

Getting iPad-Based AAC funded by Medicaid

For Graduating Students who use an iPad for Communication

Ablenet can now assist D75 Graduating High School Students in accessing Medicaid funding for an iPad-Based communication system. Ablenet calls this their **“iPad-Based QuickTalker Freestyle SGD Package.”**

Please note that getting this bundle is only applicable when BOTH situations below are in place:

1. The student is graduating from High School within the current school year
2. The student has been using an IEP-driven iPad for communication

Please also note that all students in District 75 will continue to be referred for Assistive Technology Initial Evaluations through our existing evaluation process (link below):

<http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/5A8AC0BC-70D2-4BB1-8EEA-D027819B485C/160468/D75ATReferralProcedure2015.pdf>

Follow the steps below to set up Graduating D75 students to receive this iPad-based communication bundle through Medicaid:

A. Check to see if the student has Medicaid.

- 1) If the student’s file shows that he/she DOES NOT HAVE MEDICAID, reach out to the student’s family to check. If there is truly no Medicaid coverage, encourage the family to apply for this. Also contact the school’s Transition Team to see if they can assist in this process.
- 2) If the student HAS MEDICAID, reach out to Ablenet (Chris Gibbons: cgibbons@ablenetinc.com) to get the instructions for preparing their Medicaid Packet.

Completion of this Medicaid Packet will require:

- (a) An AT Evaluation that was done less than 6 months ago. If there is an AT Evaluation that is older than 6 months, then the student's SLP will need to write up a update to that report and will attach this to the original AT Evaluation. These two documents will then be included in the Medicaid Packet.
- (b) A copy of the Student's IEP.
- (c) A doctor's prescription (this may be obtained from the student's family).
- (d) A Written Recommendation for the Speech Generating Device from the student's SLP. Please note that the device and communication software should not be referred to as an "iPad" or an "iPad app." The SLP should use the words: "A Speech Generating Device is recommended to augment this student's communication."

This Medicaid Packet will then be submitted to Chris Gibbons: cgibbons@ablenetinc.com).

If you have questions, please contact Karen Gorman (kgorman@schools.nyc.gov).