

Read Me First – Mississippi Medicaid and MCO’s

Paperwork Dates for MS Medicaid and MCO’s

- For recipients with MS Medicaid or Medicaid Managed Care (MCO), all paperwork must be dated within six months of the date it’s submitted for approval. Please note, the below requirements do not apply to clients who are eligible for united Health Care Community Plan.

Health Systems of Mississippi – Certificate of Medical Necessity (CMN)

- This form must be completed and signed by the Physician who is a pediatrician, neurologist or a physician specializing in physical rehabilitation and who has documented training in assessment for the prescription of a Speech Generating Device (SGD). This form cannot be signed by a nurse practitioner or physician assistant as indicated on the form. This form is valid for 90 days from the physician’s signature.
- The SGD and accessories must be listed, and the physician must prescribe “Speech Therapy” on the CMN as well as frequency of the speech therapy.
- Include the date the client was last seen by the physician which must be within the last year.
- Include the Physician’s Medicaid provider number or state license number.
- The CMN must have height and weight listed for the client.
- The box for “Other” needs to be selected and OT needs to be written in the provided space.

Speech Language AAC Evaluation

- An AAC evaluation and recommendations must be performed by a team of licensed, qualified professionals including but not limited to, a speech language pathologist, a licensed psychologist with expertise in administering nonverbal tests for intelligence, and a physical therapist or occupational therapist. This evaluation is valid for 90 days. A written copy of the evaluation and recommendation must be submitted with the request for approval. A SGD will be covered when all of the following apply:
 - The patient’s ability to communicate using speech and/or writing is insufficient for communication purposes.
 - Documentation clearly supports that the patient is mentally, emotionally and physically capable of operating/using an ACD.
 - Evaluation and recommendation by a licensed speech-language pathologist is completed.



- The prescription includes specification for ACD, component accessories, and all necessary therapies and/or training, which is also documented in the speech evaluation report. Evaluation must include a training schedule(s).