

## **Read Me First – Illinois Medicaid** (may not apply to Managed Care Plans (MCO))

## **Speech Language AAC Evaluation Requirement**

- The formal, initial evaluation needs to be dated within six months of submission to Medicaid
  - o If the addendum is more than 6 months from the original evaluation and/or more than 3 months from the conclusion of the trial, you must:
    - Explain why you have gone beyond the required timeframe to minimize risk of denial
    - Comment about whether the client's medical status and needs have remained the same or changed
- Must include an individual treatment and implementation plan
- Must include itemized list of recommended equipment (Dedicated Device, accessories, mounts)
- Must contain documentation of 3 Speech Generating Device (SGD) considered from at least 2 manufacturers (PRC-Saltillo is considered 1 manufacturer)
- 30-day trial with a dedicated device must be documented in evaluation or addendum report (must list specific start and end dates of trial)
  - A descriptive, narrative report of successful trial use of the requested SGD and any necessary components needed for utilization
  - Must include statement regarding how the selected SGD is the least costly, effective solution for the client (consider comparing the selected SGD to similar options).

## **Certificate of Medical Necessity Requirement**

- A Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) from the participant's practitioner;
  - o Cannot be signed before the SLP completes their evaluation/addendum report
  - Physician must be Medicaid enrolled
  - Date last seen must be on box 2 on the CMN and within 6 months of the physician's signature
  - o Box 3 must include all recommended items from the SLP's report

## **IL Trial Summary**

• The Trial Summary form should be completed by the SLP. If completed by a non-SLP team member (e.g. Parent), the SLP will need to co-sign the document

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