

Important Medicare Funding Notice

Skilled Nursing Care Restriction

According to Medicare's Rules and Regulations, Medicare does not pay for Speech Generating Devices (SGD) or their accessories if the individual is receiving skilled nursing care.

Skilled nursing care benefits can be paid by Medicare while the individual is in their own home, during a hospital or skilled nursing facility stay, or if they are receiving Hospice benefits.

If we are not informed that the individual is receiving skilled nursing care at the time we ship the SGD and accessories, Medicare will deny the claim as Patient Responsibility. At that time, the individual and their family would be financially responsible for the Speech Generating Device and any accessories.

Words+ will make every effort to contact you immediately prior to shipping the SGD and accessories. However, we recommend that you contact us immediately if you have any indications that the individual may need skilled nursing care in the immediate future. We will make every effort to coordinate the shipment at an appropriate time.

Words+ goal is to supply the individual with their Speech Generating Device in as timely a manner as possible and at the same time try to avoid any undue financial hardship to the individual or their families. Please keep us informed if there are any changes that involve skilled nursing care by calling our Funding Department at **800-869-8521 extensions 202 or 209**.

