



PRC-Salttillo Medicare Review Checklist for AAC Evaluation

This checklist is designed to guide you step by step as you prepare your AAC evaluation report. For additional information and clarification, consult the official Medicare guidelines outlined in [LCD L33739](#). Our Clinical Documentation Specialists will also review your evaluation to help ensure all Medicare requirements are met, reducing the risk of delays or denials.

1. Patient & Diagnosis Requirements

- ☐ Confirmation of current communication impairment, including the type, severity, language skills, cognitive ability, and anticipated course of the impairment
- ☐ Relevant documentation of medical condition including neurological and developmental
- ☐ Justification for a device upgrade (if selected)

2. Cognitive, Linguistic & Physical Abilities

- ☐ Cognitive ability sufficient to use an SGD is documented
- ☐ Receptive/expressive language skills described
- ☐ Vision, hearing, and sensory status addressed
- ☐ Motor abilities and access method evaluated (touch, switch, eye tracking, etc.)

3. Functional Communication Needs

- ☐ Daily communication needs described (home, community, facility)
- ☐ Assessment of whether the individual's needs could be met using other natural modes of communication
- ☐ Functional communication goals included (expressing needs, safety, social interaction)
- ☐ Lite-tech AAC or other alternatives ruled out with rationale

4. Device Selection & Rationale

- ☐ Multiple devices evaluated with documented rationale for devices not selected
- ☐ Recommended device is justified as most appropriate for the patient
- ☐ Access method and mounting needs with related accessories are justified
- ☐ Medicare generally restricts coverage to one device, one access method, and one mounting system

5. Required Documentation Elements

- ☐ SLP evaluation report is complete, signed, dated, and includes credentials
- ☐ Dates across all documents are consistent
- ☐ Physician involvement is documented
- ☐ SLP affirms they are not an employee of, nor do they have a financial relationship with SGD supplier

6. Other Documentation Requirements

- ☐ CMN is signed and dated
- ☐ Office Visit Chart Notes aligns with SLP report (diagnosis, need, device)
- ☐ Diagnosis consistent across SLP report, physician documentation, and order
- ☐ Device name/model consistent across all documents