

Tips for AAC Funding

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Funding Sources

- Medicaid, Medicare, and/or Private Insurance
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Non-profit organizations
- National and state grants and financing programs
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Early intervention services (birth-3)
- Tri-Care
- Department of Veterans Affairs

Insurance Tips

- Call the insurance provider using the number on the back of the card
- Ask for in-network and out-of-network benefits for any relevant procedure codes below:
 1. E2510: AAC devices
 2. E2512: Mounting Equipment
 3. E2599: Accessories

For private clients, talk to the family to determine the funding source. For students, check out your school/district's process for providing AAC and assistive technology. More on that below.

School Funding Considerations

- Assistive technology support varies considerably all over the country!
- Is there an SLP lead in your district? Is there an assistive technology (AT) lead?
- What does your AT assessment process look like?
- Check how long students need AT after it's been added to the IEP (timeline)
- Will you write reports for private funding, use district equipment, and/or get an equipment loan?

How to Get Trial Devices

- Find a loan library in your state
- School loan libraries
- Non-profit organizations (e.g., Team Gleason)
- Get AAC apps on your iPad by purchasing them or applying to become an evaluator/partner from the manufacturer.
- Reach out to different device reps for loans
- Initiate funded device trials

For more on report writing, funding packets, AAC goals, and assessment tools, check out the [AAC Connect Program!](#)

