

Read Me First - Colorado Medicaid

Prescription and Office Visit Requirements

- Medicaid requires that the client have a face-to-face examination with their physician no more than 6 months prior to the **delivery** of the speech generating device (SGD).
- The physician must document that the client was evaluated and/or treated for a condition that supports the SGD. The documentation (chart notes or office visit notes) must be provided along with the written order for the SGD.
- The appointment needs to occur prior to the Physician completing the Certificate of Medical Necessity.
- The physician completing the Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) must be a Colorado Medicaid provider.
- The Certificate of Medical Necessity cannot be completed prior to the evaluation report.

Evaluation Report Requirements

- Evaluation report must contain documentation of 3 Speech Generating Device (SGD)
 trials from at least 2 manufacturers and include low tech/mid-tech devices
 - o PRC-Saltillo is considered 1 manufacturer
 - iPads are not considered SGDs. If trialing an IOS SGD, the evaluation will need to reference the SGD name (e.g. Via Pro)

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- Low tech resources (e.g. PECS) are not a comparable SGD
- Cannot "consider & rule out"
 - Need to trial the vocabulary (vocabulary = software)
 - Need as least 2 vocabulary types
- If a replacement device is being requested, the evaluation will need to include specific documentation on why the current device is no longer meeting the client's needs.
- If a repair is requested, the Speech Language Pathologist will need to include documentation explaining how the device broke.