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Hello

I recently submitted a loan application a child. It was submitted on 5/10/23. The child's name is G[REDACTED].

I spoke to Julie at the office today who informed me that the application can't be processed/denied there is a age rule of 4 an above. Is there any way to waive that rule as he is 3 years 6 months and very close to the age cut-off. I have trialed a few communication apps on my personal ipad and he demonstrates he is very capable of utilizing it for communication. He has good receptive language, motor skills, and vision. Please refer to the report for additional details.

Thank you for considering. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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Section B SGD Application Amendment**I. Applicant's communication abilities**

G [REDACTED] is a 3 year, 6 month old male with suspected Apraxia of Speech who has been receiving speech therapy services since September 2022 (8 months at the time of this report). Current means of communication include non-verbal communication (complex gestures, sign language, facial expressions, sound effects and some consonant-vowel productions, picture communication). He has experience using low tech communication boards and currently has a low-tech symbol- based communication flip book. Although he has made gradual gains in speech production, progress has been slow and G [REDACTED] remains functionally unable to verbally communicate effectively. Sign language is not a viable option for communication due to the fact that most communication partners do not understand this method of communication. He has been trialing SLPs personal iPad with SGD apps as a means to increase ability to expressively communicate.

II. Selection of device

The following SGD devices have been trialed and eliminated. iPad with Cough Drop, iPad with Avaz. G [REDACTED] vision and fine motor skills are sufficient. He was able to select icons 60 to 144 words per screen on an iPad without difficulty however vocabulary boards on the Cough Drop and Avaz Apps were found to be limiting and cumbersome to program which therefore created frustration when attempting to communicate his needs. Additionally, G [REDACTED] family is both Spanish and English speaking and would prefer an app whereby he is able to communicate with his family in either language. An iPad with Proloquo2Go would be ideal for G [REDACTED] as it offers robust core and fringe vocabulary already programmed into the system. Proloquo2Go also offers the Progressive language option which is an ideal option for him as he would be able to utilize vocabulary that is most relevant for his expression at this stage in his development with the intent to increase complexity as his expressive language develops. It offers Spanish, English and custom voice programming that would be beneficial for customizing pronunciation of Spanish vocabulary.

III. Using the device

G [REDACTED] has shown and inherent interest in utilizing a Speech Generating Device during therapy sessions and at home. He is in the initial stages of the formal evaluation process through insurance and through Early Intervention in hopes of obtaining funding for a device that will suit his needs. Unfortunately, the process for evaluation is expected to take at least 3-6 months or longer. G [REDACTED] is unlikely unable to obtain a device via Early Intervention until the next school year when district services resume. Trial iPads with Proloquo2 go are not readily available for trial use. With a loaner iPad +Proloquo2go, G [REDACTED] would be able to increase his ability to communicate significantly with family and community members, especially in the short term. With my assistance as his SLP, I will work closely with his family to provide the support necessary to utilize the device for communication while we seek funding for a suitable communication device.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this application.

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