

## Read Me First - Missouri Medicaid and MCO's

## **Missouri Assistive Technology Evaluation Centers**

• Speech Language AAC Evaluations must be completed by a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) at an approved Medicaid evaluation site. Please reach out to your <u>local consultant</u> for a list.

## **Speech Language AAC Evaluation Requirement**

- The evaluation must be completed by a licensed speech language therapist.
- Three members of the team must sign the last page of the AAC Evaluation. (for Medicaid Only not MCOs)
- Must contain documentation of 3 Speech Generating Device (SGD) considered from at least 2 manufacturers (PRC-Saltillo is considered 1 manufacturer)

## **Physician Requirement**

Medicaid requires that the client have (A) a face-to-face examination (see below) with their physician no more than 6 months prior to (B) the written order/CMN (see below) for the speech generating device (SGD).

- (A) During the face-to-face visit, the physician must document that the client was evaluated and/or treated for a condition that supports the SGD.
  - This documentation must be recorded in the patient's medical record/chart notes (**not** in a separate letter)
  - The chart notes or office visit notes must contain:
    - Date of the face-to-face examination
    - Name and credentials of the physician or NPP who conducted the face-to-face examination for the SGD.
    - The clinical findings that support the client's need for the SGD.
    - Signature of prescribing physician or NP that conducted the face-to-face examination.
  - This documentation must be provided along with (but separate from) the written order/CMN (see below) for the SGD.
- (B) The Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN) will need to be provided in addition to the office visit/chart notes.
  - This must have the specific equipment listed that matches the report by the Speech Pathologist
  - Must be signed and dated by the physician (after the face-to-face examination)

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