

Alberta Health

AADL Approved Products List – Speech Generating Communication Devices

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Classification: Public

SGCD ASSESSMENT

Access to AADL funding for any equipment in this product list is based on assessment by an SGCD Service Centre.

SGCD DEVICE SELECTION

Selection of any communication device and related mounting or access equipment contained in this approved product list should be based on the assessed communication needs and abilities of the client using a feature matching process.

Access and mounting equipment is provided by AADL for AADL funded SGCD devices only.

SGCD Policy AS-15 describes AADL expectations for products on the SGCD Approved Product List. Standard manufacturer warranties are provided.

The AADL Guidelines for Selecting Speech Generating Communication Devices provides a description of communication competencies expected for each category of communication device.

All communication software and communication apps in the SGCD approved product list are selected to support a robust language system.

Catalogue No A400, Alphabet Based Devices

Devices in this category are alphabet/keyboard based systems with synthesized speech output and a display that shows the message created. Features may include a combination of rate enhancement strategies including abbreviation expansion, word prediction, and the ability to pre-store some words and phrases. These devices are primarily used for direct access with a keyboard. Switch access may be an option. Alphabet based devices are used by communicators with sufficient literacy skills to create a message for communication purposes and a preference to use writing as the basis for the message set: typically independent communicators and context dependent 3 communicators.

Device	Manufacturer	Supplier	Warranty
Allora 2	Jabbla	Bridges	1 year
Quantity	1 per 5 years	Recycle	Yes
Repair	1 per year	Assessment Review Process	Yes
Service Centre Level	Levels 1, 2 and 3		

Catalogue No A402, Simple Static Display Devices

Devices in this category have static displays with a customized printed overlay, digitized speech and simple programming options. Message sets are primarily phrase or word based, and typically represented through pictures or photographs. They are designed for communicators who are able to use a small pre-recorded message set of approximately 50+ messages. They are suitable for individuals who are Content Dependent 2 communicators.

Device	Manufacturer	Supplier	Warranty
Go Talk 20, 30, 32 Express and Lite Touch models	Attainment Company	Bridges	2 years
QuickTalker 23, Supertalker	Ablenet		2 years
Smart/Scan Pro 32, Smart 128, Tech Series 32	AMDI		1 year
Software to create overlays	Boardmaker		N/A
Quantity	1 per 5 years	Recycle	No
Repair	No	Assessment Review Process	No
Service Centre Level	Levels 1, 2 and 3		

Catalogue No A406, Dynamic Display Devices

Devices in this category are tablet based with a touch screen dynamic display, synthesized and digitized speech, and multiple message formulation options. Features may include direct and indirect access options, internal cameras, Bluetooth, and hardware and software options to support face-to-face and electronic forms of communication. Communication software provides options to create messages based on a combination of core words, pre-stored phrases, spelling with or without word prediction, and grammar support. Symbol sets vary depending on the communication software selected, and may include words, spelling/text, and digital images of pictures or photos.

These SGCDs are suitable for communicators who are able to combine words and phrases to create unique messages and have communication needs for face-to-face communication and electronic forms of communication. The expectation is that communicators will demonstrate skills as independent communicators or context dependent 3 communicators.

Devices are provided with the manufacturer’s standard communication software, symbol sets and voices as indicated in the table below.

Device	Standard Software	Manufacturer	Supplier	Warranty
Accent 800, 1000, 1400 Windows 10 platform	Unity/LAMP, Picture/Word Power or Essence Acapela Suite of voices Adult Acapela with Essence Unity Symbol set (Unity or Word Power)	PRC	Liberator Communications Canada	2 years warranty 1 year subscription to Language Lab, Realize
Nova Chat 5, 8, 10, 12 Android platform	Chat page sets, includes Word Power Ivona & Acapela Speech synthesizers Symbolstix	Saltillo		2 years warranty 1 year subscription to Realize Language Lab
Grid Pad Series: Grid Pad 8 Pro, GridPad 10 Pro, Grid Pad 12 Pro, Windows 10 platform	Grid 3 Grid 3 standard symbol libraries	Smart Box	Bridges	2 years
TD I-series: I-13, I-16 (integrated eyegaze access) Windows Platform Includes carry bag, mounting plate	Snap+Core First Communicator 5 TD symbol library, PCS	Tobii	Tobii Dynavox	2 year manufacturer 3 year support 360 Life of device phone support

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TD I-110 Windows Platform				3 year support 360
Mobi 3 Tellus 5 Tellus i5 (integrated eyegaze access) Windows 10 platform	Mind Express 4 Symbolstix	Jabbla	Bridges	1 year 1 year

Quantity	1 per 5 years	Recycle	Yes
Repair	1 per year, prior approval required	Assessment Review Process	Yes
Service Centre Level	Levels 2 and 3 unless noted otherwise		

Catalogue A407 & A408 Devices, iPad and Equivalent SGCDs

Each iPad based SGCD will be provided as a package that includes one communication app, one protective case/speaker set, a keyguard if needed, and support for 2 years. The apps have been selected to be suitable for communicators who are able to combine words and phrases to create unique messages, consistent with the communication abilities of context dependent communicator 2, context dependent communicator 3 and independent communicators.

Communication apps have been selected to support communication needs based on these categories for language representation: symbol based, core word based, alphabet with word prediction, or hybrid combinations.

A407 iPad Based Devices

iPad models, Apps and Cases		Item	Warranty
iPad wifi Models iOS platform	Apple care (2 year hardware/ technical support) Bridges technical support for communication app and set-up	iPad 10.2 or equivalent	2 years Apple Care+
		iPad Mini 5 or equivalent	
Communication Apps by category	Symbol based	Sono Flex	N/A
		Proloquo2go	
	Core words text/symbol	TouchChat HD , Touch Chat with Word Power	
	Core word/Unity	LAMP Words for Life	
	Alphabet/word prediction	Verbally Premium	
		Predictable	
Hybrid	Snap & Core First Compass with PODD Grid 3, PODD add on		
Protective case	AMDI iAdapter case includes handle, strap and stand	Bridges	1 year
	Rugged Case, strap, handle, with separate speakers		2 years
	Chatwrap case with speakers for iPad Mini Keyguards (hinged) 30, 42, 48, 80, 84 WFL	Liberator Communications Canada	1 year
	TD Speech case with speakers and face-shield, for iPad 10.2” Keyguards for Snap Core First app and other non-TD communication apps	Tobii Dynavox Canada	1 year

Catalogue A408 iPad equivalent Devices

Model		Standard Software	Warranty
Indi, Indi 7 Windows 10 platform Keyguard as needed		Snap & Core First	Manufacturer's warranty 2 years Support 360 2 years Pathways for Core First

Quantity	1 per 4 years	Recycle	No
Repair	No	Assessment Review Process	Yes
Service Centre Level	Levels 2 and 3		
Special Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A407 & A408 SGCDs are provided as an outright purchase with no options for additional parts of repairs by AADL. Standard mounting system will be provided if needed for functional use. No alternate access for iPad SGCDs will be provided by AADL 		

Catalogue No A410, Mounting Equipment

AADL will provide one standard mounting system containing standard components for an AADL funded SGCD device.

Mounting systems from these AADL SGCD manufacturers/distributors

- a. ConnectIT Mounts, Tobii Dynavox
- b. CS Mounting Systems, REHAdapt, Vancouver, BC
- c. Daedalus Technologies, Vancouver, BC
- d. Ideas for Independent Living, Scarborough, Ontario

Quantity	1 system per SGCD	Recycle	Yes
Repair	Yes, prior approval required	Assessment Review Process	Yes as part of CAAP application
Service Centre Level	Levels 2 and 3		

Catalogue No A421 Access Equipment

Access equipment for SGCDs includes switches (wired, wireless, Bluetooth), joystick, or adapted mouse. Switch arrays may require 2 or more switches for one access method. Switch may be combined with A422 when switch is used for selection. Access equipment options are provided by AADL SGCD manufacturers/distributors, per SGCD approved Vendor List.

Quantity	1 access method per SGCD Replacement switches up to 2 per year	Recycle	Informal
Repair	If appropriate, prior approval	Assessment Review Process	Yes with CAAP application
Service Centre Level	Level 3		

Catalogue No A422, Complex Access Equipment

These access options are available for people who use hands free access such as head movement or eye gaze to control a mouse or cursor as part of their SGCD system. Can be combined with Catalogue No A421 when switch needed for select.

	Item	Manufacturer	Suppliers	Warranty
Headmouse options	Chat Point	PRC	Liberator Communications Canada	1 year
	StarNav	Jabbla	Bridges	1 year
	Headmouse Nano	Origin Instruments	Various	1 year
	TrackerPro Headmouse	Madentec/Ablenet	Various	2 years
EyeGaze Options	Alea Intelligaze	Alex Technologies	Bridges	2 years
	TM5 Camera for Tellus i5 only	Eye-Tech		2 years
	Iris Bond Duo	Iris Bond/SmartTech		2 years
	Look eyetracking module	PRC	Liberator Communications Canada	1 year
	IS5 Series built-in eye tracker	Tobii	Tobii Dynavox Canada	
Specialty Proximity switches	Subject to prior approval			

Quantity	1 per 5 years	Recycle	Yes
Repair	Prior approval	Assessment Review Process	Yes with CAAP application
Service Centre Level	Level 3		

Repairs

AADL will support one device repair per year.

Repairs are restricted to damage that results from normal wear and tear.

The AADL SGCD Repair Information Sheet provides additional information.