

## **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 \(WOPD\)](#)

Required for HCPCS L0648, L0650, L0631, L0637

Additional HCPCS added effective for dates of service (DOS) on or after August 12, 2024  
HCPCS L0635, L0636, L0638, L0639, L0640, L0651 ([CMS Required Face-to-Face Encounter and Written Order Prior to Delivery List](#))

[Prior Authorization](#) - HCPCS L0648, L0650. Additional HCPCS effective for DOS on or after August 12, 2024, for L0631, L0637, L0639 ([CMS Required Prior Authorization List](#))

[Beneficiary Authorization](#)

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

[Continued Need](#)

[Continued Use](#)

Medical records from treating practitioner as noted below

[Educational Resources](#) - Located on left panel of Orthotic webpage

### **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)**

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.

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)**

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.

## Miscellaneous

### Coding Verification Review

Spinal Orthosis - The only products which may be billed using the following list of HCPCS codes are those for which a written coding verification review (CVR) has been made by the PDAC contractor and subsequently published on the Product Classification List (PCL):

L0450, L0454, L0456, L0458, L0460, L0462, L0464, L0466, L0468, L0470, L0472, L0488, L0490, L0491, L0492, L0625, L0626, L0627, L0628, L0630, L0631, L0633, L0635, L0637, L0639, L0455, L0457, L0467, L0469, L0641, L0642, L0643, L0648, L0649, L0650, L0651

There are two categories of custom fabricated spinal orthoses (codes L0452, L0480, L0482, L0484, L0486, L0629, L0632, L0634, L0636, L0638, and L0640):

Orthoses that are custom fabricated by a manufacturer/central fabrication facility and then sent to someone other than the beneficiary (requires PDAC verification).

Orthoses that are custom fabricated from raw materials and are dispensed directly to the beneficiary by the entity that fabricated the orthosis (do not require PDAC verification).

### 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

For dates of service beginning January 1, 2024, and after, there is a temporary gap period in the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) for off-the-shelf back braces.