

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST FOR SPINAL ORTHOSES

Policy References:

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

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

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

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

[Face-to-Face and Written Order Prior to Delivery \(WOPD\)](#) - HCPCS codes L0648, L0650 - Effective for date of service (DOS) April 13, 2022, and after ([CMS Required Face-to-Face Encounter and Written Order Prior to Delivery List](#))

[Prior Authorization](#) - HCPCS codes L0648, L0650 - ([CMS Required Prior Authorization List](#))

Phased effective dates of service:

April 13, 2022: NY, IL, FL, and CA

July 12, 2022: MD, PA, NJ, MI, OH, KY, TX, NC, GA, MO, AZ, and WA

October 10, 2022: Nationwide

[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.

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

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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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.