# RX / MEDICAL NECESSITY FORM

PATIENT INFORMATION				
WHALEN	CHERYL			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI		
FEMALE	11/16/1957	3143785913	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	
1033 WILTON ROYAL DR APT	ST. LOUIS	MO 63146		
108	CITY	STATE & ZIPCODE		
ADDRESS				
INSURANCE INFORMATION	ON			
MEDICARE		SECONDARY INSURANCE	<u> </u>	
PRIMARY INSURANCE				
4C12FA4RW17		MEMBER ID		
MEMBER ID				
PHYSICIAN INFORMATIO	N			
MELVIN BUTLER, MD		1841278850		
PHYSICIAN NAME		NPI #		
		3147216936		
950 FRANCIS PL STE 317 CLAY	TON MO 63105	PHONE NUMBER		
PRACTICE LOCATION		314-726-6647		
		FAX NUMBER		
PRESCRIPTION SELECTI	ON			
□       L3670 - Shoulder Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: )       □       L3761 - Elbow Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: )         □       L3960 - Shoulder Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: )       □       L3916 - Wrist Hand Finger (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: )         □       L3660 - Shoulder Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: )       □       L3915 - Wrist Hand Finger (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: )         □       L0650 - Lumbar Brace (Waist: )       □       L1852 - Knee Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: XL)         □       L0642 - Lumbar Brace (Waist: LARGE)       □       L1851 - Knee Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: )         □       L0648 - Lumbar Brace (Waist: LARGE)       □       L1833 - Knee Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: )         □       L0648 - Lumbar Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Waist: )       □       L2397 - Knee Sleeve (Size: XL) (Qty: 2)         □       E0100 - Electric Heat Pad       □       E0100 - Cane         □       L1690 - Hip Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Waist: )       □       L2425 - Dial Lock Hinge ROM         □       L1686 - Hip Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Waist: )       □       L2820 - Lower Extremity Ortho         □       L2624 - Hip Joint Adjustable Flexion, Extension (Side: □ L □ R)       □       L1906 / L1971 - Ankle Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Shoe Size: )         □       L3760 - Elbow Brace (Side: □ L □ R)       □       L0174 - Cervical Brace         □       L3170 - Heel Stabili			nd Finger (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: ) nd Finger (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: ) ace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: XL) ace (Side: □ L □ R) (Size: ) ace (Size: XL) (Qty: 2)  k Hinge ROM ktremity Ortho Ankle Brace (Side: □ L □ R) (Shoe Size: ) Brace	
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MEDICAL INFORMATION ICD 10 (Diagnosis Code(s)):	rthritis left knee thritis right knee	<ul><li>☐ M25.522 Pain</li><li>☐ M25.521 Pain</li></ul>	n in right wrist coarthritis Left Ankle coarthritis Right Ankle in left elbow	
Lenath of Need: ⊠ 12+ mont	ns (long term) $\square$ # of mo	nths (1-11)		

# FIRST STEP DME INC.

# **MEDICAL HISTORY**

**Previous treatments: RESTING** 

**Doctor's Notes:** The patient reports chronic **LOWER BACK, LEFT KNEE, RIGHT KNEE** pain for **5 YEARS**. Patient states pain is **THROBBING** with a pain scale of **7** and pain worsens with movements. Pain is caused by **WEAR AND TEAR** 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.		
	MELVIN BUTLER, MD	
PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE:	PHYSICIAN NAME:	DATE:

Patient Name: CHERYL WHALEN

Patient Address: 1033 WILTON ROYAL DR APT 108 ST. LOUIS MO 63146

Patient Phone: 3143785913

Physician Name: MELVIN BUTLER, MD

Address: 950 FRANCIS PL STE 317 CLAYTON MO 63105

Telephone: 3147216936 Fax: 314-726-6647 Patient: CHERYL WHALEN
Date of Birth: 11/16/1957
Visit Date: WITHIN A YEAR

Reason for visit: REGULAR CHECK-UP

# **Clinical Summary**

**Patient Demographics** 

Patient Name:	CHERYL WHALEN	Date of Birth:	11/16/1957
Age:	66	Phone Number:	3143785913
Address:	1033 WILTON ROYAL DR APT 108	City:	ST. LOUIS
State:	МО	Zip Code:	63146
Gender:	FEMALE	Height:	5'8
Weight:	300	Waist Size	LARGE

#### **Patient Insurance**

Provider:	MEDICARE	Member ID:	4C12FA4RW17
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#### Medications

Current Medication	TYLENOL (AS NEEDED), HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE PILLS (ONCE A DAY)
Medical History	HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

# **Medical Diagnosis**

The pain level was indicated on a scale of 1-10 a	the following: 7
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The patient's pain started on or around 5 YEARS AGO

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: THROBBING

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

The patient's pain is caused by WEAR AND TEAR

The last time the patient has seen the doctor was on WITHIN A YEAR

# **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 5 YEARS. Patient states pain is THROBBING with a pain scale of 7 and pain worsens with movement. The pain is caused by WEAR AND TEAR 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 5 YEARS 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 **THROBBING** and occurs **SOMETIMES**. 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 **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 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: MELVIN BUTLER, MD

Address: 950 FRANCIS PL STE 317 CLAYTON MO 63105

Physician's Signature:

Date:

Patient Name: CHERYL WHALEN

Patient Address: 1033 WILTON ROYAL DR APT 108 ST. LOUIS MO 63146

Patient Phone: 3143785913

#### LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY

Re: CHERYL WHALEN

Orthotic Device Need Assessment

Exam Date: 05/13/2024

Height: **5'8** Weight: **300** DOB: **11/16/1957** 

**Ms WHALEN** 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**.

**Ms WHALEN** reports chronic **LOWER BACK**, **LEFT KNEE**, **RIGHT KNEE** pain for **5 YEARS**. Patient states pain is **THROBBING** with a pain scale of 7 and pain worsens with **DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES**. Pain is experienced **SOMETIMES**. 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 Ms WHALEN 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 DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES, 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. **Ms WHALEN** 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 WHALEN** continue medical follow-up as part of an ongoing plan of care.

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the assessment of the patient for the p	<b>3: NOVEMBER 16, 1957</b> firm this order for the above-named patient, and certify that I have personally perform escribed treatment and device and verify that it is reasonably and medically necessary ical practice within the community, for this patient's medical condition.	
<b>MELVIN BUTLER, MD</b> 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