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Documentation for Orthotic & Prosthetic Services

Medicare Requirement: The MD has to be included in the documentation process.

- There must be an entry in the patient's medical record for the product being prescribed. These entries can be written and signed by the NP or RN, **however, the entry must also have the approving MD signature.**
- The medical record must contain a history of the diagnosis and symptoms for which the equipment is being ordered.
- The entry must be documented **on or within 6 months prior** to the prescription date.

Custom-Made Devices

If the equipment or device being ordered is to be custom-made, the physician's records must indicate **why an off-the-shelf will not work** for the patient.

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Reference Guide to Orthotic Charting Custom Knee & Ankle Foot Orthotics (K.A.F.O.&A.F.O)

Medicare requires that we have a copy of the patient's medical record that contains a face-to-face meeting with the physician that documents the diagnosis, the justification for the brace, and that a brace was ordered.

Following is a copy of Medicare's guidelines for ankle/foot orthosis:

I. Ankle-foot Orthoses and Knee Ankle Foot Orthoses are covered for ambulatory beneficiaries with weakness or deformity of the foot and ankle, who:

- Require stabilization for medical reasons, and,
- Have the potential to benefit functionally.

II. AFOs and KAFOs that are custom-fabricated are covered for ambulatory beneficiaries when the basic coverage criteria listed above and one of the following criteria are met:

- The patient could not be fit with a prefabricated AFO; or,
- The condition necessitating the orthosis is expected to be permanent or of longstanding duration (more than 6 months); or,
- There is a need to control the knee, ankle or foot in more than one plane; or,
- The patient has a documented neurological, circulatory, or orthopedic status that requires custom fabricating over a model to prevent-tissue injury; or,
- The patient has a healing fracture which lacks normal anatomical integrity or anthropometric proportions.
- The patient is ambulatory and has the desire to continue the rehab process.

If you have any questions, please call Anchor Orthotics and Prosthetics @ 977-977-0448. Thank You