

Policy References: [Local Coverage Determination Spinal Orthoses \(L33790\)](#) and [Policy Article \(A52500\)](#)

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

The supplier must be able to provide all of these items on request:

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

[Beneficiary Authorization](#)

[Proof of Delivery \(POD\)](#)

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Medical records from treating practitioner as noted below

Medical Records should contain:

Prefabricated Orthoses: Off-The-Shelf (OTS) (L0450, L0455, L0457, L0467, L0469, L0621, L0623, L0625, L0628, L0641, L0642, L0643, L0648, L0649, L0650, L0651)

- Medical records document the spinal orthosis was ordered for one of the following indications:
 - Reduce pain by restricting mobility of the trunk; **or**
 - Facilitate healing following an injury to the spine or related soft tissues; **or**
 - Facilitate healing following a surgical procedure on the spine or related soft tissue; **or**
 - Support weak spinal muscles and/or a deformed spine.

OTS items require minimal self-adjustment for fitting at the time of delivery for appropriate use and do not require expertise in trimming, bending, and molding, assembling, or customizing to fit an individual.

Prefabricated Orthoses: Custom Fitted (L0454, L0456, L0458, L0460, L0462, L0464, L0466, L0468, L0470, L0472, L0488, L0490, L0491, L0492, L0626, L0627, L0630, L0631, L0633, L0635, L0637, L0639)

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- Orthosis requires more than minimal self-adjustment for fitting at the time of delivery in order to provide an individualized fit
- Item must be trimmed, bent, molded (with or without heat), or otherwise modified resulting in alterations beyond minimal self-adjustment; **and**
- This fitting at delivery requires expertise of a certified orthotist or an individual who has equivalent specialized training in the provision of orthotics to fit the item to the individual beneficiary.
- Documentation must be sufficiently detailed to include, but is not limited to, a detailed description of the modifications necessary at the time of fitting the orthosis to the beneficiary

Custom Fabricated Orthoses (L0452, L0480, L0482, L0484, L0486, L0629, L0632, L0634, L0636, L0638, L0640)

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 - Reduce pain by restricting mobility of the trunk; **or**
 - Facilitate healing following an injury to the spine or related soft tissues; **or**
 - Facilitate healing following a surgical procedure on the spine or related soft tissue; **or**
 - Support weak spinal muscles and/or a deformed spine.
- Detailed documentation in the treating physician's records to support the medical necessity of custom fabricated rather than a prefabricated orthosis.
- This information is corroborated by the functional evaluation in the orthotist or prosthetist's records.
- Impression of the specific body part was made and this impression was used to make a positive model of the body part; **or**
- Detailed measurements were taken of the beneficiary's torso and used to modify a positive model to make it conform to the beneficiary's body shape and dimensions; **or**
- Digital image of the beneficiary's torso was made using CAD-CAM technology which directed the carving of a positive model; **and**
- Orthosis was then individually fabricated and molded over the positive model of the beneficiary.