DANKMEYER PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS

Dear Medicare Beneficiary,

Medicare has established specific requirements when a prosthesis/orthosis is prescribed by your physician. All of these requirements must be met in order for Medicare to provide a benefit (payment) for your device.

- 1. The prescription must be written by the physician during a "face to face" visit and hand delivered or faxed to our office at 410-636-8325.
- 2. The physician's clinical notes must indicate your diagnosis, ambulation abilities and/or goals, and most importantly, medical necessity (why the device is needed) in detail.

Medicare requires a copy of the physician's clinical notes from your face to face visit to be in our records. We may need your assistance to obtain these documents if the physician's office does not provide them in a timely manner. If the information we obtain does not meet Medicare's requirements, we will work with your physician to obtain the necessary information. A prescription and appropriate clinical notes must be received before we can begin fabrication of your device.

If your physician feels this level of care is beyond his/her scope of practice, our office can recommend an Orthotic or Prosthetic Clinic for you to attend. Our office works in conjunction with several Orthotic and Prosthetic Rehabilitation Clinics in the area which are designed specifically for long term management of your orthotic and prosthetic needs. Each clinic is overseen by a physician who specializes in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR). These physicians provide thorough evaluations and the necessary documentation, which meet Medicare's benefit requirements. The clinics will send a copy of the prescription and physician's clinicals to our office on your behalf. A list of current Orthotic and Prosthetic Clinics is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

The Staff of Dankmeyer Inc.