

DMEPOS HCPCS Codes Guidance - Prefabricated Orthotic Devices - Regulatory Rubric

HCPC	Long Description	Short Description	Tripartite Rating	PROPOSED OPP Finding	Regulatory Reference	Notes/Comments	Extended practitioner comments
A5500	For Diabetics Only, Fitting (Including Follow-Up), Custom Preparation And Supply Of Off-The-Shelf Depth-Inlay Shoe Manufactured To Accommodate Multi- Density Insert(S), Per Shoe	Diab shoe for density insert	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (G); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Pedorthic device	
A5512	For Diabetics Only, Multiple Density Insert, Direct Formed, Molded To Foot After External Heat Source Of 230 Degrees Fahrenheit Or Higher, Total Contact With Patient's Foot, Including Arch, Base Layer Minimum Of 1/4 Inch Material Of Shore A 35 Durometer Or 3/16 Inch Material Of Shore A 40 Durometer (Or Higher), Prefabricated, Each	Multi den insert direct form	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (G); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Pedorthic device	
A5513	For Diabetics Only, Multiple Density Insert, Custom Molded From Model Of Patient's Foot, Total Contact With Patient's Foot, Including Arch, Base Layer Minimum Of 3/16 Inch Material Of Shore A 35 Durometer Or Higher, Includes Arch Filler And Other Shaping Material, Custom Fabricated, Each	Multi den insert custom mold	Custom Fab and Fit	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (G); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Pedorthic device; Custom fabricated	
L0627	Lumbar Orthosis, Sagittal Control, With Rigid Anterior And Posterior Panels, Posterior Extends From L-1 To Below L-5 Vertebra, Produces Intracavitary Pressure To Reduce Load On The Intervertebral Discs, Includes Straps, Closures, May Include Padding, Shoulder Straps, Pendulous Abdomen Design, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment	LO sagitt rigid panel prefab	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good, not minimal fit	
L0631	Lumbar-sacral orthosis, sagittal control, with rigid anterior and posterior panels, posterior extends from sacrococcygeal junction to t-9 vertebra, produces intracavitary pressure to reduce load on the intervertebral discs, includes straps, closures, may include padding, shoulder straps, pendulous abdomen design, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	LSO sag-coro rigid frame pre	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good; Anterior and posterior panels manufactured for warm and form custom fitting	This device is considered a 'high fitting' device due to the nature of the rigid "anterior and posterior" panels. When fitting this device, it is imperative that the Orthotist or Fitter be cognizant of the anatomical structures being relieved as well as the anatomical boundaries required for fitting this device. The rigid panels may have to be customized, either by heat as in a 'warm and form' or trimmed and heat modified to contour to the patients anatomy.
L0637	Lumbar-Sacral Orthosis, Sagittal-Coronal Control, With Rigid Anterior And Posterior Frame/Panels, Posterior Extends From Sacrococcygeal Junction To T-9 Vertebra, Lateral Strength Provided By Rigid Lateral Frame/Panels, Produces Intracavitary Pressure To Reduce Load On Intervertebral Discs, Includes Straps, Closures, May Include Padding, Shoulder Straps, Pendulous Abdomen Design, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment	LSO sag-coronal panel prefab	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good; Anterior and posterior panels manufactured for custom fitting; multiple customizing components	

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L1831	Knee orthosis, locking knee joint(s), positional orthosis, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	Knee orth pos locking joint	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good; not minimal fit	
L1832	Knee orthosis, adjustable knee joints (unicentric or polycentric), positional orthosis, rigid support, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	KO adj jnt pos rigid support ["Hinged knee w/ range of motion"]	Custom Fitted Low	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good, not minimal fit	This device has been deemed a 'low fitting' as they are typically ordered by several leg circumferences. The challenge in fitting these devices is that proper knowledge of knee anatomy is required and bending of the metal uprights might be required to obtain a properly fitting device. The stops for the joints are typically easy to set, however specialized training is required to determine the settings necessary to accommodate the knee angle.
L1845	Knee orthosis, double upright, thigh and calf, with adjustable flexion and extension joint (unicentric or polycentric), medial-lateral and rotation control, with or without varus/valgus adjustment, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	KO w/ adj flex/ext rotat cus	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good, not minimal fit	
L1902	Ankle Foot Orthosis, Ankle Gauntlet, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment	AFO ankle gauntlet ["AFG Stabilizer"] ["Ankle Gauntlet"] [lacer]	Off the shelf	Not reserved	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2) (d)	Soft good, minimal fitting	This is an OTS item that is designed to provide prophylactic support to the ankle. It relies on the elasticity of the device or straps to create mild compression of the ankle. There is typically no adjustment to this item as they are sized based off of shoe size typically.
L1906	Ankle Foot Orthosis, Multiligamentus Ankle Support, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment	AFO multiligamentus ankle su ["Ankle support"]	Off the shelf	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good, not minimal fit	Requires advanced understanding of foot anatomy, with an understanding of the dynamics and indicators for dorsi-flexion and plantar-flexion. May require repeated adjustment during patient rehabilitation.
L1932	AFO, rigid anterior tibial section, total carbon fiber or equal material, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	AFO rig ant tib prefab TCF/=	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good, not minimal fit	
L1945	Ankle foot orthosis, plastic, rigid anterior tibial section (floor reaction), custom-fabricated	AFO molded plas rig ant tib	Custom Fab and Fit	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (1)	Custom Fabricated	
L1971	Ankle Foot Orthosis, Plastic Or Other Material With Ankle Joint, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment	AFO w/ankle joint, prefab ["Step Smart"]	Custom Fit High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good, not minimal fit	
L2210	Addition To Lower Extremity, Dorsiflexion Assist (Plantar Flexion Resist), Each Joint	Dorsiflexion assist each joint ["Step Smart"]	Addition to Custom Fit High device	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good, not minimal fit	
L3760	Elbow orthosis, with adjustable position locking joint(s), prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustments, any type	EO with joint, Prefabricated	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Not soft good, not minimal fit	Similar to L1832 analysis. Needs to make sure that the joint stop is preventing hyperextension of the elbow joint to prevent nerve damage in the actual joint. Proper knowledge of elbow anatomy is required to obtain a properly fitting device.
L3807	Wrist hand finger orthosis, without joint(s), prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustments, any type	WHFO,no joint, prefabricated ["Carpal Tunnel Brace w. thumb spica"]	Custom Fitted High	Reserved for Licensed Dispensation	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2)	Combo device, not just a wrist splint or a finger splint	This device is designed to maintain the wrist in a extended position. There is generally a rigid stay that can be removed from the device and requires contouring to the patients anatomy. Knowledge of forearm, wrist, and hand anatomy and internal structures are required to prevent unnecessary pressure and offloading.

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L3908	Wrist hand orthosis, wrist extension control cock-up, non molded, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	Wrist cock-up non-molded	Off the shelf	Not reserved	ORC 4779.01 (D) "does not include ... wrist splints ..."	OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2) (b)	This is an OTS item with a non-removable rigid stay that comes in several different sizes and lengths based off the size of the wearers wrist.
L4360	Walking Boot, Pneumatic And/Or Vacuum, With Or Without Joints, With Or Without Interface Material, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment	Pneumatic walking boot prefab	Custom fitted low	Not reserved	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2) (f)	Nontherapeutic or therapeutic over-the-counter or off-the-shelf shoes or boots that are not manufactured or modified for a particular individual	Excepted per statutory and regulatory language
L4386	Walking Boot, Non-Pneumatic, With Or Without Joints, With Or Without Interface Material, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment	Non-pneum walk boot prefab ["Walking Boot"]	Custom fitted low	Not reserved	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2) (f)	Nontherapeutic or therapeutic over-the-counter or off-the-shelf shoes or boots that are not manufactured or modified for a particular individual	Excepted per statutory and regulatory language
L4396	Static or dynamic ankle foot orthosis, including soft interface material, adjustable for fit, for positioning, may be used for minimal ambulation, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment	Static AFO ["Adjustable Night Splint"]	Custom fitted low	Not reserved	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2) (g)	Minimal fit	Fit based on simple sizing measurements; little or no practitioner adjustment required.
L4398	Foot Drop Splint, Recumbent Positioning Device, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment	Foot drop splint recumbent ["Night splint"]	Custom fitted low	Not reserved	ORC 4779.01 (D); OAC Rule 4779-3-02 (E) (2) (g)	Minimal fit	Fit based on simple sizing measurements; little or no practitioner adjustment required.

Ohio Revised Code § 4779.01 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Accommodative" means designed with the primary goal of conforming to the anatomy of a particular individual.
- (B) "Full-time" means not less than one thousand six hundred hours per year.
- (C) "Inlay" means any removable material on which the foot rests inside a shoe and that may be an integral design component of the shoe.
- (D) "**Orthotics**" means the evaluation, measurement, design, fabrication, assembly, fitting, adjusting, servicing, or training in the use of an orthotic or pedorthic device, or the repair, replacement, adjustment, or service of an existing orthotic or pedorthic device. It does not include upper extremity adaptive equipment used to facilitate the activities of daily living, finger splints, wrist splints, prefabricated elastic or fabric abdominal supports with or without metal or plastic reinforcing stays and other prefabricated soft goods requiring minimal fitting, nontherapeutic accommodative inlays, shoes that are not manufactured or modified for a particular individual, prefabricated foot care products, durable medical equipment, dental appliances, pedorthic devices, or devices implanted into the body by a physician.
- (E) "**Orthotic device**" means a custom fabricated or fitted medical device used to support, correct, or alleviate neuromuscular or musculoskeletal dysfunction, disease, injury, or deformity.
- (F) "**Pedorthics**" means the evaluation, measurement, design, fabrication, assembly, fitting, adjusting, servicing, or training in the use of a pedorthic device, or the repair, replacement, adjustment, or servicing of a pedorthic device.
- (G) "**Pedorthics device**" means a custom fabricated or fitted therapeutic shoe, shoe modification for therapeutic purposes, prosthetic filler of the forefoot, or foot orthosis for use from the apex of the medial malleolus and below. It does not include an arch support, a nontherapeutic accommodative inlay, nontherapeutic accommodative footwear, prefabricated footcare products, or unmodified, over-the-counter shoes.
- (H) "**Prosthetics**" means the evaluation, measurement, design, fabrication, assembly, fitting, adjusting, servicing, or training in the use of a prosthesis or pedorthic device, or the repair, replacement, adjustment, or service of a prosthesis or pedorthic device.
- (I) "**Prosthesis**" means a custom fabricated or fitted medical device used to replace a missing appendage or other external body part. It includes an artificial limb, hand, or foot, but does not include devices implanted into the body by a physician, artificial eyes, intraocular lenses, dental appliances, ostomy products, cosmetic devices such as breast prostheses, eyelashes, wigs, or other devices that do not have a significant impact on the musculoskeletal functions of the body.

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Ohio Revised Code § 4779.02 License required to practice orthotics, prosthetics or pedorthics; exceptions.

- (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, **no person shall practice or represent that the person is authorized to practice orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics unless the person holds a current, valid license issued or renewed under this chapter.**
- (B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any of the following:
 - (1) An individual who holds a current, valid license, certificate, or registration issued under Chapter 4723., 4730., 4731., 4734., or 4755. of the Revised Code and is practicing within the individual's scope of practice under statutes and rules regulating the individual's profession;
 - (2) An individual who practices orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics as an employee of the federal government and is engaged in the performance of duties prescribed by statutes and regulations of the United States;
 - (3) An individual who provides orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services under the supervision of a licensed orthotist, prosthetist, or pedorthist in accordance with section 4779.04 of the Revised Code;
 - (4) An individual who provides orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services as part of an educational, certification, or residency program approved by the board under sections 4779.25 to 4779.27 of the Revised Code;
 - (5) An individual who provides orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services under the direct supervision of an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.



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The following definitions shall apply to the language of Chapter 4779. of the Revised Code:

(A) "Accommodative" as defined at division (A) of section 4779.01 of the Revised Code means in addition that the item is designed to conform to the anatomy of the particular individual who purchases and wears the item, but does not have the added value of the capacity to be custom fitted or custom fabricated for use by a particular individual, and is sold off-the-shelf on a retail basis.

(B) "Arch support" as used in division (G) of section 4779.01 of the Revised Code means an item sold off-the-shelf on a retail basis to be accommodative to the anatomy of the foot for the person who uses it; and which is not custom fitted or custom fabricated, and is not provided to fill a doctor's order or healthcare prescription.

(C) "Nontherapeutic" as used in divisions (D) and (G) of section 4779.01 of the Revised Code means an item sold off-the-shelf on a retail basis, which is not custom fitted or custom fabricated, and is not delivered to fill a doctor's order or healthcare prescription.

(D) "Therapeutic" as used in division (A) of section 4779.01 of the Revised Code refers to an item delivered to fill a patient-specific doctor's order or healthcare prescription.

(E) "Custom fabricated or fitted medical device" as referenced in division (E), (G), or (I) of section 4779.01 of the Revised Code means an orthotic, prosthetic or pedorthic device that is individually made (custom fabricated) or fitted (custom fitted) for a specific patient. Further, it is a device the provision of which requires access to a facility with the equipment necessary to fulfill the ongoing consumer-care responsibility to provide follow-up treatment, including modification, adjustment, maintenance and repair of the item(s).

(1) A custom fabricated item is defined as a device which is individually made for a specific patient. No other patient would be able to use this item. A custom fabricated item is a device which is fabricated based on clinically derived and rectified castings, tracings, measurements, and/or other images (such as x-rays) of the body part. The fabrication may involve using calculations, templates and components. This process requires the use of basic materials including, but not limited to plastic, metal, leather or cloth in the form of uncut or unshaped sheets, bars, or other basic forms and involves substantial work such as vacuum forming, cutting, bending, molding, sewing, drilling and finishing prior to fitting on the patient.

A molded-to-patient-model item is a particular type of custom fabricated device in which either:

(a) An impression (usually by means of a plaster or fiberglass cast) of the specific body part is made directly on the patient, and this impression is then used to make a positive model of the body part from which the final product is crafted; or

(b) A digital image of the patient's body part is made using computer-aided design-computer aided manufacture (CAD-CAM) systems software. This technology includes specialized probe/digitizers and scanners that create a computerized positive model and then direct milling equipment to carve a positive model. The device is then individually fabricated and molded over the positive model of the patient.

(2) A custom fitted item is defined as a prefabricated device which is manufactured in quantity without a specific patient in mind. The device may or may not be supplied as a kit that requires some assembly and/or fitting and adjustment, or a device that may be trimmed, bent, molded (with or without heat), or otherwise modified by an individual with expertise in customizing the item to fit and be used by a specific patient.

A custom fitted item/device as referenced in division (E), (G), or (I) of section 4779.01 of the Revised Code does not include:

(a) Upper extremity adaptive equipment used to facilitate the activities of daily living;

(b) Finger splints or wrist splints;

(c) Prefabricated elastic or fabric abdominal supports with or without metal or plastic reinforcing stays requiring minimal fitting;

(d) Other prefabricated soft goods requiring minimal fitting;

(e) Nontherapeutic accommodative inlays;

(f) Nontherapeutic or therapeutic over-the-counter or off-the-shelf shoes or boots that are not manufactured or modified for a particular individual;

(g) Prefabricated foot care products;

(h) Other durable medical equipment that is not categorized as an orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic device; dental appliances; or devices implanted into the body by a physician.

(F) "For use from the apex of the medial malleolus and below" as used in division (G) of section 4779.01 of the Revised Code means that the pedorthic device does not physically extend proximal to the apex of the medial malleolus, meaning not extending higher than the middle of the ankle bone.

(G) "Minimal fitting" as used in section 4779.01 of the Revised Code and rule 4779-3-02 of the Administrative Code means a prefabricated device which is fit for size by use of not more than two simple body size measurements; which is sized as small, medium, large, extra large, 2xl,

3xl; which is fastened or fit to the body or body part by use of elastic or self-fastening straps, buttons or strips; which is not molded by the consumer-care provider to fit the consumer; and which is not provided by the manufacturer with items or component parts which are intended or designed to be custom molded, heat moldable or custom fitted.

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