

## AUGMENTATIVE ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION (AAC) REFERRAL PACKET

Instructions for Completion of the Augmentative Alternative Communication Referral Packet  
by a certified Speech-Language Pathologist

PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE AAC REFERRAL PACKET, THE SLP MUST INFORM THE SUPPORT COORDINATOR  
THAT AN AAC EVALUATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOR THE MEMBER

### AAC Referral Packet Contents:

- 1) Demographic Information,
- 2) ISP Information: Please attach a copy of the most current ISP.
- 3) Insurance Information: Include a legible copy of the private insurance card, including Medicare, both front and back.
- 4) Evaluator Choice: Please ask the member which provider they would like to have perform the evaluation and training. THIS MUST BE FAMILY CHOICE. In addition, please remind the family that the team completing the evaluation will be responsible for the training as well.
- 5) Communication Skills Questionnaire (CSQ): Must be completed by a Speech-Language Pathologist holding their Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC). If you are a CF or SLP-A, the CSQ must be cosigned by your supervising Speech-Language Pathologist. Please add as much description as possible to assist the evaluators in providing a thorough evaluation.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS:

- 1) CSQs completed by school SLPs: Please complete the CSQ in its entirety and submit to [DDDAugComms@azdes.gov](mailto:DDDAugComms@azdes.gov), the Augmentative Alternative Communication Unit will obtain the remaining information (ISP, insurance, etc.).
- 2) If the school is completing the AAC evaluation, this packet does not need to be completed. The school system should send the evaluation, including quote page, to [DDDAugComms@azdes.gov](mailto:DDDAugComms@azdes.gov).

**\*PACKET MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY OR THE PROCESS WILL BE DELAYED\***

Please send completed packet to [DDDAugComms@azdes.gov](mailto:DDDAugComms@azdes.gov).  
For mail options, please contact the AAC Department for further instructions via the above email address.

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DATE HCS RECEIVED PACKET
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#### 1) MEMBER INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, M.I.) \_\_\_\_\_

AHCCCS or Assists ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (No., Street) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address (No., Street)  
*(If different from members)* \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If different from members)*

Support Coordinator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Member's diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_ Who is the Member's PCP? \_\_\_\_\_

What language does the family speak? \_\_\_\_\_ Does the family need an interpreter? \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) A copy of the most current Individual Support Plan (ISP). Please attach.
- 3) Does the individual have private health care insurance or Medicare?    Yes    No
- 4) A legible photocopy of the private insurance card and/or Medicare Health Plan ID card, front and back. Required. Please attach.

#### CONTRACTED PROVIDERS *(This must be family choice)*

5) Check (✓) which provider the member/family chooses to administer the Augmentative Communication evaluation.

**Member would like the Division to auto-select a vendor**

The Division will assign a vendor based on an automatic assignment process

**Advanced Therapy Solutions**

Services available for Maricopa, Pima, Yavapai, Pinal, Cochise, Gila, and Yuma Counties

**MileMarkers Therapy**

Services available for LaPaz and Mohave Counties

**NAU/Institute for Human Development**

Services available for Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, and Yavapai Counties

**Southwest Human Development**

Services available for Maricopa County

**Therapy One**

Services available for all counties

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS QUESTIONNAIRE (CSQ)  
6) Speech – Language Pathologist (to fill out below)**

Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you treated the Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency/Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Member receiving school therapy? \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency/Amount \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Please Circle: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ CCC/SLP or CCC/SLP-L \_\_\_\_\_

CO-SIGNATURE (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Please Circle: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ CF or SLP-A \_\_\_\_\_

Is your recommendation that the Member would benefit from a communication device? Yes No

Explain in detail why or why not (Required):

If your recommendation is yes the Member would benefit from a device fill out the questions below.  
If your recommendation is no, return this form to the Member's Support Coordinator.

Does this Member already have a device? Yes No

If yes, what kind of device? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this device being used in all settings? Yes No

Is this device being used solely as a communication device? Yes No

Is the Member resistant to using this or any other device? Yes No

Describe the resistance: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this Member require assistance to use the device? Yes No

Describe the assistance needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a request for re-evaluation? Yes No

If yes, describe why:

Diagnoses:

Complete the information below. You may consult with family/therapists. Please add as much descriptive information as possible to assist the evaluators in providing a thorough evaluation.

**Based on your interactions with the Member check the applicable boxes below (Check all that apply)**

Ability to hold head up:                      Good                      Fair                      Poor

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ability to sit without support:              Good                      Fair                      Poor

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Muscle tone in arms/hands:                Floppy                      Average                      Stiff                      Varies

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Muscle tone in legs/feet:                 Floppy                      Average                      Stiff                      Varies

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Walking ability:                                Independently                      With assistance                      Does not walk

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Balance:    Steady                      Fair                      Poor                      Falls frequently

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility aides:              AFO's                      Cane                      Crutches                      Walker                      Scooter                      Wheelchair

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

If member uses a wheelchair(s):

Manual - Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Self-propels:              Yes                      No    Stroller:              Yes                      No

Power - Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Drives independently:              Yes                      No                      Joystick control location: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any problems with the current wheelchair system:

Does the member have upcoming changes in his/her seating system?              Yes                      No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the member use a tray with the wheelchair?              Yes                      No

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any safety or other concerns related to mobility?              Yes                      No

Describe:

Hand preference:    Right      Left      Both      Unknown

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ability to use hands:      Not able to use hands      Right only      Left only  
   With no difficulty      With limited movement/coordination

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Can pick up and hold:      Cup      Spoon      Cookie      Raisin

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Can place and let go without dropping:      Cup      Spoon      Cookie      Raisin

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Can open and close:      Buttons      Zippers      Tie shoelaces

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Can point and press buttons of the size found on:      Pop machines      Elevators      Telephones

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Member throws things:      Not usually      Sometimes      Often      Not at all

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Completes writing tasks with (*check all that apply*):      Unable to write      Regular pen      Adapted pen  
   Keyboard      Other writing aides (dragon): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Uses other body parts to communicate:      Head      Eyes      Leg      Arm      Hand  
   Mouth stick      Head stick      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Uses switches to manipulate and control things:      Yes      No

*If yes, indicate types of switches, where they are placed and what activities they are used for:*

Hearing is functional:      Yes      No

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the member use assistive hearing devices?      Yes      No

*If yes, what devices:* \_\_\_\_\_

Is the member easily distracted by noisy environments?      Yes      No

*If yes, list the environment:* \_\_\_\_\_

Vision is functional:      In bright light      In low light      No functional vision

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the member wear eye-glasses?      Yes      No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

If the member is considered cortically blind, describe the visual function: \_\_\_\_\_

Can member see pictures that are:      Color      Black/white      Large      Small      Unknown

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Can member follow movement with:      Right eye      Left eye      Both eyes      Not at all      Unknown

Describe visual tracking ability: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe member's eye contact:

How long can the member maintain their attention? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the member easily distracted by visual stimulation? Yes No

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the member overly sensitive to: Unfamiliar/unexpected touch Touching items Textures  
Odors Noise Lights Certain foods

Describe the typical reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Typical activity level: Low/quiet Average High/very active

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Behaviors observed: Self-stimulation Self-injury Aggression Property destruction

Describe behavior, frequency and when it appears:

Does this member currently have a "Behavior Support Plan"? Yes No

Response to unfamiliar people/places: No significant reaction Withdrawal Run away  
Interested/engaged Over-excitement

Describe reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Motivators, reinforcers, or rewards that work: Attention/social praise Tangibles (e.g. toy, edible) Escape  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ability to follow simple directions: Good Fair Poor Inconsistent

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ability to follow multi-step instructions: Good Fair Poor Inconsistent

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Prognosis for functional speech production within the next 12 months: Good Fair Poor

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Current speech production: Vocalizations One word Simple phrases  
Sentences Conversational speech

Describe in detail:

Percentage of intelligible speech for: \_\_\_\_\_ % Familiar listeners \_\_\_\_\_ % Non-familiar listeners

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Oral-motor structures and movements are functional for speech production: Yes No

If no, describe:

Swallowing/feeding concerns:    Yes        No

*If yes, describe:*

Drooling:        Yes        No

*If yes, describe:*

Respiration/breathing concerns:    Yes        No

*If yes, describe:*

Are there any other significant issues in relation to the production of speech?    Yes        No

*If yes, describe:*

Member presently communicates using (*check all that apply*):

- |                      |                  |                     |               |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Complete words       | Incomplete words | Vocalizations       | Echolalia     |
| Eye gaze             | Gestures         | Facial expressions  | Sign language |
| Picture symbol board | Scripted         | Spelling/word board | Speech        |
| Communication device | Other: _____     |                     |               |

Initiates communication:        Not at all        Inconsistent        Consistent

*Describe:*

Responds to communication:    Not at all        Inconsistent        Consistent

*Describe:*

Gains attention:        Not at all        Inconsistent        Consistent

*Describe:*

Expresses wants and needs:    Not at all        Inconsistent        Consistent

*Describe:*

Makes choices:        Not at all        Inconsistent        Consistent

*Describe:*

Asks questions:        Not at all        Inconsistent        Consistent

*Describe:*

Describes a sequence of events:      Not at all      Inconsistent      Consistent  
*Describe:*

Expresses feelings and emotions:      Not at all      Inconsistent      Consistent  
*Describe:*

Uses repair strategies:      Not at all      Inconsistent      Consistent  
*Describe:*

Uses turn taking:      Not at all      Inconsistent      Consistent  
*Describe:*

Follows directions:      Not at all      Inconsistent      Consistent  
*Describe:*

Understands social routines and humor:      Not at all      Inconsistent      Consistent  
*Describe:*

Recognizes/discriminates symbols/pictures:      Not at all      Inconsistent      Consistent  
*Describe:*

Reads:      Not at all      Inconsistent      Consistent  
*Describe:*

Spells:      Not at all      Inconsistent      Consistent  
*Describe:*

**Member demonstrates comprehension of:**

Own name:      Yes      No  
*Explain:*

“Yes”:      Yes      No  
*Explain:*



“No”:    Yes    No

*Explain:*

Object identification:    Yes    No    *List:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Explain:*

Object function:    Yes    No    *List:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Explain:*

1-step requests/directions:    Yes    No

*Explain:*

2-step requests/directions:    Yes    No

*Explain:*

Multi-step requests/directions:    Yes    No

*Explain:*

Body parts:    Yes    No    *List:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Explain:*

Prepositions:    Yes    No    *List:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Explain:*

Quantity:    Yes    No    *List:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Explain:*

Categories:    Yes    No    *List:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Explain:*

Sequencing:    Yes    No    *List:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Explain:*