SUBJECT: LUMBOSACRAL ORTHOTICS (BACK BRACES)

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PURPOSE OR DESCRIPTION:
The purpose of this policy is to define criteria for the medically necessary use of lumbosacral orthotic devices. Note this policy does not apply to congenital or idiopathic scoliosis in a child or adolescent.

Appropriate uses of lumbosacral orthotics (LSO) braces (aka “back braces”) include:
1. Stabilization of the spine after an acute spinal fracture
2. Post-operatively after spinal surgery.

The use of LSO’s in the setting of chronic low back pain is not supported by the medical literature as evidence of meaningful clinical benefit is lacking. Thus LSO braces are not considered medically necessary in chronic low back pain.
REFERENCES
