

## Speech Language Evaluation and Report

As part of the funding process, a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) must evaluate and report on their client's medical needs for a speech device. These are a few requirements:

Speech Report by an ASHA certified SLP – Our AAC Consultants are available to help answer questions about report writing but are not able to physically assist with the report itself.

- Client's Background Information
- Evaluation Date
- Speech and Language Abilities
  - Receptive
  - Expressive
- Speech/Communication **and** Medical Diagnosis
  - For Medicare, the speech diagnosis must be **severe**
- Cognitive Abilities
- Physical Abilities
- Mobility Status
- Hearing and Vision Status
- Daily Communication Needs
- SGDs Considered and/or Tried
  - It is very important to be sure that your funding source does or does not require a trial period with the recommended device.
  - Must include reasoning for why other devices are not appropriate for the specified patient. This list could include other devices that were trialed as well as other devices that were considered/discussed but not trialed.
- Recommended SGD and Accessories
  - Must include a list of recommended devices and all accessories. These should be listed individually and not inclusive: i.e. I-12 speech generating device, eye gaze accessory, folding wheelchair mount. A rationale should also be provided for each item, and its needs.
  - Must include rationale for the access method being recommended and reasoning for why other methods are not appropriate. In general, this list should run least to the most expensive: touch access, scanning with switch, joystick control, headmouse, eyegaze.
- Functional Communication Goals
- Treatment Plan
  - Include Short Term and Long-Term Goals
- Non-Conflict Statement and Signature
  - Remember to **Sign and Date the Report!**

### Additional Resources:

1. Report Guides: <https://us.tobiidynavox.com/pages/funding?tab=4>
2. Funding Coach: <https://us.tobiidynavox.com/pages/funding-coach>
3. eFunding: <https://efunding.tobiidynavox.com>