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Documentation of Medical Necessity

Please use the State Specific **MassHealth DME Prescription and Medical Necessity Review Form** (CMN) form on the portal. It must be signed by the prescribing practitioner. It must include specific name of Dedicated device and CPT codes such as “E2510: NovaChat 8; E2599: 60 Location Key Guard, E2599 PCS symbols, E2599 Acapela voices, E2599 Look Eye-tracking Module, E2512 Mount, etc” Please note that every item must be listed on its own line. *The CMN expires after 90 days.*

AAC Evaluation

A formal AAC evaluation and assessment by a licensed SLP experienced in AAC service delivery dated within 6 months is required. The Evaluation must include:

- Communication abilities and levels of function
- Sensory Functioning
- Behavioral and learning abilities observed, evaluated, or gathered
- Motor abilities and assessments
- Note that client was seen face to face by the speech language pathologist within 6 months before the request date.
- All reports from SLP/OT/PT must be on letterhead and signed
- Recommended: include a financial disclosure statement
- Recommended: indicate that report has been shared with prescribing Physician, with contact information.

Speech Generating Device (SGD) Trial

- Results from a 30-day trial of the SGD must be documented in a report recommending a specific device. (This may be included as part of the AAC evaluation or as a separate report)
- Trial Data must show:
 - Evidence of use across environments (e.g., Home, School, Community)
 - Communicative intents expressed
 - Client’s ability to learn to use the recommended device and accessories functionally for communication.
- Method of access to device (eye-tracking, head-tracking, direct selection, keyguard, switch scanning, etc.) should be identified
- Data sheets which include messages communicated, frequency, level of cueing, and communication partner, are expected to be submitted with report.

Plan of Care by evaluating SLP must include the following:

- Detailed description of short and long term communication goals and how progress will be measured.
- Other Treatment options considered
- Data-Driven SGD or software trials
- Specific Description of recommended device, accessories, software, and rationale for selection.
- Outline of the training plan that will be used to maximize the use of the device.

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For further information please read:

[MassHealth's Guidelines for Medical Necessity determination for Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices, Including Speech-Generating Devices](#)

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