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## ***Custom fabricated lumbo-sacral-orthosis (LSO) or thoraco-lumbo-sacral-orthosis(TLSO)***

For a custom fabricated LSO (lumbo-sacral-orthosis) or TLSO (thoraco-lumbo-sacral-orthosis) to be covered by Medicare, all applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements must be met. This includes of the following:

- Documentation of a face to face appointment with the patient within six months of the written order.
- Letters of medical necessity are not accepted, Medicare does not consider a letter part of the medical record.
- All notes need to contain the physician's printed name, signature, patient name and date.
- Stamped, illegible signatures or notes are not accepted.
- Addendums need to be added to the prescribing physician.

### ***The physician must document AND DISCUSS the following:***

- Why a custom fabricated orthosis is medically necessary instead of a custom fit orthosis

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

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

Additional information is available at

<https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jddme/policies/documentation-checklists>

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

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