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Dear Physician:

For a prefabricated AFO (ankle-foot-orthosis) to be covered by Medicare, all applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements must be met. Medicare requires a physical evaluation of the patient, and **the following bullet points must be included in the physician's chart note** (Medicare does not consider a letter part of the medical record). Please fax any Medicare compliant chart notes to our office.

The physician must document AND DISCUSS the following:

1. Patient is ambulatory (or, if not currently ambulatory, the plan to progress the patient to ambulation); **and**
2. Patient has a weakness or deformity of the foot and ankle; **and**
3. Patient requires stabilization of the foot and ankle for medical reasons; and 4. Patient has the potential to benefit functionally from the use of an AFO

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