RX / MEDICAL NECESSITY FORM

PATIENT INFORMATION			
STRALO	DAVID		
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	
FEMALE	11/24/1946	2023386220	SHIPPING METHOD: SHIP TO PATIENT'S HOME ADDRESS
GENDER	DATE OF BIRTH	PHONE NUMBER	SHIP TO PATIENT'S HOME ADDRESS SHIP TO PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN CLINIC
3403 DENT PL NW APT 1	WASHINGTON	DC 20007	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE & ZIPCODE	
INSURANCE INFORMAT	ION		
MEDICARE			
PRIMARY INSURANCE	_	SECONDARY INSURANCE	
9CE7QJ3JA32			
MEMBER ID		MEMBER ID	
PHYSICIAN INFORMATION	ON .		
BENJAMIN STEARN, MD		1922193572	
PHYSICIAN NAME			
		2027450201	
1145 19TH ST NW STE 501 WASHINGTON DC 20036		PHONE NUMBER	
PRACTICE LOCATION		2023322794	
PRACTICE LOCATION		FAX NUMBER	
PRESCRIPTION SELECT	ION		
□ L3960 / L3670 - Shoulder Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) □ L3660 - Shoulder Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) □ L0650 - Lumbar Brace (Waist:) □ L3915 - Wrist Hand Finger (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) □ L0642 - Lumbar Brace (Waist:) □ L3915 - Wrist Hand Finger (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) □ L0457 - Lumbar Brace (Waist:) □ L1852 - Knee Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: MEDIUM) □ L0648 - Lumbar Brace (Waist:) □ L1851 - Knee Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) □ L0649 - Hip Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Waist:) □ L1833 - Knee Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) □ L1690 - Hip Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Waist:) □ L2425 - Dial Lock Hinge ROM □ L2624 - Hip Joint Adjustable Flexion, Extension (Side: □ L □ R) □ L2820 - Lower Extremity Ortho □ L3760 - Elbow Brace (Side: □ L □ R) □ L1906 / L1971 - Ankle Brace (Side: □ L □ R)		nd Finger (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) d Finger (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) ce (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: MEDIUM) ce (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) ce (Side: □ L □ R) (Size:) eve (Size: MEDIUM) (Qty: 2) Hinge ROM tremity Ortho ankle Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Shoe Size:) Brace	
MEDICAL INFORMATION ICD 10 (Diagnosis Code(s)):	fied arthritis left knee arthritis right knee r	 □ M25.522 Pain in M25.521 Pain in M54.2-Cervicale 	in right wrist parthritis Left Ankle parthritis Right Ankle n left elbow n right elbow

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MEDICAL HISTORY

Previous treatments: ICE PACKS AND PAIN CREAM

Doctor's Notes: The patient reports chronic **LEFT KNEE AND RIGHT KNEE** pain for **2 YEARS**. Patient states pain is **ACHY** with a pain scale of **7** and pain worsens with movements. Pain is caused by **ARTHRITIS** and is experienced **CONSTANTLY**. Previous treatments with heat, ice and rest have been unsuccessful to control pain level.

DUVEICIAN SIGNATURE		
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.		
	BENJAMIN	I STEARN, MD
PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE:	PHYSICIAN NAME:	DATE:

Patient Name: DAVID STRALO

Patient Address: 3403 DENT PL NW APT 1 WASHINGTON DC 20007

Patient Phone: 2023386220

Physician Name: BENJAMIN STEARN, MD

Address: 1145 19TH ST NW STE 501 WASHINGTON DC 20036

Telephone: 2027450201 Fax: 2023322794 Patient: DAVID STRALO Date of Birth: 11/24/1946 Visit Date: 06/07/2023 Reason for visit: CHECK-UP

Clinical Summary

Patient Demographics

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Patient Name:	DAVID STRALO	Date of Birth:	11/24/1946
Age:	77	Phone Number:	2023386220
Address:	3403 DENT PL NW APT 1	City:	WASHINGTON
State:	DC	Zip Code:	20007
Gender:	FEMALE	Height:	5'10
Weight:	190	Waist Size	36

Patient Insurance

Provider:	MEDICARE	Member ID:	9CE7QJ3JA32
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Medications

Current Medication	IBUPROFEN (AS NEEDED)
Medical History	NONE

Medical Diagnosis

The pain level was indicated on a scale of 1-10 as the following: 7

The patient's pain started on or around 2 YEARS

The surgery addressed the following: NA

The pain is experienced CONSTANTLY

The patient has attempted the following previous treatments/therapies: ICE PACKS AND PAIN CREAM

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 LEFT KNEE AND RIGHT KNEE

The patient's pain is caused by **ARTHRITIS**

The last time the patient has seen the doctor was on 06/07/2023

Chief Complaint

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

Subjective Notes

The patient reports chronic **LEFT KNEE AND RIGHT KNEE** pain for **2 YEARS**. Patient states pain is **ACHY** with a pain scale of **7** and pain worsens with movement. The pain is caused by **ARTHRITIS** 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 2 YEARS located in their LEFT KNEE AND RIGHT KNEE related to 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**. The following activities make the patient's pain worse: **DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES**. Patient needs a **LEFT KNEE AND 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) L1852 KNEE BRACE - KNEE ORTHOSIS (KO), DOUBLE UPRIGHT, THIGH AND CALF, WITH ADJUSTABLE FLEXION AND EXTENSION JOINT (UNICENTRIC OR POLYCENTRIC), MEDIALLATERAL 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)

M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee, M17.12- Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee

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: **BENJAMIN STEARN, MD**

Address: 1145 19TH ST NW STE 501 WASHINGTON DC 20036

Physician's Signature:

Date:

Patient Name: DAVID STRALO

Patient Address: 3403 DENT PL NW APT 1 WASHINGTON DC 20007

Patient Phone: 2023386220

LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY

Re: **DAVID STRALO**

Orthotic Device Need Assessment

Exam Date: 05/15/2024

Height: 5'10 Weight: 190 DOB: 11/24/1946

Ms STRALO is inquiring about utilizing orthotic bracing for his/her current conditions. His/her chief complaint at the time of this assessment is: LEFT KNEE AND RIGHT KNEE.

Ms STRALO reports chronic LEFT KNEE AND RIGHT KNEE pain for 2 YEARS. Patient states pain is ACHY with a pain scale of 7 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: M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee, M17.12- Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee.

Based on my conversation with Ms STRALO and evaluation of his/her condition, I am ordering the following: 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 **LEFT KNEE AND RIGHT KNEE** requiring stabilization for improvement of functionality. I am prescribing this **KNEE** orthosis for the following indication(s): to aid when the patient is **DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES**, to aid in stabilization of the **KNEE**. My treatment goal(s) for the use of the prescribed **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. **Ms STRALO** 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 STRALO** continue medical follow-up as part of an ongoing plan of care.

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	the above-named patient, and certify that I have personally performed device and verify that it is reasonably and medically necessary,
BENJAMIN STEARN, 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