### **RX / MEDICAL NECESSITY FORM**

PATIENT INFORMATION						
GATLIN	CHARLES					
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI				
MALE	06/15/1957	2197813283	SHIPPING METHOD:  SHIP TO PATIENT'S HOME ADDRESS			
GENDER	DATE OF BIRTH	PHONE NUMBER	SHIP TO PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN CLINIC			
2433 WAVERLY DR	GARY	IN 46404				
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE & ZIPCODE				
INSURANCE INFORMATI	ON					
MEDICARE			_			
PRIMARY INSURANCE	-	SECONDARY INSURANCE				
1UX2DX6HV12		MEMBER ID				
MEMBER ID		MEMBER ID				
PHYSICIAN INFORMATION	ON					
SHREYAS DESAI MD		1386646529				
PHYSICIAN NAME		NPI#				
		2197629523				
2640 HAMSTROM RD PORTAG	E IN 46368	PHONE NUMBER				
PRACTICE LOCATION		2197629440				
		FAX NUMBER				
PRESCRIPTION SELECT	ION					
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MEDICAL INFORMATION ICD 10 (Diagnosis Code(s)):	ied arthritis left knee arthritis right knee	☐ M25.532- Pain i☐ M25.531 - Pain i☐ M25.531 - Pain i☐ M19.072- Ostec☐ M19.071- Ostec☐ M25.522 Pain i☐ M25.521 Pain i☐ M54.2-Cervicalo	in right wrist parthritis Left Ankle parthritis Right Ankle n left elbow n right elbow			

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#### **MEDICAL HISTORY**

**Previous treatments: TAKING MEDICATION** 

**Doctor's Notes:** The patient reports chronic **LOWER BACK**, **LEFT KNEE**, **RIGHT KNEE** pain for **MORE THAN A YEAR**. Patient states pain is **ACHY** with a pain scale of **7-8** and pain worsens with movements. Pain is caused by **ARTHRITIS**, **WEAR AND TEAR** and is experienced **CONSTANTLY**. Previous treatments with heat, ice and rest have been unsuccessful to control pain level.

PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE		
<b>Physician Verification:</b> By my signature, I am prescribing the indicated and necessary and consistent with current accepted	, 0	` '
	SHREYAS DESAI MD	
PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE:	PHYSICIAN NAME:	DATE:

Patient Name: CHARLES GATLIN

Patient Address: 2433 WAVERLY DR GARY IN 46404

Patient Phone: 2197813283

Physician Name: SHREYAS DESAI MD

Address: 2640 HAMSTROM RD PORTAGE IN 46368

Telephone: 2197629523 Fax: 2197629440 Patient: CHARLES GATLIN Date of Birth: 06/15/1957 Visit Date: June 3, 2024

Reason for visit: REGULAR CHECK-UP

## **Clinical Summary**

**Patient Demographics** 

Patient Name:	CHARLES GATLIN	Date of Birth:	06/15/1957
Age:	67	Phone Number:	2197813283
Address:	2433 WAVERLY DR	City:	GARY
State:	IN	Zip Code:	46404
Gender:	MALE	Height:	5'7
Weight:	190	Waist Size	32

#### **Patient Insurance**

Provider:	MEDICARE	Member ID:	1UX2DX6HV12
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#### **Medications**

Current Medication	ASPIRIN ONCE A DAY, ADVIL AS NEEDED
Medical History	HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

#### **Medical Diagnosis**

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

The surgery addressed the following: NA

The pain is experienced CONSTANTLY

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

The patient described their pain as the following: ACHY

The activities that make the patient's pain worse is as follows: WALKING, BENDING

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

The patient's pain is caused by ARTHRITIS, WEAR AND TEAR

The least time the patient has seen the decrease at least 2 2004

The last time the patient has seen the doctor was on June 3, 2024

#### **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

#### Subjective Notes

The patient reports chronic LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE pain for MORE THAN A YEAR. Patient states pain is ACHY with a pain scale of 7-8 and pain worsens with movement. The pain is caused by ARTHRITIS, 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 MORE THAN A YEAR located in their LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE related to M54.50- Low back pain, unspecified, M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee, M17.12- Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee. Patient has been to a physical therapist and hasn't had previous surgery to treat this pain.

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 **7-8**. The following activities make the patient's pain worse: **WALKING**, **BENDING**. Patient needs a **LOWER BACK**, **LEFT KNEE**, **RIGHT KNEE** 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 BRACE - KNEE ORTHOSIS (KO), 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, OFF-THE-SHELF WHICH INCLUDES L2397 SUSPENSION SLEEVE, 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

#### Agreements

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

Physician Information SHREYAS DESAI MD Provider Name: Address: 2640 HAMSTROM RD PORTAGE IN 46368 Physician's Signature: Date:

Patient Name: CHARLES GATLIN

Patient Address: 2433 WAVERLY DR GARY IN 46404

Patient Phone: 2197813283

#### LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY

Re: CHARLES GATLIN

Orthotic Device Need Assessment

Exam Date: 07/23/2024

Height: **5'7** Weight: **190** DOB: **06/15/1957** 

Mr GATLIN 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.

**Mr GATLIN** reports chronic **LOWER BACK**, **LEFT KNEE**, **RIGHT KNEE** pain for **MORE THAN A YEAR**. Patient states pain is **ACHY** with a pain scale of 7-8 and pain worsens with **WALKING**, **BENDING**. 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. Based on my conversation with Mr GATLIN 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 BRACE - KNEE ORTHOSIS (KO), 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, OFF-THE-SHELF WHICH INCLUDES L2397 SUSPENSION SLEEVE.

Patient is ambulatory and has weakness of the LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE requiring stabilization for improvement of functionality. I am prescribing this BACK, KNEE orthosis for the following indication(s): to aid when the patient is WALKING, BENDING, to aid in stabilization of the BACK, KNEE. My treatment goal(s) for the use of the prescribed BACK, KNEE 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. **Mr GATLIN** has been provided a phone number to call if there are any additional comments or questions regarding this examination, and I have recommended that **Mr GATLIN** continue medical follow-up as part of an ongoing plan of care.

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assessment of the patient for the pre-	<b>B: June 15, 1957</b> firm this order for the above-named patient, and certify that I have personally performed the ibed treatment and device and verify that it is reasonably and medically necessary, dical practice within the community, for this patient's medical condition.
SHREYAS DESAI MD Signature	Date Signed:

# <u>Comprehensive Knee Laxity Test (Check All Applicable)</u>

**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