



Documentation Requirements for Pediatric Orthotics

The following resource is from Northern Orthopedics, Inc.

Medicaid, Medicare, and other insurers have specific requirements for medical provider documentation. If those requirements are not met, orthotic devices will not be covered.

Documentation Requirements for the Prescription of Orthotic Devices:

The following objective documentation is required to show the medical necessity of the orthotic services being prescribed.

This information needs to appear in the body of the medical provider's chart notes:

- Diagnosis of the patient.
- Item being prescribed and why it is needed.
- How long the patient is expected to use the item.
- If this is to be custom or non-custom item. (When custom, please specify why a non-custom item will not work.)

If you are prescribing repairs/adjustments or a replacement to an existing orthosis:

- Document that the patient still requires a functioning orthosis.
- Explain why the current orthosis is no longer able to function as intended.

Please fax chart notes documenting this required information to Northern Orthopedics, Inc. Fax: (907) 561-2157.

If you have any questions about this required documentation feel free to call Northern Orthopedics, Inc. at (907) 561-1777.