

Read Me First - Minnesota Medicaid

Physician Requirements

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:
 - o Date of the face-to-face examination
 - $_{\odot}$ $\,$ 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 (i.e., cannot simply list "high tech device" – must list actual equipment and accessories, such as "Accent 1000 with 28-location keyguard," etc.).
 - This needs to be **signed and dated** by the physician (after the face-to-face examination)

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