

AADL

PILOT PROJECT
Speech Generating
Communication Devices

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SGCD Pilot Project

- 3 year pilot, April 2006 - March 2009
- Pilot recognizes the value of communication as an essential element for full and active participation by all Albertans
- Pilot project is consistent with the mandate of AADL

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AADL MANDATE:

- The AADL program assists Albertans with chronic disabilities or palliative needs by enhancing their independence in the community

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AADL MANDATE (cont):

- AADL determines funding of medical equipment and supplies
- AADL established clinical eligibility
- AADL encourages best practices in client assessment and care through education and cooperation with clinicians and suppliers

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OBJECTIVES

- Assist Albertans with severe communication impairments to use SGCDs
- Reduce financial burden on families
- Efficient program delivery
- Quality control and provincial standards of care
- Evaluate need for permanent benefit

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OBJECTIVES

- Provide communication devices in accordance with the mandate of AADL
 - Needs based assessment
 - Client focused
 - Promote client independence and individual responsibility
 - Accessibility to services
 - Recognize community partnerships

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YEAR ONE PRIORITIES

- People with severe communication impairments
 - who have motor disorders, or
 - who are dependent on a SGCD for their communication needs and are seeking a replacement device

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- Annual budget of \$1M
- Additional funds for access and mounting equipment to support SGCD use
- Funding is capped

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■ WHAT DEVICES ARE COVERED?

- Static or dynamic displays
- Accommodate 100 plus vocabulary items
- Approved list of devices being developed



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■ NOT COVERED?

- Devices with less than 100 vocabulary items
- Computer/laptop based systems



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■ WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Severe communication impairment – communication needs cannot be met by using speech
- Diagnosis of apraxia, dysarthria, aphonia and/or aphasia

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ASSESSMENT


- 2 assessment centres, ACETS, Calgary Health & I CAN Centre, Capital Health, designated by AADL to provide assessment and intervention services for the period of the pilot
- Expectation is that the 2 centres will collaborate with community agencies

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ASSESSMENT

- Assessment to be completed by S-LP from designated site.
- OT and/or Rehab Engineer to assess access and mounting needs
- Assessment must include a device trial in the client's natural environment




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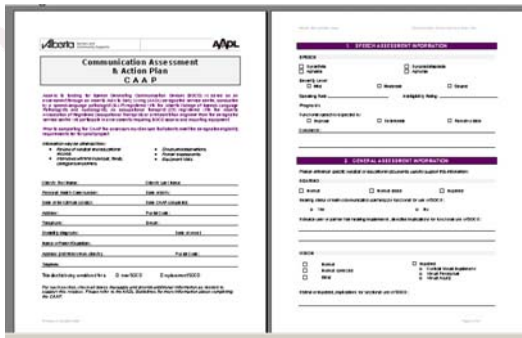
ASSESSMENT


- CAAP assessment form
- Form to be completed by assessment site, in collaboration with community partners, if applicable



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CAAP Form






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ASSESSMENT

- Use of the SGCD must be incorporated into an intervention plan stating the functional communication goals and outcomes to be achieved
- A plan for ongoing training and follow-up must be identified.
- An action plan will identify roles and responsibilities for implementing goals.



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APPROVAL PROCESS

- Peer Review by transdisciplinary group
 - Clinical accountability
 - Decision making to be fair and equitable
 - Process provides team support
 - Consistency between service centres
 - Develop quality services based on best practice to support successful outcomes
 - Timely access to devices for clients
- Make recommendations to AADL authorizer



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AADL RESPONSIBILITIES

- AADL retains ownership of SGCD
- Extended warranties provided for period of pilot

NOT COVERED

- Replacement for lost or misused SGCDs
- Repairs or upgrades to privately owned SGCDs



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CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Use the SGCD appropriately
- Commit to identified action plan
- Cost-share
- Provide care & maintenance
- Private insurance coverage recommended

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COST SHARING

- 25% of the cost of benefits to a maximum of \$500/family/benefit year (July - June)
- Exemptions apply for low income families
- Cost sharing applies to repair costs

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- 15 applications processed to date: 9 children and 6 adults



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SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA (all ages)

ACETS PROGRAM
Alberta Children's Hospital
403-955-7023

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SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF NORTHERN ALBERTA

I CAN Centre for Assistive Technology
Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital
780-735-6070
www.capitalhealth.ca/icancentre

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