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Ministry of Human Resources

## **CHANGES TO ORTHOTICS**

### **BACKGROUND**

- The ministry is focusing its resources on medically necessary orthotic devices needed to assist clients with their basic mobility.

### **NEW POLICY**

- The ministry will provide custom-made orthotics if they are necessary for a person's basic mobility.
- The ministry will only pay for orthotic devices purchased "off the shelf" if:
  - the device is recommended by a surgeon or other medical practitioner to prevent surgery or assist a client after surgery; and
  - the ministry's orthotic consultant determines the device is necessary for basic mobility; and
  - the client has no alternative source of funding for the device.

### **WHO IS AFFECTED**

- People on income assistance requesting orthotic devices.

### **WHEN WILL THE CHANGE OCCUR**

- July 1, 2002.