



Communication Device (AAC) Funding

What will need to be purchased or used?

- There are two parts to every communication device– the program or app with a communication system on it, and the physical device you put it on.

How much does a communication device cost?

- Each situation is different! There will be a cost for the device itself (an iPad or another device). If you already have an iPad, you can convert this to a dedicated device as well for no cost.
- There will also be a cost for the app– typically around \$200-\$300. Many apps are on sale in April for World Autism Month. Contact your SLP for more details about your child’s specific needs.

Can insurance cover it?

- Sometimes! Insurance is most likely to cover the app portion of the cost. Calling your insurance to talk about what is included in your plan is the first step.

What should I say to insurance?

- Tell them that your child’s SLP recommended that they get a communication device. Sometimes insurance calls this “adaptive equipment” or “durable medical equipment”. Ask if adaptive equipment is covered under your plan and ask what they need from the SLP to get the ball rolling. They may ask you what codes the SLP plans to bill so they can tell you if it’s covered or not. E2510 is what we use for the device itself and E2511 is what we use for the software.

What about getting an iPad?

- Jasmynn’s Voice is a local organization that provides iPads to be used as communication devices for children with ASD. Go to jasmynnsvoice.org for more information on how to apply for an iPad.

Can I pay for it myself?

- If you have the funds, this is absolutely always an option! Be sure your child’s SLP has evaluated your child for the device and recommends buying it first. It can be a large purchase for families, and it’s important that the whole team is involved!