



Read Me First – California MediCal and Managed Care Organizations

California Children Services

- If the client is eligible for California Children Services (CCS), the speech pathologist will work closely with the CCS case-manager and/or the CCS Occupational Therapist (OT). CCS does require an evaluation be conducted by a licensed Speech/Language Pathologist.
- The prescribing physician must be CCS approved.
- A trial period is required prior to the purchase recommendation. The CCS OT is required to observe the client using the speech generating device. Please consult with the client's CCS Medical Therapy Unit (MTU) for more detailed instructions on the submission process.
- Please contact the county office where the client resides for county specific CCS instructions. Refer to the link below for more information about the CCS Program.
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/pages/default.aspx>
- Note: CCS number is the same as MediCal number.

Prescription from Physician

- Include the Physician's state license number, National Provider Identification (NPI) number and list the specific device and accessories being prescribed.
- MediCal does require that the client have a face-to-face examination with their physician no more than 6 months prior to the written order for the speech generating device (SGD).
- The physician must document that the client was evaluated and/or treated for a condition that supports the SGD. This documentation must be provided upon request.

Speech Generating Device (SGD) Trial

- Results from a four-week trial of the SGD must be documented in the Speech Language AAC Evaluation.