



## **CMS Documentation Requirements... LOWER LIMB PROSTHESIS**

### **Dispensing Prescription** (initial physician order – IPO)

- Patient name
- Referral name (printed as well as signed and dated)
- Date of referral
- Description of device being ordered
- Diagnosis code and description

### **Chart Notes**

- Patient name
- Referral name (printed as well as signed and dated)
- Date
- Justification for **PREPARATORY** prosthesis
  - Patient's desire to ambulate
  - Activities patient was involved in prior to amputation which supports their functional (K) level
- Justification for **PERMANENT** prosthesis
  - Must document reasons for socket replacement or entirely new prosthesis
  - Must document patient's functional (K) level and what activities patient is performing that justifies their K-level

### **Detailed Prescription**

- Must be ***signed and dated*** by ordering physician (or PA or NP only if they have their own NPI, are PECOS certified and can bill Medicare)
- Duration circle "Indefinite" or write 99 months
- *Electronic signatures are accepted but stamped signatures and dates are not*
- *The referral who signs the dispensing prescription must be the same referral who signs or co-signs chart notes and detailed prescription. They must also be PECOS certified with Medicare.*

### **Functional Levels Associated with Lower Limb Prosthetics:**

- K-1:** Has the ability or potential to use a prosthesis for transfers or ambulation on level surfaces at fixed cadence. Typical of the limited and unlimited household ambulator.
- K-2:** Has the ability or potential for ambulation with the ability to traverse low level environmental barriers such as curbs, stairs or uneven surfaces. Typical of the limited community ambulator.
- K-3:** Has the ability or potential for ambulation with variable cadence. Typical of the community ambulator who has the ability to traverse most environmental barriers and may have vocational, therapeutic, or exercise activity that demands prosthetic utilization beyond simple locomotion.
- K-4:** Has the ability or potential for prosthetic ambulation that exceeds basic ambulation skills, exhibiting high impact, stress, or energy levels. Typical of the prosthetic demands of the child, active adult, or athlete.