RX / MEDICAL NECESSITY FORM

PATIENT INFORMATION				
BUERCKLEY	LAURA			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI		
FEMALE	02/24/1945	3192700026	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	
512 N EAST ST	CARROLL	IA 51401		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE & ZIPCODE		
INSURANCE INFORMATION	ON			
PRIMARY INSURANCE		SECONDARY INSURANCE		
4RM5VY7CG73		MEMBER ID		
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PHYSICIAN INFORMATIO	N			
ERICKA MUHLBAUER, MD		1700370624		
PHYSICIAN NAME		NPI #		
		712-792-1500		
1214 S GRANT RD CARROLL IA	x 51401	PHONE NUMBER		
PRACTICE LOCATION		712-792-7597 / 712-792-7594		
		FAX NUMBER		
PRESCRIPTION SELECTI	ON	1		
□ L3671 - Shoulder Brace (Side: □ L3960 - Shoulder Brace (Side: □ L3660 - Shoulder Brace (Side: □ L0650 - Lumbar Brace (Waist:) □ L0642 - Lumbar Brace (Waist:) □ L0457 - Lumbar Brace (Waist:) □ L0457 - Lumbar Brace (Waist:) □ E0100 - Electric Heat Pad □ L1690 - Hip Brace (Side: □ L □ L2624 - Hip Joint Adjustable Fle: □ L3760 - Elbow Brace (Side: □ L	MALL R) (Waist:) R) (Waist:) R) (Waist:) R) (Waist:) R) (Waist:)	□ L3916 − Wrist Han □ L3915 - Wrist Han □ L1852− Knee Brac □ L1851 − Knee Brac □ L1833 − Knee Brac □ L2397 − Knee Slee □ E0100 − Cane □ L2425 − Dial Lock □ L2820 − Lower Ext □ L1906 − Ankle Brac □ L1971 − Ankle Brac □ L0174 − Cervical E	tremity Ortho ace (Side: \Box L \Box R) (Shoe Size:) ace (Side: \Box L \Box R) (Shoe Size:)	
MEDICAL INFORMATION ICD 10 (Diagnosis Code(s)):	rthritis left knee thritis right knee	☐ M25.532- Pain ii ☐ M25.531 - Pain ii ☐ M19.072- Ostec ☐ M19.071- Ostec ☐ M25.522 Pain ii ☐ M25.521 Pain ii ☐ M54.2-Cervicalg	in right wrist parthritis Left Ankle parthritis Right Ankle n left elbow n right elbow	

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MEDICAL HISTORY

Previous treatments: RESTING

Doctor's Notes: The patient reports chronic **Back** pain for **A MONTH**. Patient states pain is **SHARP** with a pain scale of **6** 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.			
		ERICKA MUHLBAUER, MD	
PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE:	PHYSICIAN NAME:		DATE:

Patient Name: LAURA BUERCKLEY

Patient Address: 512 N EAST ST CARROLL IA 51401

Patient Phone: 3192700026

Physician Name: ERICKA MUHLBAUER, MD Address: 1214 S GRANT RD CARROLL IA 51401

Telephone: **712-792-1500** Fax: **712-792-7597** / **712-792-7594**

Patient: LAURA BUERCKLEY Date of Birth: 02/24/1945 Visit Date: 02/02/2024 Reason for visit: Check-up

Clinical Summary

Patient Demographics

Patient Name:	LAURA BUERCKLEY	Date of Birth:	02/24/1945
Age:	79	Phone Number:	3192700026
Address:	512 N EAST ST	City:	CARROLL
State:	IA	Zip Code:	51401
Gender:	FEMALE	Height:	5'3
Weight:	117	Waist Size	SMALL

Patient Insurance

Provider:	MEDICARE	Member ID:	4RM5VY7CG73
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Medications

Current Medication	BABY ASPIRIN AND TYLENOL
Medical History	ARTHRITIS

Medical Diagnosis

The pain level was indicated on a scale of 1-10 as the following: 6

The patient's pain started on or around A MONTH

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: SHARP

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

The pain is located in the patient's Back

The patient's pain is caused by WEAR AND TEAR

The last time the patient has seen the doctor was on 02/02/2024

Chief Complaint

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

Subjective Notes

The patient reports chronic **Back** pain for **A MONTH**. Patient states pain is **SHARP** with a pain scale of **6** 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 **A MONTH** located in their **Back** related to **M54.50- Low back pain, unspecified**. Patient has been to a physical therapist and hasn't had previous surgery to treat this pain.

Patient's chronic pain is described **SHARP** and occurs **SOMETIMES**. The patient rated their pain on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the worst) on a level-6. The following activities make the patient's pain worse: **DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES**. Patient needs a **Back** 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), 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 arthritis 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 arthritis 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

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: ERICKA MUHLBAUER, MD

Address: 1214 S GRANT RD CARROLL IA 51401

Physician's Signature:

Date:

Patient Name: LAURA BUERCKLEY

Patient Address: 512 N EAST ST CARROLL IA 51401

Patient Phone: 3192700026

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LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY

Re: LAURA BUERCKLEY

Orthotic Device Need Assessment

ERICKA MUHLBAUER, MD

Signature

Exam Date: 04/23/2024

Height: **5'3** Weight: **117** DOB: **02/24/1945**

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

Ms BUERCKLEY reports chronic Back pain for A MONTH. Patient states pain is SHARP with a pain scale of 6 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. Based on my conversation with Ms BUERCKLEY 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).

Patient is ambulatory and has weakness of the **Back** requiring stabilization for improvement of functionality. I am prescribing this **Back** orthosis for the following indication(s): to aid when the patient is **DOING DAILY ACTIVITIES**, to aid in stabilization of the **Back**. My treatment goal(s) for the use of the prescribed **Back** 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 BUERCKLEY** 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 BUERCKLEY** continue medical follow-up as part of an ongoing plan of care.

Date Signed: _____