RX / MEDICAL NECESSITY FORM

PATIENT INFORMATION				
ROMERO	ELVIA			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI		
FEMALE	02/08/1939	5755242119	SHIPPING METHOD: SHIP TO PATIENT'S HOME ADDRESS	
GENDER	DATE OF BIRTH	PHONE NUMBER	SHIP TO PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN CLINIC	
6655 VISTA DE ORO	LAS CRUCES	NM 88007		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE & ZIPCODE		
INSURANCE INFORMATI	ON			
MEDICARE				
PRIMARY INSURANCE	-	SECONDARY INSURANCE		
4R25EQ1GV97		WENDED ID		
MEMBER ID		MEMBER ID		
PHYSICIAN INFORMATION	ON			
SANGEETH PAI, MD		1124021225		
PHYSICIAN NAME		NPI #		
		5755218500		
179 HOWARD PL LAS CRUCES	S NM 88011	PHONE NUMBER		
PRACTICE LOCATION		8334505734		
		FAX NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	
PRESCRIPTION SELECT	ION			
		Ind Finger (Side:		
MEDICAL INFORMATION ICD 10 (Diagnosis Code(s)):	ied arthritis left knee rthritis right knee	☐ M25.532- Pain ☐ M25.531 - Pain ☐ M19.072- Oster ☐ M19.071- Oster ☐ M25.522 Pain ii ☐ M25.521 Pain ii ☐ M54.2-Cervical	in right wrist parthritis Left Ankle parthritis Right Ankle n left elbow n right elbow	

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MEDICAL HISTORY

Previous treatments: TAKING PAIN MEDICINE

Doctor's Notes: The patient reports chronic **LOWER BACK**, **LEFT KNEE**, **RIGHT KNEE**, **LEFT SHOULDER**, **RIGHT SHOULDER** pain for **A YEAR**. Patient states pain is **ACHY** with a pain scale of **8** and pain worsens with movements. Pain is caused by **WEAR AND TEAR** and is experienced **CONSTANTLY**. Previous treatments with heat, ice and rest have been unsuccessful to control pain level.

PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE		
Physician Verification: By my signature, I am prescribing the items listed above and certifying that the above-prescribed item(s) is medically indicated and necessary and consistent with current accepted standards of medical practice and treatment of this patient's physical condition.		
	SANGEETH P	'AI, MD
PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE:	_ PHYSICIAN NAME:	DATE:

Patient Name: ELVIA ROMERO

Patient Address: 6655 VISTA DE ORO LAS CRUCES NM 88007

Patient Phone: 5755242119

Physician Name: SANGEETH PAI, MD

Address: 179 HOWARD PL LAS CRUCES NM 88011

Telephone: 5755218500 Fax: 8334505734 Patient: ELVIA ROMERO Date of Birth: 02/08/1939 Visit Date: 09/20/2023

Reason for visit: REGULAR CHECK-UP

Clinical Summary

Patient Demographics

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Patient Name:	ELVIA ROMERO	Date of Birth:	02/08/1939
Age:	85	Phone Number:	5755242119
Address:	6655 VISTA DE ORO	City:	LAS CRUCES
State:	NM	Zip Code:	88007
Gender:	FEMALE	Height:	5'0
Weight:	171	Waist Size	LARGE

Patient Insurance

Provider:	MEDICARE	Member ID:	4R25EQ1GV97
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Medications

Current Medication	TYLENOL (500MG - ONCE A DAY), ASPIRIN (1MG - ONCE A DAY)
Medical History	ARTHRITIS

Medical Diagnosis

The pain level was indicated on a scale of 1-10 as the following: 8

The patient's pain started on or around A YEAR AGO

The surgery addressed the following: NA

The pain is experienced CONSTANTLY

The patient has attempted the following previous treatments/therapies: TAKING PAIN MEDICINE

The patient described their pain as the following: ACHY

The activities that make the patient's pain worse is as follows: DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES

The pain is located in the patient's LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, LEFT SHOULDER, RIGHT SHOULDER

The patient's pain is caused by WEAR AND TEAR

The last time the patient has seen the doctor was on 09/20/2023

Chief Complaint

The patient's main complaint is that they experience chronic pain located in the following location(s): LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, LEFT SHOULDER, RIGHT SHOULDER

Subjective Notes

The patient reports chronic LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, LEFT SHOULDER, RIGHT SHOULDER pain for A YEAR. Patient states pain is ACHY with a pain scale of 8 and pain worsens with movement. The pain is caused by WEAR AND TEAR and is experienced CONSTANTLY. Previous treatments with heat, ice, and rest have been unsuccessful to control pain level.

Objective of Assessment (Review of Symptoms)

Patient has chronic pain for A YEAR located in their LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, LEFT SHOULDER, RIGHT SHOULDER related to M54.50- Low back pain, unspecified, M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee, M17.12- Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee, M25.511-Pain in the right shoulder, M25.512-Pain in the left shoulder. Patient has been to a physical therapist and hasn't had previous surgery to treat this pain.

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Patient's chronic pain is described **ACHY** and occurs **CONSTANTLY**. The patient rated their pain on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the worst) on a level **8**. The following activities make the patient's pain worse: **DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES**. Patient needs a **LOWER BACK**, **LEFT KNEE**, **RIGHT KNEE**, **LEFT SHOULDER**, **RIGHT SHOULDER** Brace to provide support and reduce pain level.

Plan & Treatment Goals

Based on my evaluation of the patient's condition, I am ordering the following device(s) L0457 (TLSO, FLEXIBLE, PROVIDES TRUNK SUPPORT, THORACIC REGION, RIGID POSTERIOR PANEL AND SOFT ANTERIOR APRON, EXTENDS FROM THE SACROCOCCYGEAL JUNCTION AND TERMINATES JUST INFERIOR TO THE SCAPULAR SPINE, RESTRICTS GROSS TRUNK MOTION IN THE SAGITTAL PLANE, PRODUCES INTRACAVITARY PRESSURE TO REDUCE LOAD ON THE INTERVERTEBRAL DISKS, INCLUDES STRAPS AND CLOSURES, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF), L1852 KNEE ORTHOSIS (KO), SINGLE 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, OFF-THE-SHELF WHICH INCLUDES L2397 (ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY ORTHOSIS, SUSPENSION SLEEVE), L3670 SHOULDER ORTHOSIS, SHOULDER JOINT DESIGN, WITHOUT JOINTS, MAY INCLUDE SOFT INTERFACE, STRAPS, CUSTOM FABRICATED, INCLUDES FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT, including fitting and adjustment if needed. The patient has been instructed to wear the device daily, as needed. The benefits of this device, which is an alternative, non-invasive method to potentially relieve pain, has been explained to the patient who is interested in this treatment. Based on my assessment, I have determined it is medically necessary and appropriate to prescribe treatment today. For the patient's complaint, I am prescribing this device. The patient will benefit by helping her address any of the following: give support to weak muscles, improve patient's pain, improve patient's function, increase performance in activities of daily living, improve ambulation, reduce medications, slow degeneration, provide stability, provide support. Reduce pain by restricting the mobility of the trunk; reduce the risk of medical problems escalating the patient's present condition, facilitate healing following an injury or surgical procedure to the spine or related soft tissues; To support weak spinal muscles and/or a deformed spine. If the patient's pain persists or worsens and/or there is an acute trauma or injury related to this pain, the patient agrees and understands to go to the Emergency Room or follow-up with their Primary Care Physician for further testing and imaging that may be immediately necessary.

ICD 10 (Diagnostic Codes)

M54.50- Low back pain, unspecified, M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee, M17.12- Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee, M25.511-Pain in the right shoulder, M25.512-Pain in the left shoulder

Agreements

We understand that you are choosing to use our professional medical services to receive a prescription for your new brace.

Physician Information

Provider Name: SANGEETH PAI, MD

Address: 179 HOWARD PL LAS CRUCES NM 88011

Physician's Signature:

Date:

Patient Name: ELVIA ROMERO

Patient Address: 6655 VISTA DE ORO LAS CRUCES NM 88007

Patient Phone: 5755242119

LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY

Re: ELVIA ROMERO

Orthotic Device Need Assessment

Exam Date: 05/05/2024

Height: 5'0 Weight: 171 DOB: 02/08/1939

Ms ROMERO is inquiring about utilizing orthotic bracing for his/her current conditions. His/her chief complaint at the time of this assessment is: LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, LEFT SHOULDER, RIGHT SHOULDER.

Ms ROMERO reports chronic LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, LEFT SHOULDER, RIGHT SHOULDER pain for A YEAR. Patient states pain is ACHY with a pain scale of 8 and pain worsens with DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES. Pain is experienced CONSTANTLY. Previous treatments with heat, ice, medication and rest have been unsuccessful to control pain levels.

Diagnosis includes: M54.50- Low back pain, unspecified, M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee, M17.12-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee, M25.511-Pain in the right shoulder, M25.512-Pain in the left shoulder. Based on my conversation with Ms ROMERO and evaluation of his/her condition, I am ordering the following: L0457 (TLSO, FLEXIBLE, PROVIDES TRUNK SUPPORT, THORACIC REGION, RIGID POSTERIOR PANEL AND SOFT ANTERIOR APRON, EXTENDS FROM THE SACROCOCCYGEAL JUNCTION AND TERMINATES JUST INFERIOR TO THE SCAPULAR SPINE, RESTRICTS GROSS TRUNK MOTION IN THE SAGITTAL PLANE, PRODUCES INTRACAVITARY PRESSURE TO REDUCE LOAD ON THE INTERVERTEBRAL DISKS, INCLUDES STRAPS AND CLOSURES, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF), L1852 KNEE ORTHOSIS (KO), SINGLE 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, OFF-THE-SHELF WHICH INCLUDES L2397 (ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY ORTHOSIS, SUSPENSION SLEEVE), L3670 SHOULDER ORTHOSIS, SHOULDER JOINTS, WITHOUT JOINTS, MAY INCLUDE SOFT INTERFACE, STRAPS, CUSTOM FABRICATED, INCLUDES FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT.

Patient is ambulatory and has weakness of the LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, LEFT SHOULDER, RIGHT SHOULDER requiring stabilization for improvement of functionality. I am prescribing this BACK, KNEE, SHOULDER orthosis for the following indication(s): to aid when the patient is DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES, to aid in stabilization of the BACK, KNEE, SHOULDER. My treatment goal(s) for the use of the prescribed BACK, KNEE, SHOULDER orthosis are: improvement in patient's function, improvement in patient's pain. The patient has been instructed to use the brace(s) daily, as needed.

Custom fitting of the orthosis is not required and the patient or an assisting caregiver can apply the prescribed orthotic device with minimal self-adjustment. **Ms ROMERO** has been provided a phone number to call if there are any additional comments or questions regarding this examination, and I have recommended that **Ms ROMERO** continue medical follow-up as part of an ongoing plan of care.

Re: ELVIA ROMERO	above-named patient, and certify that I have personally performed the vice and verify that it is reasonably and medically necessary,
SANGEETH PAI, MD Signature	Date Signed:

Comprehensive Knee Laxity Test (Check All Applicable)

Objective Tests: (Check ALL applicable, a minimum of 2 tests is required for each knee with a brace prescribed.)

Caution: Advise Patients to stabilize themselves properly during any standing test to avoid a fall injury.

Pivot Shift Test (Stabilization to avoid fall advised for this test. Patient can stabilize themselves by holding onto a chair or kitchen counter.)

Positive: Patient knee gives out while pivoting or twisting indication joint laxity

Negative: Patient knee DOES NOT give out while pivoting or twisting.

LEFT:	Positive
RIGHT:	Positive

Cabot's Maneuver (figure of "4" knee bend)

Positive: Patient indicates lateral joint line pain, LCL instability and ligament laxity

Negative: Patient knee DOES NOT produce lateral knee pain

(Leave positive and negative both unchecked for the knee if did not perform this test on the knee.)

LEFT:	Positive
RIGHT:	Positive