

**Policy References:** [Local Coverage Determination Lower Limb Protheses \(L33787\)](#) and [Policy Article \(A52496\)](#)

**Documentation References:** [Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article \(PA\) A55426](#)

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)
- Medical record documentation requirements (see below)

### **Medical Documentation**

Replacement of a prosthesis or major component is covered if the treating physician orders a replacement device or part because of any of the following:

- A change in the physiological condition of the patient resulting in the need for a replacement; **or**
- An irreparable change in the condition of the prosthesis, or in a part of the prosthesis resulting in the need for a replacement; **or**
- The condition of the prosthesis, or the part of the prosthesis, requires repairs and the cost of such repairs would be more than 60 percent of the cost of a replacement device, or of the part being replaced.

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