

RECOMMENDED DOCUMENTATION

Augmentative/Alternative Communication (AAC)

Equipment Replacement Requests

Please contact the NH Medicaid Coordinator of AAC Equipment Services (below) to discuss your specific situation when your team first starts to consider the possible need for equipment replacement. She will provide the forms* cited, and will be instrumental in determining the required documentation for your individual situation. The following information should be forwarded to your durable medical equipment company.

1. A current Information Form*
2. A current physician prescription.
3. Recommended AAC Evaluation Documentation* from a licensed Speech Language Pathologist:

The current comprehensive AAC evaluation should clearly emphasize

- I. Reason for replacement,
- II. Summary re:
 - ✓ Frequency of use of the current AAC Equipment,
 - ✓ Communication skills with and without the current AAC Equipment,
 - ✓ Communication skills with the recommended AAC Equipment system if it has been tried,
- III. Detail regarding clinical appropriateness of recommended replacement AAC Equipment which clearly demonstrates comparison of similar/comparable devices which are *currently available*.
- IV. If more than one AAC Equipment system is considered to be clinically appropriate a recommendation is included regarding which system represents the least costly alternative.

Or

If the most current comprehensive AAC evaluation is less than 3 years old, the team may send the most current AAC evaluation & the following documentation:

- ✓ Pertinent individual diagnostic AAC information covering the time period from the most recent evaluation to the present, and
- ✓ The four items detailed in the box above.

Coordinator:

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[TTY users please use Relay NH 800-735-2964, thank you]

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