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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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Medicare's Guidelines for Prosthetic Charting

A lower limb prosthesis is covered when the beneficiary:

- I. Will reach or maintain a defined functional state within a reasonable period of time; and
- II. Is motivated to ambulate.
- III. The physician must send us a dispensing order/prescription.

FUNCTIONAL LEVELS (K-Level):

A determination of the medical necessity for certain components/additions to the prosthesis is based on the beneficiary's potential functional abilities. Potential functional ability is based on the reasonable expectations of the prosthetist, and treating physician, considering factors including, but not limited to:

- I. The beneficiary's past history (including prior prosthetic use if applicable); and
The beneficiary's current condition
- II. including the status of the residual limb and the nature of other medical problems; and
- III. The beneficiary's desire to ambulate.

The records must document the beneficiary's current functional capabilities and his/her expected functional potential, including an explanation for the difference, if that is the case.

K0: No ability or potential to ambulate or transfer.

K1: Has ability or potential to ambulate or transfer.

K2: Has the ability or potential for ambulation with the ability to traverse low level environmental barriers such as curbs, stairs or uneven surfaces.

K3: Has the ability or "potential" for ambulation with variable cadence. Typical of a community ambulator who has the ability to traverse most environmental barriers, may have vocational, therapeutic, or exercise activity that demands prosthetic utilization beyond simple locomotion.

K4: Has the ability or potential for prosthetic ambulation that exceeds basic ambulation skills, exhibiting high impact, stress, or energy levels. Typical of the prosthetic demands of a the child, active adult, or athlete.

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