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At a minimum, the following needs to be in **<u>Doctor's Progress Note</u>** to *establish medical necessity* in order for a patient's health insurance to cover the cost of an orthosis:

- 1. Patient is ambulatory/non-ambulatory.
- 2. Patient exhibits weakness or deformity of the foot and/or ankle. Patient has the potential for functional benefit with orthotic treatment.
- 3. At least **one** of the following criteria must be met for coverage purposes:
 - A prefabricated foot orthosis was fit to the patient and deemed inappropriate.
 - The condition necessitating the need for the orthosis is expected to exist for more than 6 months.
 - The ankle, foot, and/or knee require(s) control in more than one plane.