

7) MY VOICE® LMJ:

Who can write the Letter of Medical Justification (LMJ) for Variety's My Voice® Program?

Only a licensed / certified Speech Language Pathologist (preferably with their ASHA Certification) can write the LMJ. This author should also have completed an evaluation with the child using an iPad, and be able to provide a recommendation for the appropriate communication application that successfully works with the child.

What does Variety's My Voice® Program provide?

- * 1 communication device (that is an iPad that's completely restricted to only focus on communication),
- * 1 communication application (no restrictions on the app, as long as it's prescribed by the SLP),
- * 1 specialized case and 1 screen protector, and
- * 2 years of Apple Care (warranty).

What needs to be included in the letter (we *cannot* accept an IEP)?

The LMJ must be printed on letterhead, signed, and dated by the author, who should describe:

- A general statement on the child's background, child's documented diagnoses and/or communication disorder(s), and its severity.
- How does the child currently communicate?
- What are the child's specific communication needs at this time?
- Does the child have a history of using an iPad as a communication device? If so, what communication application(s) were trialed with the child?
- Is an iPad appropriate for the child as a communication device?
- What application is being recommended for the child in using an iPad as a communication device? We take the recommendation of the communication app directly from the SLP. **Only one app can be funded.**

The licensed medical professional writing the LMJ should include their:

- ⇒ Full name,
- ⇒ title,
- ⇒ organization,
- ⇒ phone number,
- ⇒ e-mail address, and
- ⇒ any related credentials.

Please note that the LMJ doesn't need to be lengthy, as long as it addresses everything listed above.

Can I apply for a second device?

YES! If your child received a communication device through Variety, you are welcome to apply for a second device **four-years after you received the first one.**

To reapply, your child must still meet all of the eligibility guidelines outlined in the application, and a full application must be completed.

If reapplying, we do not need the device back.