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AAC Funding Resources

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Funding

Funding of AAC devices in the state of Colorado must go through the hierarchy below. If funding is not available at one level, the IFSP team will move down to the next level to determine the most appropriate source of funding for the device.

1: Use of private pay at the discretion of the parent; then,



2: Private health insurance; then,



3: TRICARE, a military health system; then,



4: Medicaid/Title XIX or Home and Community Based Services waivers, and Child Health Plan Plus; then,



5: Child Welfare and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families; then,



6: Other local, state, or federal funds, including mill levy funds, as may be made available; then,



7: State General Fund early intervention services; then,



8: Federal Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds.*

* Note: Any device purchased with Part C funds will have to be returned when the child is no longer eligible for Part C funds, at age 3.

The following list of resources will help you learn more general information about funding AAC devices:

- AAC Funding Help This website posts information about programs that cover and provide funding for augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices.
- AAC Funding in Public Schools Lew Golinker of the AT Law Center (posted by the AAC-RERC) explains the factors that influence this decision.



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- AAC Institute Funding Funding a Speech Generating Device (SGD): What YOU Need to Know!
- AT Funding \$ources a searchable online database tool. It is provided to assist
 Coloradoans with disabilities in locating needed funding to purchase AT devices and
 services for their specific needs.

The following resources were developed by AAC vendors, so they are often used to promote funding only of devices that they manufacture, but they can also provide valuable information.

- AAC Funding How Do I Get Started with AAC Step-by-Step Guide.
- Forbes AAC Funding Funding forms and funding terminology.
- PRC-Saltillo Funding Toolkit Create a Funding Request for PRC and Saltillo clients
 - Complete and save forms online, write an AAC Evaluation and receive updates on the status of the submission.
 - o Attend trainings on funding sources, funding process, and more
 - o Numerous other resources like insurance tips, Funding FAQs, etc.
- Tobii Dynavox Funding Toolkit Complete your funding packet online.
 - o Includes info on each of the 5 steps of the funding process from finding an AAC specialist to prescriptions, funding packets, insurance packets and approvals.
- <u>Saltillo Funding Quick Reference Guide</u> Step-by-Step guide to the process from evaluation to funding and acquisition of an AAC device. Includes links to online classes, form templates, and tip sheets.