

Dear Physician:

For a custom Dynamic AFO (ankle-foot-orthosis) to be covered by insurance, all requirements must be met. A physical evaluation of the patient and the following bullet points must be included in the physician's chart note (medical insurance does not consider a letter part of the medical record). Please fax any relevant chart notes to our office.

The following are features of a custom Dynamic AFO and the medical necessity for each:

- Dynamic Design: this is medically necessary to allow energy storage and return from the dynamic strut feature. This design decreases ground reaction forces applied to the foot/ankle at heel strike, preventing skin breakdown, and provides mechanical push off at terminal stance for an efficient and stable gait pattern.
- Revo System: this is medically necessary to prevent skin breakdown by allowing micro adjustments to the fit of the device throughout the day as the patient's limb volume fluctuates.
- Test Orthosis: this is medically necessary to prevent skin breakdown by ensuring a proper fit prior to delivering definitive device.

The physician must document the following:

1. Why Dynamic Design is medically necessary; **and**
2. Why Revo System is medically necessary; **and**
3. Why a Test Orthosis is medically necessary; **and**

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