

CLINICIAN CHECKLIST FOR SPINAL ORTHOSES

Policy References:

- [Local Coverage Determination \(LCD\) \(L33790\)](#)
- [Policy Article \(A52500\)](#)

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

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

[Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)

[Face-to-Face and Written Order Prior to Delivery](#)

Required for HCPCS L0648, L0650, L0631, L0637

Required for HCPCS L0635, L0636, L0638, L0639, L0640, L0651 for dates of service (DOS) on or after August 12, 2024

[\(CMS Required Face-to-Face Encounter and Written Order Prior to Delivery List\)](#)

Medical records as noted below

Medical Documentation

A spinal orthosis is covered when it is ordered for one of the following indications:

- To reduce pain by restricting mobility of the trunk; **or**
- To facilitate healing following an injury to the spine or related soft tissues; **or**
- To facilitate healing following a surgical procedure on the spine or related soft tissue; **or**
- To support weak spinal muscles and/or a deformed spine.

Custom Fabricated Orthoses

Covered if the basic coverage criteria for a spinal orthosis is met, and the following is also met:

Detailed documentation in the treating clinician's records to support the medical necessity of a custom fabricated rather than a prefabricated orthosis. Please provide this documentation to the supplier/orthotist.

Miscellaneous

[Competitive Bid 2021](#) includes off the shelf back braces

OTS back braces HCPCS codes: L0450, L0455, L0457, L0467, L0469, L0621, L0623, L0625, L0628, L0641, L0642, L0643, L0648, L0649, L0650, and L0651

Prior Authorization - HCPCS codes L0648, L0650, additional HCPCS L0631, L0637, L0639 effective for DOS August 12, 2024 and after ([CMS Required Prior Authorization List](#))