



MO HealthNet PA Criteria

Medical Procedure Class:	Augmentative Communication Devices Subsequent Pre-Cert after rental
Procedure Codes	E1902NUNR, E2500NUNR, E2502NUNR, E2504NUNR, E2506NUNR, E2508NUNR, E2510NUNR
Implementation Date:	12/29/2009

New Criteria

Revision of Existing Criteria

Executive Summary

Purpose:	To allow a consistent and streamlined authorization process for Speech Generating Devices.
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Why was this Issue Selected:	Senate Bill 577 passed by the 94 th 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.
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Procedures subject to Pre-Certification	<p>E1902: Communication board, non-electronic augmentative or alternative communication device</p> <p>E2500: Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, less than or equal to 8 minutes recording time</p> <p>E2502: Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, greater than 8 minutes but less than or equal to 20 minutes recording time</p> <p>E2504: Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, greater than 20 minutes but less than or equal to 40 minutes recording time</p> <p>E2506: Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, greater than 40 minutes recording time</p> <p>E2508: Speech generating device, synthesized speech, requiring message formulation by spelling and access by physical contact with the device.</p> <p>E2510: Speech generating device, synthesized speech, permitting multiple methods of message formulation and multiple methods of</p>
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	device access
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Setting & Population

All MO HealthNet fee for service participants.

Approval Criteria

- Patient is being re-evaluated no sooner than 45 days after initiation of the Augmentative Communication device.
- Medical record must document the patient utilized the device daily in a variety of communication situations, accurately and spontaneously.
- Medical record must document the patient demonstrated cognitive and physical abilities to effectively use the selected device and accessories during the trial period.

Denial Criteria

The approval criteria are not met.

Quantity Limitation

One unit of any one of the following: E1902, E2500, E2502, E2504, E2506, E2508, E2510

Approval Period

E1902, E2500, E2502, E2504, E2506, E2508 & E2510
NUNR – Subsequently purchased after previous 90 day rental.

E2511, E2512, E2599
NUNR – Subsequently purchased after rental - 90 days
RR – Rental – 90 days

Appendix A: 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. Has patient been re-evaluated no sooner than 45 days after initiation of Augmentative Communication Device?
2. Did patient utilize the device daily in a variety of communication situations, accurately and spontaneously?
3. Did patient demonstrate cognitive & physical abilities to effectively use the selected device and accessories during the trial period?