FIRST STEP DME INC.

RX / MEDICAL NECESSITY FORM

PATIENT INFORMATION

CASTELLA-KEALEY	**PATRICIA**	
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI
FEMALE	**08/20/68**	**9173327167**
GENDER	DATE OF BIRTH	PHONE NUMBER
4601 39TH AVE APT 118	**SUNNYSIDE**	**NY 11104**
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE & ZIPCODE

SHIPPING METHOD:

☒ SHIP TO PATIENT'S HOME ADDRESS
☐ SHIP TO PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN CLINIC

INSURANCE INFORMATION

MEDICARE	
PRIMARY INSURANCE	SECONDARY INSURANCE
6DE8XY0HV40	
MEMBER ID	MEMBER ID

PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

MIHAELA BALAESCU MD	**1952414815**
PHYSICIAN NAME	NPI #
	718-784-7500
	PHONE NUMBER
4701 QUEENS BLVD SUITE 403 SUNNYSIDE NY 11104	
PRACTICE LOCATION	**646-967-4035**
	FAX NUMBER

PRESCRIPTION SELECTION

- ☐ **L3670 –** Shoulder Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Size:)
- ☐ **L3960 –** Shoulder Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Size:)
- ☐ **L3660 –** Shoulder Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Size:)
- ☐ **L0650 –** Lumbar Brace (Waist:)
- ☐ **L0642 –** Lumbar Brace (Waist:)
- ☐ **L0457 –** Lumbar Brace (Waist:)
- ☐ **L0648 –** Lumbar Brace (Waist:)
- ☐ **E0100** – Electric Heat Pad
- ☐ **L1690 –** Hip Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Waist:)
- ☐ **L1686 –** Hip Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Waist:)
- ☐ **L2624 –** Hip Joint Adjustable Flexion, Extension (Side: ☐ L ☐ R)
- ☐ **L3760 –** Elbow Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R)
- ☐ **L3761** – Elbow Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Size:)
- ☐ **L3916** – Wrist Hand Finger (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Size:)
- ☐ **L3915** - Wrist Hand Finger (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Size:)
- ☒ **L1852** – Knee Brace (Side: ☒ L ☒ R) (Size: **SMALL**)
- ☐ **L1833** – Knee Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Size:)
- ☒ **L2397** – Knee Sleeve (Size: **SMALL**) (Qty: **2**)
- ☐ **E0100** – Cane
- ☐ **L2425** – Dial Lock Hinge ROM
- ☐ **L2820** – Lower Extremity Ortho
- ☐ **L1971** – Ankle Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Shoe Size:)
- ☐ **L1906** – Ankle Brace (Side: ☐ L ☐ R) (Shoe Size:)
- ☐ **L0174** – Cervical Brace
- ☐ **L3170** – Heel Stabilizer (Side: ☐ L ☐ R)

MEDICAL INFORMATION

ICD 10 (Diagnosis Code(s)):

- ☐ M54.50- Low back pain, unspecified
- ☒ M17.12- Unilateral primary osteoarthritis left knee
- ☒ M17.11-Unilateral primary osteoarthritis right knee
- ☐ M25.512-Pain in the left shoulder
- ☐ M25.511-Pain in the right shoulder
- ☐ M25.552- Pain in Left Hip
- ☐ M25.551- Pain in Right Hip
- ☐ M25.532- Pain in left wrist
- ☐ M25.531 - Pain in right wrist
- ☐ M19.072- Osteoarthritis Left Ankle
- ☐ M19.071- Osteoarthritis Right Ankle
- ☐ M25.522 Pain in left elbow
- ☐ M25.521 Pain in right elbow
- ☐ M54.2-Cervicalgia Pain in Neck

Length of Need: ☒ 12+ months (long term) ☐ _____ # of months (1-11)

MEDICAL HISTORY

Previous treatments: RESTING

Doctor's Notes: The patient reports chronic **LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE** pain for **MORE THAN A YEAR**. Patient states pain is **ACHY** with a pain scale of **5** and pain worsens with movements. Pain is caused by **ARTHRITIS** and is experienced **SOMETIMES**. 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.

MIHAELA BALAESCU MD

PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE:_____ PHYSICIAN NAME: _____ DATE:_____

FIRST STEP DME INC.

Patient Name: **PATRICIA CASTELLA-KEALEY**
Patient Address: **4601 39TH AVE APT 118 SUNNYSIDE NY 11104**
Patient Phone: **9173327167**

Physician Name: **MIHAELA BALAESCU MD**
Address: **4701 QUEENS BLVD SUITE 403 SUNNYSIDE NY 11104**
Telephone: **718-784-7500**
Fax: **646-967-4035**

Patient: **PATRICIA CASTELLA-KEALEY**
Date of Birth: **08/20/68**
Visit Date: **Feb 6 2024**
Reason for visit: **CHECK-UP**

Clinical Summary

Patient Demographics

Patient Name:	**PATRICIA CASTELLA-KEALEY**	Date of Birth:	**08/20/68**
Age:	**55**	Phone Number:	**9173327167**
Address:	**4601 39TH AVE APT 118**	City:	**SUNNYSIDE**
State:	**NY**	Zip Code:	**11104**
Gender:	**FEMALE**	Height:	**5'5**
Weight:	**120**	Waist Size	**SMALL**

Patient Insurance

Provider:	**MEDICARE**	Member ID:	**6DE8XY0HV40**

Medications

Current Medication	**HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE PILLS 1X A DAY ADVIL EVERYDAY**
Medical History	**HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE**

Medical Diagnosis

The pain level was indicated on a scale of 1-10 as the following: **5**
The patient's pain started on or around **MORE THAN A YEAR**
The surgery addressed the following: **NA**
The pain is experienced **SOMETIMES**
The patient has attempted the following previous treatments/therapies: **RESTING**
The patient described their pain as the following: **ACHY**
The activities that make the patient's pain worse is as follows: **BENDING**
The pain is located in the patient's **LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE**
The patient's pain is caused by **ARTHRITIS**
The last time the patient has seen the doctor was on **Feb 6 2024**

Chief Complaint

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

Subjective Notes

The patient reports chronic **LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE** pain for **MORE THAN A YEAR.** Patient states pain is **ACHY** with a pain scale of **5** and pain worsens with movement. The pain is caused by **ARTHRITIS** and is experienced **SOMETIMES**. 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 **LEFT KNEE, 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 **SOMETIMES**. The patient rated their pain on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the worst) on a level **5**. The following activities make the patient's pain worse: **BENDING**. Patient needs a **BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE, RIGHT WRIST AND LEFT WRIST** 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 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)**, 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: **MIHAELA BALAESCU MD**

Address: **4701 QUEENS BLVD SUITE 403 SUNNYSIDE NY 11104**

Physician's Signature:

Date:

Patient Name: **PATRICIA CASTELLA-KEALEY**
Patient Address: **4601 39TH AVE APT 118 SUNNYSIDE NY 11104**
Patient Phone: **9173327167**

LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY

Re: **PATRICIA CASTELLA-KEALEY**
Orthotic Device Need Assessment
Exam Date: **08/15/2024**
Height: **5'5**
Weight: **120**
DOB: **08/20/68**

Ms CASTELLA-KEALEY is inquiring about utilizing orthotic bracing for his/her current conditions. His/her chief complaint at the time of this assessment is: **LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE**.

Ms CASTELLA-KEALEY reports chronic **LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE** pain for **MORE THAN A YEAR**. Patient states pain is **ACHY** with a pain scale of 5 and pain worsens with **BENDING**. Pain is experienced **SOMETIMES**. 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 CASTELLA-KEALEY** and evaluation of his/her condition, I am ordering the following: **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)**

Patient is ambulatory and has weakness of the **LEFT KNEE, 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 **BENDING**, 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 CASTELLA-KEALEY** 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 CASTELLA-KEALEY** continue medical follow-up as part of an ongoing plan of care.

Re: PATRICIA CASTELLA-KEALEY..... DOB: August 20, 1968
I, **MIHAELA BALAESCU MD**, verify and confirm this order for the above-named patient, and certify that I have personally performed the assessment of the patient for the prescribed treatment and device and verify that it is reasonably and medically necessary, according to accepted standards of medical practice within the community, for this patient's medical condition.

MIHAELA BALAESCU MD ***Date Signed***: _____
Signature

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