



Medicare Requirements

for
Prosthetic and Orthotic
Services



General Clinical

Documentation Required

for

Orthotic Services



Prescriptions

- The State of Texas requires a prescription for patient consultation that includes...
 - A diagnosis appropriate for the requested service.
 - ICD-9 code reflecting the patient's diagnosis.
 - Physician/practitioner signature and date.



What documentation is needed?

- The patient's medical record must contain sufficient information about the patient's medical condition to **substantiate the necessity for...**
 - The type and quantity of items
 - The frequency of use or replacement (if applicable)
 - Pre-fabricated or custom device



Information to include:

- Patient's diagnosis
- Duration of patient's condition
- Clinical course (worsening or improvement)
- Prognosis, nature and extent of functional limitation
- Other therapeutic interventions
- Results and past experiences with related items



Signature Requirements

- Medicare requires that all orders and medical records must be authenticated by the author using...
 - A **legible** handwritten full signature OR...
 - A signature above the typed name of the physician OR...
 - Electronic signature
- Stamped signatures are **NOT** acceptable.



Signature Requirements

- If a signature is illegible on an order or medical record...
 - A signature log may be provided by the physician/practitioner which includes the **printed name of the author** and the **full signature or initials** that appear on the document.
 - Listing the credentials of the author is encouraged.



Signature Requirements

- If a signature is missing on an order, the order will be disregarded and the claim denied.
- If a signature is missing from medical records, the physician/practitioner may provide an **attestation to verify the entry**.
 - Physicians/practitioners should not add late signatures to medical records, but instead use the attestation process.



References

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