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)
- Continued Need
- Continued Use

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.*


- 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.

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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)**

- 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.

- 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.