

Custom KAFO

There are three documents needed from the prescribing physician in order to provide the brace.

- 1) An RX pad prescription for a Custom KAFO with the side indicated (right, left or bilateral).

- 2) A signed copy of the prescribing physician's clinical notes. The notes must include the reason/justification for the brace with appropriate side-specific ICD-10 codes.
Important details include: indicating drop foot and /or ankle instability (please refer to the AFO documentation sheet) and indicating knee- instability. The notes should also include an ICD-10 code for the underlying diagnosis (CVA, MS, etc.)

- 3) A signed and dated Detailed Written Order. We will generate this form and forward it to the ordering physician once we get the other two items.

CUSTOM KAFO REQUIREMENTS

To receive a CUSTOM KAFO the ordering physician must:

- 1) Specify **CUSTOM KAFO** on the RX.
- 2) Document as it pertains to the patient:
 - a) **Ankle instability** or drop foot, recently healed wound or recent fx; diabetic; control foot and ankle in more than one plane.
 - b) **Knee instability** including the cause, CVA, M.S., hemiplegia, etc; Knee instability must be indicated in notes or on Rx with the side specific ICD10 and any other appropriate codes.

ICD10 Codes:

Right Knee Instability M23.51 Left Knee Instability M23.52
Drop foot Right: M21.371 Drop Foot Left: M21.372
Instability, Right Ankle: M25.371 Instability Left Ankle: M25.372

The patient must meet these requirements for Insurance to approve a custom AFO or KAFO

The following language was added to the Local Coverage Determination for AFOs/KAFOs effective for claims with a date of service on or after July 1, 2012:

“For custom fabricated orthoses, there must be a detailed documentation in the treating physician’s records to support the medical necessity of a custom fabricated rather than a prefabricated orthosis. This information will be corroborated by the functional evaluation in the orthotist or prosthetists records. This information must be available upon request.”

***PLEASE, BE AS SPECIFIC & THOROUGH AS POSSIBLE
IN DOCUMENTING THE DIAGNOSIS AND SPECIFY
“CUSTOM KAFO” ON THE RX WHEN APPLICABLE.***