



Ankle-Foot and Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses

Clinical Coverage Criteria

Overview

Ankle-foot orthoses (AFOs) and knee-ankle-foot orthoses (KAFOs) are external orthopedic devices designed to support, align, and improve the function of the lower extremities in individuals with muscle weakness, paralysis, joint instability, or neuromuscular and musculoskeletal conditions. AFOs extend from below the knee to the foot and ankle and are commonly prescribed to improve gait, provide ankle stability, prevent foot drop, and enhance safety during ambulation. They are frequently used for individuals with conditions such as stroke, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, peripheral nerve injuries, and muscular dystrophy. AFOs can be fabricated from a variety of materials, including thermoplastics, carbon fiber, and composites, and may be designed to either restrict or assist ankle motion depending on the patient's functional needs.

KAFOs provide all the functions of an AFO while extending above the knee to stabilize and control the knee joint. These devices are typically prescribed when lower-extremity weakness, paralysis, ligamentous instability, or deformity prevents adequate knee control during standing or walking. Common indications include post-polio syndrome, spinal cord injury, muscle weakness resulting from neurological disorders, severe knee instability, and certain orthopedic conditions. By controlling motion at the foot, ankle, and knee, KAFOs help improve standing balance, promote a safer and more efficient gait pattern, and reduce the risk of falls. Advances in orthotic technology have led to lighter materials, improved joint mechanisms, and more customized designs, allowing for better comfort, function, and patient outcomes.

When considering lower-extremity orthoses, devices may be categorized as either prefabricated (off-the-shelf) or custom-fabricated, depending on the individual's clinical needs, anatomy, and functional goals. Prefabricated AFOs and KAFOs are manufactured in standard sizes and can be fitted and adjusted with minimal modification. These devices are generally appropriate for individuals with relatively typical limb anatomy, mild to moderate deficits, and predictable support needs. Prefabricated orthoses may offer advantages such as lower cost, faster availability, and ease of replacement. However, they may provide less precise control, limited accommodation for deformities, and potentially reduced comfort for some users.

Custom-fabricated AFOs and KAFOs are designed from detailed measurements, casts, or digital scans of the patient's lower extremity. Custom devices are often indicated when significant weakness, abnormal limb shape, contractures, deformities, skin integrity concerns, or complex biomechanical requirements are present. Because they are tailored to the individual's anatomy and functional needs, custom orthoses can provide enhanced fit, improved pressure distribution, greater comfort, and more precise control of joint motion. Although custom devices typically require additional evaluation, fabrication time, and cost, they may result in better functional outcomes and long-term compliance for patients with complex clinical presentations. The selection between a prefabricated and custom orthosis should be based on a comprehensive clinical assessment that considers the patient's diagnosis, physical examination findings, functional goals, and anticipated duration of use.

Microprocessor-controlled orthoses (MPOs) represent an advanced category of lower-extremity orthotic technology that uses embedded sensors, microprocessors, and electronically controlled joints to dynamically adjust resistance and support during movement. These devices are most commonly available as microprocessor-controlled KAFOs and stance-control orthoses, although newer technologies are expanding their application in AFO designs. Unlike traditional orthoses that rely on fixed mechanical settings, microprocessor-controlled systems continuously monitor gait parameters such as knee angle,

walking speed, cadence, and limb position. The device then adjusts knee or ankle resistance in real time, helping to provide greater stability during stance while allowing a more natural gait pattern during swing.

Policy

This Policy applies to the following Fallon Health products:

- ☒ Fallon Medicare Plus
- ☒ MassHealth ACO
- ☒ NaviCare HMO SNP
- ☒ PACE (Summit Eldercare PACE, Fallon Health Weinberg PACE)
- ☒ Community Care

Some ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses for scoliosis require prior authorization. See Coding section below.

Medical Director Review is required for initial or replacement requests for HCPCS code L2006.

The following codes are nonpayable for MassHealth ACO members in accordance with MassHealth Orthotics Manual Subchapter 6 (ORT-30): L2006, L2221, L2861. Claims will deny vendor liable.

Ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses without a unique HCPCS code must be billed with HCPCS code L2999. Replacement components for ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses without a unique HCPCS code must be billed with code HCPCS L2999. Refer to Unlisted Codes medical policy for coverage criteria.

Fallon Health Clinical Coverage Criteria

Fallon Health Clinical Coverage Criteria for ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses apply to Community Care members.

Effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2026, Fallon Health will use InterQual® criteria when making medical necessity determinations for thoracic, Lumbar and Sacral Orthoses for Community Care members.

For coverage criteria, refer to the InterQual® criteria in effect on the date of service:

- InterQual® CP: Durable Medical Equipment, Orthoses, Lower Extremity, Knee-Ankle-Foot (KAFO) and Ankle-Foot (AFO)
 - Addition(s) to Knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated, off-the-shelf (L4370)
 - Addition(s) to ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), custom-fabricated (L1900, L1904, L1907, L1920, L1940, L1945, L1950, L1960, L1970, L1980, L1990)
 - Addition(s) to ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), custom-fabricated (L2106, L2108)
 - Addition(s) to ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L1930, L1951, L1971)
 - Addition(s) to ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L2112, L2114, L2116)
 - Addition(s) to ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, off-the-shelf (L4350)
 - Addition(s) to knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), custom-fabricated (L2000, L2010, L2020, L2030, L2034, L2036, L2037, L2038)
 - Addition(s) to knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), custom-fabricated (L2126, L2128)
 - Addition(s) to knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), custom-fabricated, heavy duty (L2000, L2010, L2020, L2030, L2034, L2036, L2037, L2038)
 - Addition(s) to knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L2035)
 - Addition(s) to knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L2132, L2134, L2136)
 - Addition(s) to knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted, heavy duty (L2035)
 - Addition(s) to replacement ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), custom-fabricated (L1900, L1904, L1907, L1920, L1940, L1945, L1950, L1960, L1970, L1980, L1990)
 - Addition(s) to replacement ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), custom-fabricated (L2106, L2108)
 - Addition(s) to replacement ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated (L1930, L1951, L1971, L4350)

- Addition(s) to replacement ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L2112, L2114, L2116)
- Addition(s) to replacement knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), custom-fabricated (L2000, L2010, L2020, L2030, L2034, L2036, L2037, L2038)
- Addition(s) to replacement knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), custom-fabricated (L2126, L2128)
- Addition(s) to replacement knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated (L2132, L2134, L2136, L4370)
- Addition(s) to replacement knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L2035)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), custom-fabricated (L1900, L1904, L1907, L1920, L1940, L1945, L1950, L1960, L1970, L1980, L1990)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), custom-fabricated (L2106, L2108)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), multiligamentous ankle support, includes fitting and adjustment, prefabricated, off-the-shelf (L1906)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated (L1902, L1910, L1932, L1933, L1952, L4361, L4387)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated (L1930, L1951, L1971, L4350)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L1910, L1932)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L1930, L1951, L1971)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L2112, L2114, L2116)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L4360, L4386)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, off-the-shelf (L1902, L1933, L1952, L4361, L4387)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), prefabricated, off-the-shelf (L4350)
- Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), walking boot type, varus/valgus correction, rocker bottom, anterior tibial shell, soft interface, custom arch support, plastic or other material includes straps and closures, custom-fabricated (L4631)
- Components or features for custom-fabricated ankle-foot orthosis (AFO) or knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO) (L1900, L1904, L1907, L1920, L1940, L1945, L1950, L1960, L1970, L1980, L1990, L2000, L2005, L2010, L2020, L2030, L2034, L2036, L2037, L2038, L2106, L2108, L2126, L2128)
- Components or features for prefabricated (off-the-shelf or custom-fitted) ankle-foot orthosis (AFO) or knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO) (L1910, L1930, L1932, L1951, L1971, L1972, L2112, L2114, L2116, L2370, L2035, L2132, L2134, L2136)
- Concentric adjustable torsion mechanism (L2000, L2005, L2006, L2010, L2020, L2030, L2034, L2036, L2037, L2038)
- Foot drop splint, recumbent positioning device, prefabricated, off-the-shelf (L4398)
- Knee-ankle-foot device, any material, single or double upright, swing and/or stance phase microprocessor control with adjustability, includes all components (e.g., sensors, batteries, charger), any type activation, with or without ankle joint(s), custom-fabricated (L2006)
- Knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), custom-fabricated (L2000, L2010, L2020, L2030, L2034, L2036, L2037, L2038)
- Knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), custom-fabricated (L2005)
- Knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), custom-fabricated (L2126, L2128)
- Knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated (L2132, L2134, L2136, L4370)
- Knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L2035)
- Knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated, custom-fitted (L2132, L2134, L2136)
- Knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), prefabricated, off-the-shelf (L4370)
- Replacement components or features for custom-fabricated ankle-foot orthosis (AFO) or knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO) (L1900, L1904, L1907, L1920, L1940, L1945, L1950, L1960, L1970, L1980, L1990, L2000, L2005, L2010, L2020, L2030, L2034, L2036, L2037, L2038, L2106, L2108, L2126, L2128)
- Replacement components or features for prefabricated (off-the-shelf or custom-fitted) ankle-foot orthosis (AFO) or knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO) (L1910, L1930, L1932, L1951, L1971, L2112, L2114, L2116, L2370, L2035, L2132, L2134, L2136)
- Replacement, soft interface material, static ankle-foot orthosis (AFO) (L4392)
- Static or dynamic ankle-foot orthosis, including soft interface material, adjustable for fit, for positioning, may be used for minimal ambulation, prefabricated, off-the-shelf (L4396, L4397)

- Static or dynamic ankle-foot orthosis, including soft interface material, adjustable for fit, for positioning, may be used for minimal ambulation, prefabricated, off-the-shelf (L4397)
- Static or dynamic ankle-foot orthosis, including soft interface material, adjustable for fit, for positioning, may be used for minimal ambulation, prefabricated, custom-fitted (L4396)

Fallon Health makes InterQual® Criteria available to the public through the transparency tool on our website, effective January 1, 2024.

Medicare Variation

Medicare statutes and regulations do not have coverage criteria for ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses. Medicare does not have an NCD for ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses. Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC, the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractor (DME MAC) with jurisdiction in the Plan's service area has an LCD for Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis (L33686) (Medicare Coverage Database search 08/01/2026). Coverage criteria for ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses are fully established in Noridian LCD L33686; therefore, Fallon Health Clinical Coverage Criteria are not applicable.

Medicare Coverage Database Link: [LCD Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis \(L33686\)](#)

Medicare criteria for TLSO and LSO spinal orthoses (L33790) can be accessed through InterQual® in the Medicare:Post Acute & Durable Medical Equipment module under *Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis*.

Medicare uses L2999 for Concentric adjustable torsion style mechanisms [LCD - Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis \(L33686\)](#):

- Concentric adjustable torsion style mechanisms used to assist knee joint extension are coded as L2999 and are covered for beneficiaries who require knee extension assist in the absence of any co-existing joint contracture.
- Concentric adjustable torsion style mechanisms used to assist ankle joint plantarflexion or dorsiflexion are coded as L2999 and are covered for beneficiaries who require ankle plantar or dorsiflexion assist in the absence of any co-existing joint contracture.

For Fallon Medicare Plus and NaviCare members, the only products which may be billed using the following list of HCPCS codes are those for which a written coding verification review (CVR) has been made by the PDAC contractor and subsequently published on the [Product Classification List](#) (PCL). Information concerning the documentation that must be submitted to the PDAC for a CVR can be found on the PDAC web site or by contacting the PDAC. A PCL with products which have received a coding verification can be found on the PDAC web site. The effective date of the CVR is included for each code.

- Effective for claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2012: **L1906**
- Effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2020: **L2006**
- Effective for claims with dates of service on or after December 1, 2024: **L1951**
- Effective for claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2025: **L1952**

MassHealth Variation

MassHealth does not have Guidelines for Medical Necessity Determination ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses (MassHealth website search 08/01/2026).

In accordance with MassHealth Orthotics Regulations at 130 CMR 442.413: *Medical Necessity*, for items covered by MassHealth, for which there is no MassHealth item-specific medical necessity guideline and for which there is a Medicare Local Coverage Determination (LCD) indicating Medicare coverage of the item under at least some circumstances, the provider must demonstrate medical necessity of the item consistent with the Medicare LCD.

Medicare Coverage Database Link: [LCD Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis \(L33686\)](#)

Medicare criteria for TLSO and LSO spinal orthoses (L33790) can be accessed through InterQual® in the Medicare:Post Acute & Durable Medical Equipment module under *Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis*.

Per MassHealth Orthotics and Prosthetics Payment and Coverage Guidelines Tool (V.22), ankle-foot orthoses (AFO) and knee-ankle-foot orthoses (KAFOs) may be covered for children and severely disabled adults that are non-ambulatory, non-weight bearing and/or wheelchair bound.

If the provider believes that an orthosis is medically necessary for the member, even though the request does not meet criteria established by the LCD, the provider must submit documentation demonstrating medical necessity in accordance with 130 CMR 450.204: *Medical Necessity*, and 130 CMR 442.413.

Exclusions

- Ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses are considered not medically necessary when the medical necessity criteria specified in this policy are not met, or the requested use is for indications not supported by the available evidence.

Summary of Evidence

N/A

Analysis of Evidence (Rational for Determination)

N/A

Coding

The following codes are included below for informational purposes only; inclusion of a code does not constitute or imply coverage or reimbursement.

Evaluation of the member, measurement and/or casting, and fitting/adjustments of the orthosis are included in the allowance for the orthosis. There is no separate payment for these services.

HCPSC code L2861 is nonpayable for all lines of business. Claims will deny vendor liable.

Medicare uses L2999 for Concentric adjustable torsion style mechanisms [LCD - Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis \(L33686\)](#):

- Concentric adjustable torsion style mechanisms used to assist knee joint extension are coded as L2999 and are covered for beneficiaries who require knee extension assist in the absence of any co-existing joint contracture.
- Concentric adjustable torsion style mechanisms used to assist ankle joint plantarflexion or dorsiflexion are coded as L2999 and are covered for beneficiaries who require ankle plantar or dorsiflexion assist in the absence of any co-existing joint contracture.

Ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses without a unique HCPSC code must be billed with HCPSC code L2999. Replacement components for ankle-foot and knee-ankle-foot orthoses without a unique HCPSC code must be billed with code HCPSC L2999. Refer to Unlisted Codes medical policy for coverage criteria.

The following codes are nonpayable for MassHealth ACO members in accordance with MassHealth Orthotics Manual Subchapter 6 (ORT-30): L2006, L2221, L2861. Claims will deny vendor liable.

Code	Description	Prior Authorization Required (yes/no)
L1900	Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), spring wire, dorsiflexion assist calf band, custom fabricated	No
L1902	Ankle orthosis, ankle gauntlet or similar, with or without joints, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	No
L1904	Ankle orthosis, ankle gauntlet or similar, with or without joints, custom fabricated	No
L1906	Ankle foot orthosis, multiligamentous ankle support, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	No

L1907	Ankle orthosis, supramalleolar with straps, with or without interface/pads, custom fabricated	Yes
L1910	AFO, posterior, single bar, clasp attachment to shoe counter, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	No
L1920	AFO, single upright with static or adjustable stop (Phelps or Perlstein type), custom fabricated	No
L1930	AFO, plastic or other material, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	No
L1932	AFO, rigid anterior tibial section, total carbon fiber or equal material, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L1933	Ankle foot orthosis, rigid anterior tibial section, total carbon fiber or equal material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	Yes
L1940	AFO, plastic or other material, custom-fabricated	No
L1945	AFO, molded to patient model, plastic, rigid anterior tibial section (floor reaction), custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L1950	Ankle foot orthosis, spiral, (Institute of Rehabilitative Medicine type), plastic, custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L1951	Ankle foot orthosis, spiral (Institute of Rehabilitative Medicine type), plastic or other material, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	Yes
L1952	Ankle foot orthosis, spiral, (institute of rehabilitative medicine type), plastic or other material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	Yes
L1960	AFO, posterior solid ankle, plastic, custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L1970	AFO, plastic, with ankle joint, custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L1971	Ankle foot orthosis, plastic or other material with ankle joint, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	Yes
L1972	Ankle foot orthosis, plastic or other material with ankle joint, with or without dorsiflexion assist, prefabricated, off-the shelf	Yes
L1980	AFO, single upright free plantar dorsiflexion, solid stirrup, calf band/cuff (single bar "BK" orthosis), custom-fabricated	No
L1990	AFO, double upright free plantar dorsiflexion, solid stirrup, calf band/cuff (double bar "BK" orthosis), custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L2000	Knee-ankle-foot orthosis (KAFO), single upright, free knee, free ankle, solid stirrup, thigh and calf bands/cuffs (single bar "AK" orthosis), custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L2005	Knee-ankle-foot orthosis, any material, single or double upright, stance control, automatic lock and swing phase release, any type activation, includes ankle joint, any type, custom fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L2006	Knee ankle foot device, any material, single or double upright, swing and stance phase microprocessor control with adjustability, includes all components (e.g., sensors, batteries, charger), any type activation, with or without ankle joint(s), custom fabricated	Yes Medical Director review required; nonpayable for MassHealth ACO members
L2010	KAFO, single upright, free ankle, solid stirrup, thigh and calf bands/cuffs (single bar "AK" orthosis), without knee joint, custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026

L2020	KAFO, double upright, free knee, free ankle, solid stirrup, thigh and calf bands/cuffs (double bar "AK" orthosis), custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L2030	KAFO, double upright, free ankle, solid stirrup, thigh and calf bands/cuffs, (double bar "AK" orthosis), without knee joint, custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L2034	Knee-ankle-foot orthosis, full plastic, single upright, with or without free motion knee, medial lateral rotation control, with or without free motion ankle, custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L2035	KAFO, full plastic, static, (pediatric size), without free motion ankle, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	No
L2036	Knee-ankle-foot orthosis, full plastic, double upright, with or without free motion knee, with or without free motion ankle, custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L2037	Knee-ankle-foot orthosis, full plastic, single upright, with or without free motion knee, with or without free motion ankle, custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L2038	Knee-ankle-foot orthosis, full plastic, with or without free motion knee, multi-axis ankle, custom-fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026
L2040	Hip knee ankle foot orthosis, torsion control, bilateral rotation straps, pelvic band/belt, custom fabricated	No
L2050	Hip knee ankle foot orthosis, torsion control, bilateral torsion cables, hip joint, pelvic band/belt, custom fabricated	No
L2060	Hip knee ankle foot orthosis, torsion control, bilateral torsion cables, ball bearing hip joint, pelvic band/ belt, custom fabricated	No
L2070	Hip knee ankle foot orthosis, torsion control, unilateral rotation straps, pelvic band/belt, custom fabricated	No
L2080	Hip knee ankle foot orthosis, torsion control, unilateral torsion cable, hip joint, pelvic band/belt, custom fabricated	No
L2090	L2090 Hip knee ankle foot orthosis, torsion control, unilateral torsion cable, ball bearing hip joint, pelvic band/ belt, custom fabricated	No
L2106	AFO, fracture orthosis, tibial fracture cast orthosis, thermoplastic type casting material, custom-fabricated	No
L2108	AFO, fracture orthosis, tibial fracture cast orthosis, custom-fabricated	No
L2112	AFO, fracture orthosis, tibial fracture orthosis, soft, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	No
L2114	AFO, fracture orthosis, tibial fracture orthosis, semi-rigid, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	No
L2116	AFO, fracture orthosis, tibial fracture orthosis, rigid, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	No
L2126	KAFO, fracture orthosis, femoral fracture cast orthosis, thermoplastic type casting material, custom-fabricated	No
L2128	KAFO, fracture orthosis, femoral fracture cast orthosis, custom-fabricated	No
L2132	KAFO, fracture orthosis, femoral fracture cast orthosis, soft, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	No
L2134	KAFO, fracture orthosis, femoral fracture cast orthosis, semi-rigid, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	No
L2136	KAFO, fracture orthosis, femoral fracture cast orthosis, rigid, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	No

L2180	Addition to lower extremity fracture orthosis, plastic shoe insert with ankle joints	No
L2182	Addition to lower extremity fracture orthosis, drop lock knee joint	No
L2184	Addition to lower extremity fracture orthosis, limited motion knee joint	No
L2186	Addition to lower extremity fracture orthosis, adjustable motion knee joint, Lerman type	No
L2188	Addition to lower extremity fracture orthosis, quadrilateral brim	No
L2190	Addition to lower extremity fracture orthosis, waist belt	No
L2192	Addition to lower extremity fracture orthosis, hip joint, pelvic band, thigh flange, and pelvic belt	No
L2200	Addition to lower extremity, limited ankle motion, each joint	No
L2210	Addition to lower extremity, dorsiflexion assist (plantar flexion resist), each joint	No
L2220	Addition to lower extremity, dorsiflexion and plantar flexion assist/resist, each joint	No
L2221	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, ankle system, microprocessor-controlled feature plantarflexion and/or dorsiflexion, includes power source	Yes Nonpayable for MassHealth ACO members
L2230	Addition to lower extremity, split flat caliper stirrups and plate attachment	No
L2232	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, rocker bottom for total contact ankle foot orthosis, for custom fabricated orthosis only	No
L2240	Addition to lower extremity, round caliper and plate attachment	No
L2250	Addition to lower extremity, foot plate, molded to patient model, stirrup attachment	No
L2260	Addition to lower extremity, reinforced solid stirrup (Scott-Craig type)	No
L2265	Addition to lower extremity, long tongue stirrup	No
L2270	Addition to lower extremity, varus/valgus correction ("T") strap, padded/lined or malleolus pad	No
L2275	Addition to lower extremity, varus/valgus correction, plastic modification, padded/lined	No
L2280	Addition to lower extremity, molded inner boot	No
L2300	Addition to lower extremity, abduction bar (bilateral hip involvement), jointed, adjustable	No
L2310	Addition to lower extremity, abduction bar, straight	No
L2320	Addition to lower extremity, non-molded lacer, for custom fabricated orthosis only [lace-up ankle brace]	No
L2330	Addition to lower extremity, lacer molded to patient model, for custom fabricated orthosis only [lace-up ankle brace]	No
L2335	Addition to lower extremity, anterior swing band	No
L2340	Addition to lower extremity, pre-tibial shell, molded to patient model	No
L2350	Addition to lower extremity, prosthetic type, (BK) socket, molded to patient model, (used for "PTB", "AFO" orthoses)	No
L2360	Addition to lower extremity, extended steel shank	No
L2370	Addition to lower extremity, Patten bottom	No

L2375	Addition to lower extremity, torsion control, ankle joint and half solid stirrup	No
L2380	Addition to lower extremity, torsion control, straight knee joint, each joint	No
L2385	Addition to lower extremity, straight knee joint, heavy duty, each joint	No
L2387	Addition to lower extremity, polycentric knee joint, for custom fabricated knee ankle foot orthosis, each joint	No
L2390	Addition to lower extremity, offset knee joint, each joint	No
L2395	Addition to lower extremity, offset knee joint, heavy duty, each joint	No
L2397	Addition to lower extremity, orthosis, suspension sleeve	No
L2405	Addition to knee joint, drop lock, each	No
L2415	Addition to knee lock with integrated release mechanism (ball, cable, or equal), any material, each joint	No
L2425	Addition to knee joint, disc or dial lock for adjustable knee flexion, each joint	No
L2430	Addition to knee joint, ratchet lock for active and progressive knee extension, each joint	No
L2492	Addition to knee joint, lift loop for drop lock ring	No
L2500	Addition to lower extremity, thigh/weight bearing, gluteal/ ischial weight bearing, ring	No
L2510	Addition to lower extremity, thigh/weight bearing, quadri-lateral brim, molded to patient model	No
L2520	Addition to lower extremity, thigh/weight bearing, quadri-lateral brim, custom fitted	No
L2525	Addition to lower extremity, thigh/weight bearing, ischial containment/narrow m-l brim molded to patient model	No
L2526	Addition to lower extremity, thigh/weight bearing, ischial containment/narrow m-l brim, custom fitted	No
L2530	Addition to lower extremity, thigh-weight bearing, lacer, non-molded	No
L2540	Addition to lower extremity, thigh/weight bearing, lacer, molded to patient model	No
L2550	Addition to lower extremity, thigh/weight bearing, high roll cuff	No
L2570	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, hip joint, clevis type two position joint, each	No
L2580	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, pelvic sling	No
L2600	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, hip joint, clevis type, or thrust bearing, free, each	No
L2610	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, hip joint, clevis or thrust bearing, lock, each	No
L2620	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, hip joint, heavy duty, each	No
L2622	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, hip joint, adjustable flexion, each	No
L2624	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, hip joint, adjustable flexion, extension, abduction control, each	No
L2627	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, plastic, molded to patient model, reciprocating hip joint and cables	No

L2628	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, metal frame, reciprocating hip joint and cables	No
L2630	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, band and belt, unilateral	No
L2640	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic control, band and belt, bilateral	No
L2650	Addition to lower extremity, pelvic and thoracic control, gluteal pad, each	No
L2660	Addition to lower extremity, thoracic control, thoracic band	No
L2670	Addition to lower extremity, thoracic control, paraspinal uprights	No
L2680	Addition to lower extremity, thoracic control, lateral support uprights	No
L2750	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, plating chrome or nickel, per bar	No
L2755	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, high strength, lightweight material, all hybrid lamination/prepreg composite, per segment, for custom fabricated orthosis only	No
L2760	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, extension, per extension, per bar (for lineal adjustment for growth)	No
L2768	Orthotic side bar disconnect device, per bar	No
L2780	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, non-corrosive finish, per bar	No
L2785	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, drop lock retainer, each	No
L2795	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, knee control, full kneecap	No
L2800	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, knee control, kneecap, medial or lateral pull, for use with custom fabricated orthosis only	No
L2810	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, knee control, condylar pad	No
L2820	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, soft interface for molded plastic, below knee section	No
L2830	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, soft interface for molded plastic, above knee section	No
L2840	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, tibial length sock, fracture or equal, each	No
L2850	Addition to lower extremity orthosis, femoral length sock, fracture or equal, each	No
L2861	Addition to lower extremity joint, knee or ankle, concentric adjustable torsion style mechanism for custom fabricated orthotics only, each	Nonpayable for all lines of business
L2999	Lower extremity orthoses, not otherwise specified	Yes
L4000	Replace girdle for spinal orthosis (cervical-thoracic-lumbar-sacral orthosis (CTL SO) or spinal orthosis (SO)	No
L4002	Replacement strap, any orthosis, includes all components, any length, any type	No
L4010	Replace trilateral socket brim	No
L4020	Replace quadrilateral socket brim, molded to patient model	No
L4030	Replace quadrilateral socket brim, custom fitted	No
L4040	Replace molded thigh lacer, for custom fabricated orthosis only	No
L4045	Replace non-molded thigh lacer, for custom fabricated orthosis only	No
L4050	Replace molded calf lacer, for custom fabricated orthosis only	No
L4055	Replace non-molded calf lacer, for custom fabricated orthosis only	No
L4060	Replace high roll cuff	No

L4070	Replace proximal and distal upright for KAFO	No
L4080	Replace metal bands KAFO, proximal thigh	No
L4090	Replace metal bands KAFO-AFO, calf or distal thigh	No
L4100	Replace leather cuff KAFO, proximal thigh	No
L4110	Replace leather cuff KAFO-AFO, calf or distal thigh	No
L4130	Replace pretibial shell	No
L4205	Repair of orthotic device, labor component, per 15 minutes	No
L4210	Repair of orthotic device, repair or replace minor parts	No
L4350	Ankle control orthosis, stirrup style, rigid, includes any type interface (e.g., pneumatic, gel), prefabricated, off-the-shelf	No
L4360	Walking boot, pneumatic and/or vacuum, with or without joints, with or without interface material, prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise	No
L4361	Walking boot, pneumatic and/or vacuum, with or without joints, with or without interface material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	No
L4370	Pneumatic full leg splint, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	No
L4386	Walking boot, non-pneumatic, with or without joints, with or without interface material, prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise	No
L4387	Walking boot, non-pneumatic, with or without joints, with or without interface material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	No
L4392	Replacement soft interface material, static AFO	No
L4394	Replace soft interface material, foot drop	No
L4396	Static or dynamic ankle foot orthosis, including soft interface material, adjustable for fit, for positioning, may be used for minimal ambulation, prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise	No
L4397	Static or dynamic ankle foot orthosis, including soft interface material, adjustable for fit, for positioning, may be used for minimal ambulation, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	No
L4398	Foot drop splint, recumbent positioning device, prefabricated, off-the-shelf	No
L4631	Ankle foot orthosis, walking boot type, varus/valgus correction, rocker bottom, anterior tibial shell, soft interface, custom arch support, plastic or other material, includes straps and closures, custom fabricated	PA required eff 12/1/2026

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Fallon Health complies with CMS's national coverage determinations (NCDs), local coverage determinations (LCDs) of Medicare Contractors with jurisdiction for claims in the Plan's service area, and applicable Medicare statutes and regulations when making medical necessity determinations for Medicare Advantage members. When coverage criteria are not fully established in applicable Medicare statutes, regulations, NCDs or LCDs, Fallon Health may create internal coverage criteria under specific circumstances described at § 422.101(b)(6)(i) and (ii).

Fallon Health generally follows Medical Necessity Guidelines published by MassHealth when making medical necessity determinations for MassHealth members. In the absence of Medical Necessity Guidelines published by MassHealth, Fallon Health may create clinical coverage criteria in accordance with the definition of Medical Necessity in 130 CMR 450.204.

For plan members enrolled in NaviCare, Fallon Health first follows CMS's national coverage determinations (NCDs), local coverage determinations (LCDs) of Medicare Contractors with jurisdiction for claims in the Plan's service area, and applicable Medicare statutes and regulations when making medical necessity determinations. When coverage criteria are not fully established in applicable Medicare statutes, regulations, NCDs or LCDs, or if the NaviCare member does not meet coverage criteria in applicable Medicare statutes, regulations, NCDs or LCDs, Fallon Health then follows Medical Necessity Guidelines published by MassHealth when making necessity determinations for NaviCare members.

Each PACE plan member is assigned to an Interdisciplinary Team. PACE provides participants with all the care and services covered by Medicare and Medicaid, as authorized by the interdisciplinary team, as well as additional medically necessary care and services not covered by Medicare and Medicaid. With the exception of emergency care and out-of-area urgently needed care, all care and services provided to PACE plan members must be authorized by the interdisciplinary team.

Not all services mentioned in this policy are covered for all products or employer groups. Coverage is based upon the terms of a member's particular benefit plan which may contain its own specific provisions for coverage and exclusions regardless of medical necessity. Please consult the product's Evidence of Coverage for exclusions or other benefit limitations applicable to this service or supply. If there is any discrepancy between this policy and a member's benefit plan, the provisions of the benefit plan will govern. However, applicable state mandates take precedence with respect to fully insured plans and self-funded non-ERISA (e.g., government, school boards, church) plans. Unless otherwise specifically excluded, federal mandates will apply to all plans.