

MY VOICE[®] LMJ:

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 an SLP for communication)
Note—only one app can be funded per device.
- * 1 specialized case and 1 screen protector, as well as 2 years of Apple Care (warranty).

If the child already has their own communication device to use 24/7 at home and school, we are unable to fund a second one for them at this time. **Variety can only fund a maximum of two communication devices per child.**

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

Only a licensed/certified Speech Language Pathologist (preferably with ASHA Certification) can write the LMJ.

The author must complete an evaluation with the child using an iPad, and be able to provide confirmation for the appropriate communication application that successfully works with the child.

Please take your time trialing apps on high-tech devices, to ensure the prescribed app is the best fit for each individual child, which can take time. Variety **cannot** change or fund another app once the device is presented.

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. It should answer the following:

- 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?
- Is an iPad appropriate for the child to use as a communication device (please describe their history with an iPad or high tech comm device)? It must be stated that the child has successfully trialed an iPad as a communication device.
- What communication app do you prescribe for the child? It must be confirmed that the child was successful in trials with the specific app being prescribed. *Variety takes the communication app rec. 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 must include the date and the author's:

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| ⇒ full name | ⇒ phone number |
| ⇒ title | ⇒ e-mail address |
| ⇒ organization | ⇒ signature (wet or official) 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, Variety will setup and mail the device directly to the child's SLP, so they can then customize it further and arrange a time to present it to the family (e.g. at therapy, school).

Can I apply for a second device through Variety?

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 (the old device is not required back). **Variety can only fund a maximum of two communication devices per child.**