Dear Physician:

For a custom LSO (lumbo-sacral-orthosis) or custom TLSO (thoraco-lumbo-sacral-orthosis) to be covered by Medicare, all applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements must be met. Medicare requires a physical evaluation of the patient, and the following bullet points must be included in the physician’s chart note (Medicare does not consider a letter part of the medical record). Please fax any Medicare compliant chart notes to our office.

The physician must document AND DISCUSS the following:

Why a custom orthosis is medically necessary instead of a prefabricated orthosis

The physician must also document AND DISCUSS at least one of the following:

1) The orthosis is medically necessary to reduce pain by restricting mobility of the trunk; or
2) The orthosis is medically necessary to facilitate healing following an injury to the spine or related soft tissues; or
3) The orthosis is medically necessary to facilitate healing following a surgical procedure on the spine or related soft tissues; or
4) The orthosis is medically necessary to otherwise support weak spinal muscles and/or a deformed spine.

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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