

GG0130H. Putting On/Taking Off Footwear

H. Putting on/taking off footwear: The ability to put on and take off socks and shoes or other footwear that is appropriate for safe mobility; including fasteners, if applicable.

Assessment Timepoints

Admission:

- Admission performance.
- Discharge goal.

Discharge:

- Discharge performance.

Putting On/Taking Off Footwear Inclusions and Exclusions for Coding

Included:

- Clothing, wraps, or supportive devices that cover all or part of the foot including socks, shoes, boots and running shoes.
- Ankle foot orthosis (AFO), elastic bandage, foot orthotic, orthopedic walking boots, compression stockings.
- Footwear considered safe for mobility.
- Management of fasteners.

Excluded:

- Clothing, wraps, or supportive devices that only cover the lower leg (such as an elastic bandage).
- Use of prosthetics considered as a part of lower body dressing.

Coding Tips

The assessment of putting on/taking off footwear includes identifying the patient's ability to put on and take off socks and shoes or other footwear that are appropriate for safe mobility.

Activity Performance Codes

- 06 – Independent.
- 05 – Setup or clean-up assistance.
- 04 – Supervision or touching assistance.
- 03 – Partial/moderate assistance.
- 02 – Substantial/maximal assistance.
- 01 – Dependent.

Coding Scenarios

Each row in the table below describes a footwear scenario. In each scenario, statements 2 and 4 identify key elements that inform the coding of **GG0130H. Putting on/taking off footwear**. The correct code is provided at the end of each scenario.

Coding Scenarios for GG0130H. Putting On/Taking Off Footwear

	Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3	Statement 4	Code
Scenario 1	Patient W. has chronic back pain that limits their mobility. They prefer to wear loafers without socks.	The CNA retrieves Patient W.'s loafers and a long-handled shoehorn and provides no other assistance while the patient puts on their shoes.	Patient W. requires the use of the shoehorn to put on and take off their loafers.	In the evening, after Patient W. removes their shoes, the CNA puts away the shoehorn and loafers.	Code 05
Scenario 2	Patient M. is recovering from a recent stroke that resulted in right-sided upper and lower body weakness.	The occupational therapist (OT) is present as Patient M. puts on their socks. Patient M. sways, slightly losing their balance. The OT lightly puts their hands on Patient M.'s shoulder to steady them as Patient M. continues to put on their shoes.	After putting on their shoes, Patient M. applies a knee brace to their right knee.	The medical record indicates that the same level of assistance was provided the night before when Patient M. removed their footwear.	Code 04
Scenario 3	Patient P. has peripheral edema affecting both feet and ankles.	Patient P. struggles to don their compression stockings. The nurse puts them over Patient P.'s toes and pulls the stocking up. Patient P. then puts on their shoes without needing further assistance.	During the day, Patient P. elevates their legs to reduce swelling to their feet and ankles.	Before bedtime, Patient P. removes their shoes and compression stockings independently.	Code 03

Additional Clinical Considerations

- *GG0130H. Putting on/taking off footwear* may be coded using an activity performance code if the patient wears shoes that are safe for mobility but does not wear socks.
- If the patient's socks are not considered safe for mobility and the patient does not have shoes available, determine the performance code based on patient/caregiver report, collaboration with other facility staff, or assessment of similar activities.
- An item that covers all or part of the foot is considered footwear, even if it extends up the leg, and should not be considered as a lower body dressing item.