surgery	not specified in the statute (statute use the term a licensed podiatrist)	human foot	orthotics and other mechanical appliance ok	not specified in statute	amputation of the toes, not the human foot	not specified in statute	board license give authorization to practice podiatric medicine
Kentucky	examination, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, medical, surgical, or other means	Podiatrist is a physician and surgeon who has graduated from a college of podiatric medicine	human foot and its related or governing structures	not specified in the statute	yes	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	graduation requirement
Louisiana	prevention, examination, diagnosis, medical, surgical, and adjuvant treatment	Podiatric physicians and surgeons	Foot: bony structures and all supportive and/or connective tissue immediately adjacent thereto not to extend past the proximal end of the talus. (no ankle)	no general anesthesia unless used in an accredited facility; local	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	general or spinal anesthesia would require a physician anesthesiologist or certified registered nurse anesthetist and under supervision (this include nerve block)
Maine	diagnosis, medical, surgical or mechanical	DPM = licensed to practice podiatric medicine	foot and ankle	local; general anesthesia is permitted under supervision of MD or DO	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	
Maryland	diagnose, surgical, medical, mechanical treatment	Podiatrist = an individual who practices podiatry	foot and ankle, the anatomical structures that attach to the human foot, or the soft tissue below the mid calf	local	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	no surgical treatment of acute ankle fracture	restriction on osseous surgical procedures

Scope of Practice	Podiatric Medicine	Definition of DPM	Human Foot Definition	Prescribing Orthotics, Injection and Local Anesthesia	Local Manifestation	Amputation	Other limitation/restriction	Note
Massachusetts	diagnosis, treatment, medical, mechanical, surgical, manipulative, electrical	equating podiatrist as physician and surgeon in some sections relates to civil responsibility and to registered nurse and athletic trainer	human foot	local	yes	no amputation of the foot or toes	not specified in statute	
Michigan	examination, diagnosis, medical, surgical, mechanical, physiotherapy	Podiatrist means a physician and surgeon who practice podiatric medicine and surgery (not equal to MD and DO)	human hands and feet; feet or ankles as they affect the condition of the feet	local	yes	no amputation of human feet	not specified in statute	1980 Court opinion: a podiatrist is one who treat ailments of human foot, and is limited to practitioner who is only authorized to treat human feet, and he is not medical or osteopathic doctor who specializes in treatment of foot
Minnesota	diagnosis, medical, mechanical, surgical	Podiatrist	human hand, foot, ankle and the soft tissue of the lower leg distal to the tibial tuberosity	local; orthotics, other appliances	not specified in statute	partial foot amputation, excludes amputation of hand or fingers	not specified in statute	For a DPM who has completed residency, podiatric medicine includes E/M for hospital admission for podiatric surgery
Mississippi	prevention, examination, diagnosis, medical, surgical, and adjuvant treatment	Podiatrist is a medical care provider who engages in the practice of podiatric medicine	human foot: tarsal bones, metatarsal bones and phalanges	exclude general and spinal anesthesia	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	
Missouri	diagnosis, medical, physical, surgical treatment	podiatrist = physician of the foot	ankle and tendons which insert into the foot, and foot.	local	Yes	no amputation of foot (and no bone surgery on children under the age of one year)	clinical residency requirement for podiatric surgery	
Montana	diagnosis, treatment of human functional foot and ankle by all systems and means	Podiatrist = a physician or surgeon of the foot and ankle	functional foot = anatomical food and any muscle, tendon, ligament, or other soft tissue structure that's directly attached to the anatomical foot and that impacts on or affects the foot or foot function. The ankle is the articulation between the talus, tibia and fibula and their related soft tissues structures	local anesthesia	not specified in statute	not specified in statute		

Scope of Practice	Podiatric Medicine	Definition of DPM	Human Foot Definition	Prescribing Orthotics, Injection and Local Anesthesia	Local Manifestation	Amputation	Other limitation/restriction	Note
Nebraska	diagnosis, medical, physical, surgical treatment	Podiatrist = a physician of the foot, ankle, and related governing structure	human foot, ankle, and related governing structures	local anesthesia	yes	no amputation of the forefoot	Surgical requirements: 1. Licensed hospital or ASC 2. Postdoc surgical residency program	
Nevada	electricity (including electrodes, machinery, and rays), use hands and machinery, cutting instrument	Statute uses the term podiatric physician without defining it	lower leg, foot and ankle	orthotics, mechanical appliance, local anesthetic	Yes	toe, with restrictions (privileged by the hospital of ABS, residency surgical training, same standard of care as physician); no leg or foot		
New Hampshire	diagnose, medical, mechanical, electrical, surgical	podiatrist	foot and lower leg	no general	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	surgery restrict to health care facility	
New Jersey	diagnosis, treatment, local medical, mechanical, surgical, manipulative, physio-therapy	DPM = a physician within the scope of this chapter, may be referred to as a podiatric physician	human food, lower leg	applying localized therapeutic agent	yes	no amputation of the leg or foot		
New Mexico	examine, diagnose, treat and prevent by medical, surgical and biomechanical means	A podiatrist = a physician and surgeon within the scope of his license	human foot and ankle and the structure governing their functions	no general anesthetic (unless by certified registered nurse anesthetist)	not specified in statute	no amputation of foot; allow removal of any part thereof.	Surgical treatment is limited to tuberosity of the tibia and the area distal thereto, expecting the skin and subcutaneous tissues of the thigh	
New York	diagnosing, treating, operating, prescribing, physical evaluation	Podiatrist	foot (but not fracture of the malleoli or cutting operations upon the malleoli)	local anesthetic	not specified in statute	not specified in statute		

Scope of Practice	Podiatric Medicine	Definition of DPM	Human Foot Definition	Prescribing Orthotics, Injection and Local Anesthesia	Local Manifestation	Amputation	Other limitation/restriction	Note
North Carolina	surgical, medical, mechanical	Podiatrist	foot and ankle and their related soft tissue structures to the level of myotendinous junction	local anesthesia	not specified in statute	no amputation of the entire foot	no surgical correction of clubfoot of an infant two years of age or less; surgery on the ankle, soft tissue structures related to the ankle, any amputations, surgical correction of clubfoot needs to be done in a hospital or ASC	
North Dakota	diagnosis and treatment	Podiatrist = a person who is qualified to practice podiatric medicine in this state; statute also defines DPM as provider	foot and ankle	not specified in the statute	yes	not specified in statute	postdoctoral training program	
Ohio	medical, mechanical, surgical treatment	podiatric physician	foot, muscles and tendons of the leg governing the function of the foot, superficial lesions of the hand other than those associated with trauma; food defined as the terminal appendage of the lower extremity and includes the ankle joint which consists of the tibial plafond, its posterolateral border (posterior malleolus), the medial malleolus, distal fibula (lateral malleolus) and the talus	General anesthesia may be used in colleges of podiatric medicine and surgery or accredited hospital	Yes to hand and foot, and refers to MD and DO for systemic disease	not specified in statute	x-ray or radium for therapeutic purpose is not permitted	podiatric physician may perform surgery on the ankle joint when satisfy all requirements: 1. Hold privileges at a colleges of podiatric medicine and surgery, accredited hospital, ASC, demonstration of adequate education, training and experience that conform to minimal standard of care of similar practitioners, completed residency in surgery (for details, see statute)
Oklahoma	diagnosis, prescribing, massage or adjustment and other appropriate systems and means	Podiatrist = practice of podiatric medicine	foot and ankle	orthotics, other appliances	yes	not specified in statute		

Scope of Practice	Podiatric Medicine	Definition of DPM	Human Foot Definition	Prescribing Orthotics, Injection and Local Anesthesia	Local Manifestation	Amputation	Other limitation/restriction	Note
Oregon	diagnosis, medical, physical, surgical treatment	podiatric physician and surgeon: not physician, but a podiatric physician (attorney general's opinion 1992)	ankle: tibial plafond and its posterolateral border and posterior malleolus, the medial malleolus, the distal fibula or lateral malleolus and the talus. Limited to treating ailment of the human foot, ankle and tendon directly attached to and governing the function of the foot and ankle.	no general anesthesia, unless in accredited hospital or ASC.	not specified in statute	not specified in statute		
Pennsylvania	diagnosis, mechanical, surgical treatment	not specified in the statute (statute use the term podiatrist in attorney general's opinion)	foot and those anatomical structures of the leg governing the functions of the foot	not specified in the statute	yes	no amputation of the leg or foot		acupuncture may be practiced by podiatrists as it relates to the foot
Puerto Rico	examine, diagnose, treat, prevent, medical, surgical	Podiatrist	human foot	not specified in the statute	not specified in statute	not specified in statute		
Rhode Island	not specified in the statute	Podiatrist = a physician and surgeon of the foot and ankle	foot: pedal extremity of the human body and its articulation, including the tendons, muscles of the lower leg only as they are involved in the condition of the foot	not specified in the statute	not specified in statute	not specified in statute		"It's unlawful to discriminate against podiatrists"
South Carolina	diagnosis (could use x-ray only for diagnosis), medical, surgical treatment	not specified in the statute	foot	local anesthesia; application or prescribing of any therapeutic agent or remedy for the relief of foot ailment	yes	no amputation of the foot or toes		
South Dakota	diagnosis and treatment by all appropriate systems and means	Podiatrist = podiatric physician	foot and the governing and related structures and the soft tissues inserting into the foot	not specified in the statute	yes	not specified in statute		

Scope of Practice	Podiatric Medicine	Definition of DPM	Human Foot Definition	Prescribing Orthotics, Injection and Local Anesthesia	Local Manifestation	Amputation	Other limitation/restriction	Note
Tennessee	examine, diagnoses, medical, mechanical, surgical	Podiatrist	foot, ankle, and soft tissues structures extending no higher than the distal tibial metaphyseal flair	no general anesthesia	not specified in statute	no amputation of foot	DPM may perform surgery on Achilles tendon repairs, but not on Pilon fractures or tibial fractures that do not enter the ankle joint; other restrictions apply to ankle surgery	
Texas	the treatment of or offer to treat any disease, disorder, physical injury, deformity, or ailment of the human body by any systems or methods (use x-ray for E/M, diagnosis, evaluation, treatment or prognosis)	Podiatrist	foot: tibia and fibula in their articulation with the talus, and all bones to the toes, inclusive of all soft tissues (muscles, nerves, vascular structures, tendons, ligaments, and any other anatomical structures) that insert into the tibia and fibula in their articulation with the talus and all bones to the toes.	not specified in the statute	not specified in statute	No. statute made it a criminal offense (with fine and jail time)		hyperbaric oxygen therapy is within the practice of podiatry, regulated by the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners; The state Attorney General prohibited the Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiner to expand the definition of foot. This opinion is currently the subject of litigation)
Utah	diagnosis, treatment, surgical procedures	podiatric physician	foot and ankle	not specified in the statute	yes	not specified in statute	Surgical procedure may be performed upon all bones of the foot and ankles with exceptions (please see statute)	
Vermont	medical, mechanical, surgical, electrical, manipulation, strapping and bandaging	podiatric physician	foot and lower leg distal to the myotendinous junction of the triceps surae; ankle: joint between the tibia and fibula proximally and the talus distally	general or spinal anesthesia should be done by a healthcare professional who could administer it	not specified in statute	toe amputation okay, other amputation needs to be performed in accredited hospital and ASC		
Virgin Islands	diagnose, treat, operate and prescribe	Podiatrist: a person licensed to practice podiatric medicine	foot (include fractures and amputation)	not specified in the statute	yes (implied)	amputation limited to the foot	not permitting the treatment of fractures of the malleoli or cutting operations upon the malleoli	
Virginia	medical, mechanical, surgical, x-ray for diagnostic or therapeutic purpose	Podiatrist	foot and ankle	may not perform general anesthesia with exceptions	not specified in statute	no amputation of the foot proximal to the transmetatarsal level through the metatarsal shafts.	Amputation proximal to the metatarsal-phalangeal joints may be performed in an accredited hospital or ASC	DPM who has been certified could provide acupuncture treatment

Scope of Practice	Podiatric Medicine	Definition of DPM	Human Foot Definition	Prescribing Orthotics, Injection and Local Anesthesia	Local Manifestation	Amputation	Other limitation/restriction	Note
Washington	diagnosis, medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, radiological, and electrical treatment methods	Podiatric physician and surgeon	anatomical foot and any muscle, tendon, ligament, or other soft tissue structure directly attached to the anatomical foot which impacts upon or affects the foot or foot function and osseous structure up to and including the articulating surfaces of the ankle joint	general anesthesia may apply with restrictions	yes	no amputation		
West Virginia	diagnosis, treatment, prevention and care by medical, surgical and other scientific knowledge and methods	Podiatrist (not physician according to court interpretation)	foot and ankle	local anesthesia okay, general anesthesia has restrictions	not specified in statute	not specified in statute	surgical privileges required for ankle surgery; a medical evaluation shall be made by a physician of every patient prior to the administration of other than local anesthesia	
Wisconsin	A branch of treating the sick: diagnosis, mechanical, medical, surgical treatment	Podiatrist	limited to feet except that diagnosis and treatment shall include the tendons and muscles of the lower leg as they involve in conditions of the feet	no general anesthesia unless by or under the direction of qualifying others	not specified in statute	no amputation other than digits of the foot		
Wyoming	medical, mechanical, surgical treatment	Podiatrist	human foot, ankle and tendons that insert into the foot	orthotics and other appliances; local anesthesia; general anesthesia could be used with restrictions	not specified in statute	amputation of the toes or other parts of the foot but not including the amputation of the foot or leg in its entirety	surgical treatment of the ankle and tendons insert into the foot is limited to DPM who fulfilled requirements	