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### *Provider Notification Update*

<b>Date of Notification</b>	<b>9/23/09</b>
<b>Plans Affected</b>	<b>Mercy Care Plan, Mercy Care Advantage, and Mercy HealthCare Group</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Podiatry – Dynamic Splinting Devices</b>

Mercy Care would like to provide coverage clarification regarding Dynamic Splinting Devices prescribed by Podiatrists. According to Mercy Care's Clinical Policy Bulletin Number 0405 regarding Mechanical Stretching Devices for Contracture and Joint Stiffness, it states:

*“Mercy Care considers the use of dynamic splinting experimental and investigational in the management of joint injuries of the shoulder, ankle and toe, and for carpal tunnel syndrome because there is lack of scientific evidence regarding its effectiveness for these indications.”*

Dynamic Splint Devices will not generally be covered for podiatry services and will be denied by Mercy Care.