Attachment A

Professions Eligible for Authorizer Status and Documentation Required for Communication Aids

Assistive Devices Program
Ministry of Health

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Introduction

The information contained in Attachment A outlines:

- the health professionals eligible to apply for authorization status for communication aids; and

- the documentation the applicant is required to include with their application for authorization status.

Authorizers are the gatekeepers to the ADP and play a significant role in:

- providing Ontario residents with accurate information about the ADP;

- assessing Ontario resident's needs for assistive devices;

- confirming the Ontario resident's eligibility for funding assistance; and

- completing the application form to request funding assistance.

A healthcare professional must be registered as an ADP authorizer before they can:

- recommend ADP-approved assistive devices to eligible Ontario residents; and

- complete the ADP application form for eligible Ontario residents.

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Device Category	Professions Eligible for Authorizer Status	Documents (copies) which must be submitted with application
Individual Authorizer ✓ display making software ✓ electrolarynxes ✓ quick messaging device ✓ voice amplifiers ✓ voice restoration and speaking valves ✓ simple speech generating devices (SGDs/VOCAs)	**Speech-Language Pathologist who:** • holds a valid certificate of registration from the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario; **AND** • has completed the IA Online Home Study Course and the one-day IA OT/SLP AAC Workshop administered by the Centralized Equipment Pool for Communication Aids.	**Required:** ❑ Proof of current membership with the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario. ❑ Letter from Centralized Equipment Pool confirming completion of the Home Study Course and one day technology workshop.

Device Category	Professions Eligible for Authorizer Status	Documents (copies) which must be submitted with application
Clinic Authorizer All of the above (Individual authorizer) and ✓ communication display boards ✓ integrated systems ✓ speech generating devices (SGDs/VOCAs) clinic level ✓ SGD/VOCA access hardware ✓ SGD/VOCA software	**Speech-Language Pathologist who:** • holds a valid certificate of registration from the College of Audiologists and Speech- Language Pathologists of Ontario; **AND** • has completed the IA Online Home Study Course and the one-day IA OT/SLP AAC Workshop administered by the Centralized Equipment Pool for Communication Aids. **AND** • is employed at an Augmentative and Alternative Communication Clinic.	**Required:** ❑ Proof of current membership with the College of Audiologists and Speech- Language Pathologists of Ontario. ❑ Letter from Clinic Manager indicating effective date of employment and clinic number. ❑ Letter from Centralized Equipment Pool confirming completion of the Home Study Course and one day technology workshop.

Device Category	Professions Eligible for Authorizer Status	Documents (copies) which must be submitted with application
Individual Authorizer ✓ simple writing aids ✓ Simple, (non-computerized) pointers ✓ simple switches ✓ simple mounting systems	**Occupational Therapist who:** • hold a valid certificate of registration from the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario; **AND** • has completed the IA Online Home Study Course and the one-day IA OT/SLP AAC Workshop administered by the Centralized Equipment Pool for Communication Aids.	**Required:** ❑ Proof of current membership with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario. ❑ Letter from Centralized Equipment Pool confirming completion of the Home Study Course and one day technology workshop.

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Clinic Authorizer All of the above (Individual authorizer) and ✓ writing aids clinic level ✓ writing aid access hardware and software ✓ keyboards ✓ mouse alternatives ✓ non-computerized pointers ✓ switches ✓ mounting systems ✓ wheelchair accessories for communication aids ✓ wheelchair control units	**Occupational Therapist who:** • holds a valid certificate of registration from the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario; **AND** • has completed the IA Online Home Study Course and the one-day IA OT/SLP AAC Workshop administered by the Centralized Equipment Pool for Communication Aids. **AND** • is employed at an Augmentative and Alternative Communication Clinic.	**Required:** ❑ Proof of current membership with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario. ❑ Letter from Clinic Manager indicating effective date of employment and clinic number. ❑ Letter from Centralized Equipment Pool confirming completion of the Home Study Course and one day technology workshop.