

Trial Addendum to AAC Evaluation Report

Client:	Date of Birth:
Medical and Speech-Language Diagnoses:	
ICD Codes:	Date of Trial Addendum Report:
Dates of Trial:	

BACKGROUND:

CLIENT was evaluated for a speech generating device on (DATE). During the initial evaluation, the Via Mini with (insert language program – LAMP Words for Life or TouchChat with WordPower) was identified by feature match as the device that would most closely meet (Client’s) communication needs. However, the Via Mini was not currently available for extended trial. Therefore, the client trialed the same language program (insert language program – LAMP WFL or TouchChat with WordPower) on a (insert device name here). The device trial was completed from (enter date range here). Following the trial period, the Via Mini with (insert language program – LAMP WFL or TouchChat with WordPower) was determined to meet HIS/HER daily and medical communications needs, better than the trial device and is being recommended for purchase at this time.

LIMITATIONS OF THE TRIAL DEVICE:

(Specify all limitations of the trial device *hardware* that was problematic for the client during the trial or would not be functional for the client’s long-term functional communication).

PRC-Salttillo devices that may have been trialed to recommend a Via Mini with LAMP Words for Life:

- PRIO Mini
- Accent 800

PRC-Salttillo devices that may have been trialed to recommend a Via Mini with TouchChat with WordPower:

- TouchChat Express 8
- NovaChat 8

Commercially available iOS-tablets (e.g., iPad or iPad Mini) with language app (LAMP Words for Life or TouchChat app) may also have been trialed.

Only use samples (below) based on the actual device you trialed/evaluated compared to the Via Mini you are recommending.

Samples:

TRIALED TouchChat Express 8 or PRIO-mini to recommend Via Mini

Client trialed the (TCE 8/PRIO Mini) for XXX period of time. I have been notified by the manufacturer of the (TCE 8/PRIO Mini) that this device has been discontinued. It has been replaced with the Via Mini. The user functions and performance of the Via Mini have been improved or are equivalent to the discontinued (TCE 8/PRIO Mini). The client needs a more durable device, but also one with a similar screen size and vocabulary options to the (TCE 8/PRIO.) The Via Mini meets and exceeds federal standards for durable medical equipment. Durability improvements include:

- Tempered glass screen protector with an active, EVA-foam wrap
- Splash- and dust- resistant design (IP-44 rating)
- Single, reinforced charging port for speaker and device with sturdy handle

It was determined that for purchase, the Via Mini is the best, most cost-effective device to meet

the client's functional communication needs.

TRIALED ACCENT 800 to recommend Via Mini

Client trailed the Accent 800 for XXX period of time. During the trial it was determined that the client does not need all of the features available on this device, such as alternative access methods and environmental controls. Since the cost of this device is higher than the Via Mini, it was determined that the Via Mini would be the most cost-effective option to meet the client's functional communication needs.

TRIALED NovaChat 8 to recommend Via Mini

Client trialed the NovaChat 8 for XXX period of time. During the trial, it was determined that the client requires a device with a similar display size to the NovaChat 8, but the client and family preferred an IOS device due to their familiarity with the IOS platform. The Via Mini is on an IOS platform with the same display size as the NovaChat 8. Therefore, it was determined that the Via Mini would be the most appropriate device to meet the client's functional communication needs. The NovaChat 8 has two charging ports while the Via Mini has only one charging port. Having only one charging port is preferable due to the increased ease of charging the device; the communication partner will only have to remember to plug in one charging port on the Via Mini versus having to plug into two charging ports on the NovaChat 8.

TRIALED iPad with app to recommend Via Mini

Client trialed a commercially available consumer iPad/Tablet with (enter language app here) for X period of time. During the trial it was determined that the client needed a system that is dedicated solely to communication and durable in a wide variety of environments. The client is also in need of a system with the ability to be repaired and receive support from device company representatives and service should damage occur. The option for this is limited in a commercially available consumer iPad/tablet with (enter language app here). If the commercially available iPad/Tablet sustains damage and needs repair, unlike a dedicated PRC-Salttillo device, the company does not offer a loaner device rendering XXXX without their communication device for the duration of the repair. (other considerations for ruling out iPad/tablet + language app):

- ┆ It was determined that the client, caregivers/support staff require professional consultant support to effectively use the device across their settings. There is no professional speech pathologist/AAC device company consultant support for the client's family/caregivers and support staff with a commercially available consumer iPad/Tablet with (enter language app here). Professional support is essential to ensure that the family/caregivers/support staff/teachers or other team members know how to use the language software, device settings, and know how to implement the device across a client's communication environments and settings.
- ┆ iPad running the iOS operating system which historically has limited longevity, therefore will need to submit for a brand-new system once Apple no longer supports that iOS device
- ┆ Screen dims after 15 minutes which cannot be adjusted resulting in reduced battery life. This will cause XXXX to have to charge their device more frequently which interrupts ability to reliably and consistently access the device for communication.

Via Mini FEATURES THAT MEET CLIENT'S DAILY COMMUNICATION NEEDS: Due to the following features, the Via Mini with (LANGUAGE PROGRAM) was determined to be the best device to meet the client's functional communication needs and was determined to match the client's communication needs more closely than the trial device.

- Via Mini meets and exceeds federal standards for durable medical equipment,

- including an IP-44 rating, meaning it has increased resistance to water/ dust.
- Highly durable - in addition to IP44 rating, the tempered-glass screen protector, active wrap, and sturdy handle/stand make it more durable against accidental falls/drops (*especially if comparing durability to a commercially available consumer iPad/Tablet*).
- Via Mini hardware is an iPad pro and has a slightly increased screen size and clearer display which allows for better visibility of symbols on the screen, increased memory to allow for photo and vocabulary storage.
- Via Mini has an integrated speaker and single charging port. This provides better volume output – the integrated amplifier makes a voice able to be heard in a crowded room (tested in typical classroom environments with excellent audio quality)
- Keyguards/ Touchguides are made to integrate seamlessly with Via Mini and the PRC-Salttillo apps they support and help with precise touch access.
- Full coverage warranty on all components

RECOMMENDATION:

I am recommending the Via Mini with (LANGUAGE PROGRAM) speech generating device. I have determined that the Via Mini will meet my client's current functional communication needs. The client's condition has not changed from my initial report; evaluation findings and treatment plan remain the same.

Item	CPT Code	Vendor Name
Device name	E2510	PRC-Salttillo
Keyguard, Touchguide	E2599	PRC-Salttillo

PHYSICIAN INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT:

This addendum was forwarded to the treating physician, (PHYSICIAN'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER), on (DATE). The physician has completed a Certificate of Medical Necessity for the recommended equipment.

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S SIGNATURE:

The Speech-Language Pathologist performing this evaluation is not an employee of and does not have a financial relationship with the supplier of any SGD.

(YOUR NAME), M.S., CCC-SLP
 Speech-Language Pathologist
 ASHA Certificate Number: (TYPE THE NUMBER HERE)

 Speech-Language Pathologist's Signature

 Date