



## Medicare Required Clinical Documentation For Spinal Bracing

At least one of the following must be documented

1. Reduce pain by restricting mobility of the trunk, **OR**
2. Facilitate healing following an injury to the spine or related soft tissues,  
**OR**
3. Facilitate healing following a surgical procedure on the spine or related soft tissue, **OR**
4. Otherwise support weak spinal muscles and/or a deformed spine.
5. If replacing an existing brace, it must be documented why the current brace is not functioning for the patient.

*Medicare does not consider comfort, convenience, or brace is old & worn out as a justifiable reason for replacement of an orthosis.*

If custom fabrication is required you must state that a custom brace is required, the patient cannot use an off the shelf brace and explain why. Medicare will not cover a spinal brace if used strictly for positioning in a wheelchair. The reason for limiting or restricting motion must be documented.