

## THE ANKLE—Continued

	Rating
Malunion of either the talus or calcaneus without deformity of the subtalar joint or weightbearing surface of the heel .....	10
5274 Total or partial talectomy without subsequent arthrodesis .....	40

## SHORTENING OF THE LOWER EXTREMITY

	Rating
5275 Shortening of bones of lower extremity:	
Of 4 inches (10.2 cm.) or more .....	<sup>1</sup> 60
Of at least 3½ but less than 4 inches (8.9 to less than 10.2 cm.) .....	<sup>1</sup> 50
Of at least 3 but less than 3½ inches (7.6 to less than 8.9 cm.) .....	40
Of at least 2½ but less than 3 inches (6.4 to less than 7.6 cm.) .....	30
At least 2 but less than 2½ inches (5.1 to less than 6.4 cm.) .....	20
At least 1¼ but less than 2 inches (3.2 to less than 5.1 cm.) .....	10
<b>Note (1):</b> Each lower extremity will be measured from the anterior superior spine of the ilium to the internal malleolus of the tibia.	
<b>Note (2):</b> Do not combine an evaluation under diagnostic code 5275 with an evaluation for healed fracture, malunion, or nonunion of a fracture in the same extremity.	

<sup>1</sup> Review for entitlement to special monthly compensation. Refer to § 3.350 for specific instructions regarding claims involving loss or loss of use of limbs.

## THE FOOT

	Rating
5276 Flatfoot (pes planus):	
Deformity, including, on weightbearing, significant eversion of the heel, flattened arch, collapse of the midfoot structures with the talar head displaced both medial and plantar, and forefoot abduction; pain in the arch; and symptoms not significantly relieved by the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes .....	20
Deformity, including a perpendicular position to slight eversion of the heel, the presence of a slight arch on non-weightbearing which totally collapses on weightbearing, and forefoot abduction; pain in the arch and legs; and symptoms partially relieved by the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes .....	10
Deformity, but a normal arch on non-weightbearing and a perpendicular heel position; tenderness in the arch or muscles and tendons attaching to the midfoot; and symptoms completely relieved by, or not requiring, the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes .....	0
<b>Note (1):</b> Evaluate each foot separately and combine the evaluations.	
<b>Note (2):</b> Pain is encompassed by these evaluation criteria, so do not combine an evaluation under diagnostic code 5276 with an evaluation for pain under § 4.59.	
5278 Pes cavus (clawfoot):	
Symptoms of pain and tenderness, and callosities, if present, not significantly relieved by the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes .....	20
Symptoms of pain and tenderness, and callosities, if present, partially relieved by the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes .....	10
Symptoms of pain and tenderness, and callosities, if present, completely relieved by, or do not require, the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes .....	0
<b>Note (1):</b> Evaluate each foot separately and combine the evaluations.	
<b>Note (2):</b> In the absence of trauma or other specific cause of aggravation, consider pes cavus to be a congenital or developmental abnormality.	
5279 Metatarsalgia (including Morton's neuroma):	
Pain in the ball of the foot not significantly relieved by the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes, or by surgery, if that was done .....	10
Pain in the ball of the foot largely or completely relieved by, or does not require, the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes, or by surgery, if that was done .....	0
<b>Note:</b> Evaluate each foot separately and combine the evaluations.	
5280 Hallux Valgus:	
Symptoms not significantly relieved by the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes, or by surgery, if that was done .....	10
Symptoms largely or completely relieved by, or not requiring, the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes, or by surgery, if that was done .....	0
<b>Note (1):</b> Evaluate each foot separately and combine the evaluations.	
<b>Note (2):</b> Pain is encompassed by these evaluation criteria, so do not combine an evaluation under diagnostic code 5280 with an evaluation for pain under § 4.59.	
5281 Hallux limitus, hallux rigidus:	
Pain with any motion of the joint, including walking, with ankylosis (no motion) of the first metatarsal-phalangeal joint and gait abnormality .....	20
Pain on walking, with limitation of motion of the first metatarsal-phalangeal joint .....	10
Pain only on extremes of motion, with limitation of motion of the first metatarsal-phalangeal joint .....	0
<b>Note:</b> Evaluate each foot separately, regardless of number of toes affected by hammertoe, and combine the evaluations.	
5282 Hammertoe, contracted or deviated toes:	
Hammertoe with pain and calluses not significantly relieved by the use of appliances, orthoses, or orthopedic shoes, or by surgery, if that was done .....	10