

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 My Voice 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),
Note—only one app can be funded per device.
- * 1 specialized case and 1 screen protector, and
- * 2 years of Apple Care (warranty).

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

The LMJ must be **printed on letterhead, signed, and dated** by the child's SLP, who should describe:

- A brief summary of the child, their documented diagnoses and/or communication disorder.
- How does the child currently communicate? What are their 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 to use as a communication device (please confirm)?
- What application do you recommend for the child when using an iPad as a communication device?
Variety takes the recommendation of the communication app directly from the SLP.
- If approved, where can the device be mailed? Who will customize the device, present it to the family, and provide follow up supports? (**Please discuss this process with the family prior to submitting an LMJ**).

The LMJ should include the author's:

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

Please know that the LMJ doesn't need to be more than a page, as long as it addresses everything above.

Regarding the distribution of the device — once approved, our new process is to partner directly with the child's SLP. Variety will setup and mail the device to the SLP, so they can then customize it for the child and arrange a time to present it to the family (e.g. therapy, school).

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 **three years after you received the first one.**

For the SLP: If the child is still using the same app and it won't change for the second device, then a trial / evaluation is not needed to be done, and it can be explained in the LMJ. If a new app is being requested, then a trial / evaluation should be completed and outlined in the LMJ.

To re-apply, your child must still meet all of the eligibility guidelines outlined in the application, and a full application must be completed. Variety can only fund a maximum of two communication devices per child.

If re-applying, we do not require the first device back.