

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

******Request must be submitted thru the Provider Portal******

Documentation Required:

- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Assessment to include:
 - ◆ Assessment and recommendations for AAC device (including IPAD) must be performed by speech—language pathologist (other disciplines may assist with components of the evaluation such as positioning, adaptive switches, etc., but the evaluation itself and recommendations must be recently completed by an SLP)
 - ◆ AAC evaluation report includes discussion of patient’s strengths/deficits relevant to speech/language abilities and factors that affect communication and justify need for AAC device. Examples of such factors include but are not limited to:
 - * Lengthy history of speech therapy with minimal improvement in speech production
 - * Diagnoses affecting current or potential speech/language skills such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, traumatic brain injury, etc.
 - * Poor speech intelligibility in most situations, etc.
 - * This section must include discussion of specific devices/systems trialed and ruled out with explanation of why these did not meet the individual’s needs (e.g., Picture Exchange System, low-tech communication devices, etc.)
 - * Full descriptions of the type of AAC device that best meets patient’s needs and rationale for this decision including data from device trials that documents use of device and how abilities changed over time.

- Physician’s prescription for specific service

- DVD showing patient functionally using device.
 - Video must be submitted in a format that is compatible with viewing in Windows Media Player
 - Video must be mailed to HPE, Attn: Prior Authorizations, 2401 NW 23rd, Suite 11, Oklahoma City, OK 73107 (you will need to place an HCA-13A Fax Cover Sheet with the PA number in Block 3 on top of the video) **OR**
 - E-mailed to DMEAdmin@okhca.org (you will need to place the PA number in the Subject Line of the e-mail)

Coding and Pricing for IPAD/IPAD2:

- The IPAD/IPAD2 should be coded as E2599 for 1 unit and is manually priced. (Included is the device, ONE comprehensive AAC applications (“apps”), and carrying case)
 - ◆ The following apps are those OHCA will currently consider and are available through APP Store (via iTunes)
 - * Proloquo2Go
 - * Sono Flex
 - * OneVoice
 - * MetaTalk
 - * Use2Talk
 - * GoTalkNow
 - * LAMP Words for Life

Other AAC applications may be considered on a case-by-case basis.