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Dear Physician:

For an LSO (lumbo-sacral-orthosis) or TLSO (thoraco-lumbo-sacral-orthosis) to be covered by Medicare and many other insurance plans, a physical evaluation of the patient that discuss **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 the compliant chart notes to our office once evaluation is completed.

The physician must document AND DISCUSS the following:

1. Patient requires a LSO or TLSO

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

- a. The orthosis is medically necessary to reduce pain by restricting mobility of the trunk; **or**
- b. The orthosis is medically necessary to facilitate healing following an injury to the spine or related soft tissues; **or**
- c. The orthosis is medically necessary to facilitate healing following a surgical procedure on the spine or related soft tissues; **or**
- d. 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.