



## MO HealthNet Pre-Certification Criteria

Medical Procedure Class:	<b>Augmentative Communication Device Training, 92609</b>
Implementation Date:	<b>June 1, 2016</b>

**New Criteria**

**Revision of Existing Criteria**

### Executive Summary

<b>Purpose:</b>	To allow a more consistent and streamlined process for authorization of Augmentative Communication Device (ACD) Training.	
<b>Why was this Issue Selected:</b>	Senate Bill 577 passed by the 94 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly directs MO HealthNet to utilize an electronic web-based system to authorize Durable Medical Equipment using best medical evidence and care and treatment guidelines, consistent with national standards to verify medical need.	
<b>Procedures subject to Pre-Certification</b>	92609 – Use of Speech Device Service	
<b>Setting &amp; Population:</b>	All MO HealthNet fee-for-service participants	
<b>Data Sources:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Medicare LCD</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MHN Policy</b>

### Setting & Population

All MO HealthNet fee for service participants.

### Approval Criteria

Participant must have record of a pre-certification on file for an Augmentative Communication Device. Participant must have had an evaluation for use of an Augmentative Communication Device. Trainer must be enrolled as a MO HealthNet provider, and be part of an approved Augmentative Communication Device evaluation site. Training must be considered medically necessary.

### Denial Criteria

The approval criteria are not met.

## Quantity Limitation

Up to ten (10) hours of ACD training is approved in a six (6) month period. In cases where ten (10) hours of training is *not* adequate, additional hours may be requested by submitting a help ticket or by contacting the help desk at 800-392-8030 to provide additional justification and explanation for the additional units requested. 4 units = 1 hour and the PA will be provided in units.

## Approval Period

6 months

## Appendix A: Approval Procedure Codes

CPT	Description
E1902	Communication board, non-electronic augmentative or alternative communication device
E2500	Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, less than or equal to 8 minutes recording time
E2502	Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, greater than 8 minutes but less than or equal to 20 minutes recording time
E2504	Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, greater than 20 minutes but less than or equal to 40 minutes recording time
E2506	Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, greater than 40 minutes recording time
E2508	Speech generating device, synthesized speech, requiring message formulation by spelling and access by physical contact with the device.
E2510	Speech generating device, synthesized speech, permitting multiple methods of message formulation and multiple methods of device access

## Appendix B: Potential Questions for Step 1 and Step 2

**\*\*The following questions may be encountered as part of the approval and denial criteria. Depending on the patient's history and the way previous questions may be answered, not every question may be asked for every patient.**

1. Is there a pre-certification on file for an Augmentative Communication Device?
2. Was an evaluation for an Augmentative Communication Device completed?
3. Is the trainer part of an MHD-approved ACD evaluation site?
4. Is the training provider enrolled as a MO HealthNet provider?
5. Is training for this Augmentative Communication Device medically necessary?
6. Is this the first request for training?
7. How many units of training are being requested?