

Letter of Medical Necessity

Key specifics to consider when crafting your Letter:

- Cite past successes with adjustable socket deliveries
- Include letters from physical or occupational therapists validating patient experience and issues
- Review previous failed treatments provided to the patient
- Address advantages of adjustability over normally treatment protocols
- Be specific about psychological factors for the patient that are relevant to your chosen treatment
- Provide rich information that a distant claims processor likely does not know
- Cite conversations with family members or other treating physicians

NOTE: This illustration is intended to be personalized and/or rewritten specifically for the case being submitted for approval. Yellow highlights indicate specific areas for customization.

Example Letter of Medical Necessity

DATE: 1/1/2021

TO:

Medical Director
Insurance Company A
1234 Prosthetic Ave,
Austin Tx, 84445

RE:

Mary Amputee
Mm/dd/yyyy
01234ABD

Greetings:

I am writing to request one RevoFit® Adjustable Prosthetic Socket Design(s) for my patient **Mary Amputee** who has the following diagnoses relevant to this request:

Right Trans-Tibial Amputation
K3 Activity Level

This request is medically necessary for the following reasons:

1. The Patient struggles to maintain proper socket fit due to significant fluctuations in residual limb volume throughout the day. There is often excessive pressures within the socket in the morning hours, and a lack of total contact to the limb in the evening hours.
2. The patient has been unable to effectively manage volume in her socket using traditional methods, such as the addition or removal of socks in an appropriate manner and at the appropriate time.
3. Over the 3-month span since delivery, she has repeatedly experienced skin abrasions and areas of redness that take longer than 20 minutes to return to normal after use of her socket. As her practitioner, I am concerned that she will develop possible open sores in these areas.
4. The patient also reports significant difficulty donning her prosthesis. Often times, she is unable to properly seat her limb into the device, so she struggles with proper gait which has led to multiple fall events in the past 3 months.

Justification for proposed addition of adjustable socket design:

With the addition of a patient adjustable socket design, the patient can adjust their prosthesis simply by turning the Click® Reel to adjust predetermined areas of the socket, thereby accommodating for volume change and maintaining proper contact throughout the day.

The Click Reel incorporates a gearing mechanism that reduces the force needed to create movement and advances the adjustment areas 1 mm per click, allowing for precise adaptation to the volumetric status of her limb. This targeted adjustment allows for much more effective volume management as compared to sock application and can be adjusted immediately upon the patient realizing the need, thereby preventing limb irritation proactively. Therefore, the adjustable socket design is reasonably expected to, prevent the onset **{insert patient specifics here such as}**: of repeated skin irritation and skin breakdown, further inhibiting the development of open sores.

Additionally, the adjustable socket design will allow the patient to significantly open the socket upon donning, thereby allowing the residual limb to easily enter and properly seat into the socket cavity. This small change has meaningful benefit. It reduces the skin shear that patients typically experience while donning the socket. It reduces the likelihood of poor placement of the residual limb within the socket. Most importantly, this change typically improves the patient's gait, reducing the likelihood of the patient tripping and falling.

The addition of the adjustable socket design is reasonably expected to assist this patient to achieve or maintain maximum functional capacity in performing daily activities. **{insert specifics here such as}**: Our clinic has outfitted 23 patients with this technology for similar indications with success. Additionally, the patient's Physical Therapist is aware of this

technology and has seen 6 of her patients respond positively to the addition of adjustability to their prosthesis.

Please let me know if you require additional information from my records.

Yours truly,

Joe Prosthetist
Prosthetics are Us, LLC.

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