

Document of Medical Necessity: Custom Molded Gauntlet Ankle Foot Orthotic



Patient Name: _____ HICN: _____ DOB: _____

Prognosis: Good Duration of usage: 12 Months

I certify that Mr./ Ms. _____ qualifies for and will benefit from an ankle foot orthosis used during ambulation based on meeting all of the following criteria. The patient is:

- Ambulatory, and
- Has weakness or deformity of the foot and ankle, and
- Requires stabilization for medical reasons, and
- Has the potential to benefit functionally

The patient's medical record contains sufficient documentation of the patients medical condition to substantiate the necessity for the type and quantity of the items ordered.

The goal of this therapy: (indicate all that apply)

- Improve mobility
- Improve lower extremity stability
- Decrease pain
- Facilitate soft tissue healing
- Facilitate immobilization, healing and treatment of an injury
- Reduce risk for falls

Necessity of Ankle Foot Orthosis molded to patient model:

A custom (vs. Prefabricated) ankle foot orthosis has been Prescribed based on the following criteria which are specific to the condition of this patient. (indicate all that apply)

- The patient could not be fit with a prefabricated AFO
- The condition necessitating the orthosis is expected to be permanent or of longstanding duration (more than 6 months)
- There is need to control the ankle or foot in more than one plane
- The patient has a documented neurological, circulatory, or orthopedic condition that requires custom fabrication over model to prevent tissue injury
- The patient has a healing fracture that lacks normal anatomical integrity or anthropometric proportions

I hereby certify that the ankle foot orthotic described above is a rigid or semi-rigid device which is used for the purpose of supporting a weak or deformed body member or restricting or eliminating motion in a diseased or injured part of the body. It is designed to provide support and counterforce on the limb or body part that is being braced. In my opinion, the custom molded ankle foot orthosis is both reasonable and necessary in reference to accepted standards of medical practice in the treatment of the patient condition and rehabilitation.

Signature of Prescribing Physician: _____ Type I NPI: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Printed Name of Prescribing Physician: _____ Phone: _____