Documentation Checklist for WalkOn.
Custom Fit or Off-the-Shelf AFO.

HCPCS Coding for WalkOn

Both “off-the-shelf” (OTS) and custom-fit items are considered prefabricated braces for Medicare coding purposes. Correct coding of the prescribed AFO is dependent upon whether there is a need for more than “minimal self-adjustment” during the final fitting at the time of delivery.

Product	Custom Fit	Off-the-Shelf	PDAC	For Medicare
28U11 WalkOn 28U22 WalkOn Flex 28U23 WalkOn Trimable 28U33 WalkOn Lateral	L1951[1]	L1952[2]	PDAC Verified	L1951 requires Face-to-face exam, written order prior to delivery, and prior authorization.
28U24 WalkOn Reaction 28U25 WalkOn Reaction Plus 28U25 WalkOn Reaction Junior 28U34 WalkOn Reaction Lateral	L1932[1]	L1933[2]	PDAC Verified	L1932 requires Face-to-face exam and written order prior to delivery, and prior authorization

Physician’s Examination, and Standard Written Order for the Walk-On

- ❑ Diagnosis, side, symptoms, what has been tried.
- ❑ Presence of weakness or deformity
- ❑ Document swelling, tenderness, contractures, or spasticity
- ❑ Objective assessment of joint laxity/stability, range of motion

Functional (Orthotist or Physician) all 3 are required

- ❑ Describe whether patient is currently able to walk or will be able to walk with the WalkOn.
- ❑ Document medical reason why patient requires stabilization of the ankle/foot.
- ❑ Describe how the patient is expected to benefit functionally from the use of the WalkOn.

Current orthoses (any AFO/KAFO patient has received that is less than 5 years old)

- ❑ Has patient’s medical condition changed? Describe why device is no longer appropriate (e.g., decreased stability, change in diagnosis, etc.). **OR**
- ❑ Are you replacing a worn WalkOn greater than 5 years of age? Describe the condition of orthosis and include a statement of continued medical need and continued use. **OR**
- ❑ Are you replacing a damaged WalkOn less than 5 years of age? Describe the accident/incident. You will need an accident report or detailed statement from the patient.

Same or Similar AFO-KAFOs.

The following AFO-KAFO codes are considered to be in the “same” category as WalkOn for Medicare payment purposes:

L1900, L1902, L1904, L1906, L1907, L1910, L1920, L1930, L1932, L1933, L1940, L1945, L1950, L1951, L1952, L1960, L1970, L1971, L1980, L1990, L2000, L2005, L2006, L2010, L2020, L2030, L2034, L2035, L2036, L2037, L2038, L2106, L2108, L2112, L2114, L2116, L2126, L2128, L2132, L2134, L2136, L4350, L4360, L4361, L4370, L4386, L4387, L4396, L4397, L4398, L4631.

If your patient has received any orthosis from this list of codes in the past 5 years (for any diagnosis or from any provider), you must document one of the three reasons stated under “Current Orthosis” (to the left), so the new AFO/KAFO is eligible for reimbursement.

If the fitting is Off-the-Shelf, document:

- ❑ Measurement method.
- ❑ Fitting note if fitted in office, including minor modifications (if any). *Adjustments of straps and closures, bending or trimming for final fit or comfort (not all-inclusive) that do not require a certified orthotist fall into this category.*
- ❑ Delivery slip. If shipped, keep a copy of the Shipping Invoice and Tracking Slip.

If the fitting is Custom Fit, document:

- ❑ Measurement method.
- ❑ Fitting note including all modification(s) done by a certified orthotist and why the modifications were necessary. *Based on the physical examination, this could be to achieve an individualized fit or to adapt the device to the patient's unique shape and/or medical needs of the patient's body part.*
- ❑ Delivery slip

[1] Ottobock received PDAC verifications for L1951 and L1932 for WalkOn AFO's at various dates between 2014 and 2022. We have letters available for this.

[2] Effective 4/1/2025 the CMS HCPCS Workgroup issued new OTS codes L1952 and L1933. The CMS HCPCS Workgroup does not provide letters. Instead, the PDAC lists the WalkOn AFO's on their DMECS website with coding. Find this at Palmetto GBA - DMECS , select Product Classification List to see the verifications.

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