



Information that must be documented in the physician's notes for Medicare coverage of Custom KAFO (knee, ankle, foot orthosis)

- Patient is ambulatory and has a desire to ambulate
- Why patient can't wear an off the shelf brace
- Noted weakness or deformity of the knee, foot, ankle, and the potential to benefit functionally.
- Document that an "off the shelf" KAFO was considered, note the reason(s) why they will not work for the patient. *(see list below)*
- A Rx is written for "custom KAFO brace"

(At least one of the following justifications for custom must be documented)

1. Patient will wear the brace longer than 6months or
2. Patient could not wear and an off the shelf (explain why)
3. There is a need to control the knee, ankle or foot in more than one plane, or
4. Patient has a documented neurological, circulatory, or orthopedic status that requires custom fabrication to prevent tissue injury. (i.e. Diabetes, Charcot)