

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 Pro with (insert language program – LAMP Words for Life or TouchChat) was identified by feature match as the device that would most closely meet (Client's) communication needs. However, the Via Pro was not available for extended trial at this time. Therefore, the client trialed the same language program (insert language program – LAMP WFL or TouchChat) on a (insert device name here). The device trial was completed from (enter date range here). Following the trial period, the Via Pro with (insert language program – LAMP WFL or TouchChat) 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:

(enter any and 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):

Typical PRC devices that are trialed in place of a Via Pro with LAMP Words for Life include the Accent 800, Accent 1000, PriO, or PriO Mini.

Typical Saltfillo devices that are trialed in place of a Via Pro with TouchChat include the TouchChat Express, Nova Chat 8, or Nova Chat 10.

Other devices that might be trialed in place of a Via Pro include commercially available tablet/iPad or iPad Mini with language app (LAMP Words for Life or TouchChat app).

Only use samples (below) that make sense for your situation based on the actual device you trialed as compared to the Via Pro you are recommending.

Samples:

- Client trialed the (DEVICE) 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 Pro, it was determined that the Via Pro would be the most cost-effective option to meet the client's functional communication needs.
- Client trialed the (DEVICE) for XXX period of time. During the trial, it was determined that the client needed a lighter weight device, but one that had a screen size. The Via Pro weighs 2.64lbs compared to the (DEVICE) which weighs (enter weight of trial device). Due to its lighter weight, it was determined that for purchase, the Via Pro would be the best device to meet the client's functional communication needs.
- Client trialed the (DEVICE) for XXX period of time. During the trial, it was determined that the screen size was too small for the client to accurately see and access. A device with a physically larger screen than the (x-inch) screen of the trial device, that is still lightweight and portable, was determined to be required to meet the client's needs. Therefore, the Via Pro,

with an 11-inch screen was determined to be the most appropriate choice to meet the client's functional communication needs.

- 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 Pro FEATURES THAT MEET CLIENT'S DAILY COMMUNICATION NEEDS: Due to the following features, the Via Pro 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 Pro is built to standards of durable medical equipment, including an IP-44 rating, meaning it has increased resistance to water/ dust. This is the only iOS product to meet these now-required IP-44 standards
- Highly durable - in addition to IP44, the active case and design of the handle/ stand make it more durable to accidental falls/drops (*especially if comparing durability to a commercially available consumer iPad/Tablet*).
- Via Pro 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 Pro has an integrated speaker and one 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 Pro 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 Pro with (LANGUAGE PROGRAM) speech generating device. I have determined that the Via Pro 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