

FOREIGN MEDICAL PROGRAM POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 11
TITLE: ORTHOTICS

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RELATED REFERENCES: M-2, Part VIII, Chapter 3, VHA Handbook 1173.9

I. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

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Cervical orthoses - HCPCS L0100-L0200, L0700, L0710

Spinal orthotics - HCPCS K0112-K0116, L0100-L0200, L0970-L0984, L1010-L1120, L1210-L1290

Upper limb orthotics - HCPCS L1600-L1755, L1800-L1885, L1900-L1990, L2000-L2090, L2102-L2136, L2180-L2192, L2200-L2492, L2500, L2510-L2999

Lower limb orthotics - L3650-L3670, L3700-L3740, L3800-L3805, L3810-L3890, L3900-L3974

II. DEFINITION

Orthotics are appliances or apparatus used to support, align, prevent or correct deformities, or to improve the function of movable parts of the body.

III. POLICY

Orthotic devices are covered when medically necessary for the service-connected condition.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Covered orthotic devices may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Cervical orthoses that treat cervical disease and injury by influencing the motion of the neck by assisting, resisting, blocking, or unloading part of the head weight.

2. Spinal orthotics prescribed for scoliosis, hyper/hypokyphosis, or

hyper/hypolordoses.

3. Upper limb orthotics used to substitute for absent motor power, to assist weak segments, to support segments which require immobilization, to provide traction, or for the attachment of devices. These are usually prescribed for the wrist, thumb, fingers, shoulder, and elbow.

4. Lower limb orthotics are used to substitute for absent motor power, to assist weak segments, to support segments that require immobilization, to provide traction, or for the attachment of devices. These are usually prescribed for the hip, knee, ankle, or any combination.

5. Orthopedic shoes (3 pairs per year).

END OF POLICY