

# Referral Criteria – Communication and Writing Aids (CWAS) Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

Please check the box in the category that applies to your client and **fax this form WITH the referral.**

CWAS's Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) service works with clients who are unable to speak or whose speech does not meet their everyday needs (extremely unclear or limited speech). This includes both face-to-face (conversation) and written communication support.

In order to be eligible for referral, the client must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Speech does not meet every day needs
- Under the age of 19 (at the time of referral)
- Is working with or has access to speech language pathology consultation; **and**

Falls into one of the following categories and you are developing next steps:

## Alternate Access

(Difficult to use fingers to point/push buttons)

**Difficult to use fingers to point/push buttons (AND/OR a degenerative diagnosis, AND/OR significant vision needs such as CVI – cortical visual impairment)**

Yes  **Refer to AAC**

No  **Go to Direct Access criteria below**



## Direct Access

(Can use fingers to point/push buttons)

### Exceptions:

- Lives in Simcoe, York Region → refer to Children's Treatment Network
- Lives in Toronto with a postal code that starts with M with diagnosis of developmental delay → refer to Surrey Place Centre



Please use the referral form online at: [hollandbloorview.ca/referrals](http://hollandbloorview.ca/referrals)

<p><b>Can use fingers to point/push buttons and can use an a communication system to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independently navigate and functionally use 4-6 pages &amp; 8-12 vocabulary items... ...<b>AND</b></li> <li>Functionally use their communications system with at least 2 or more partners &amp; within two or more environments (home must be one)</li> </ul>	<p>Yes  <b>Refer to AAC</b> (see exceptions) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No  <b>Refer to community speech language services</b> (school board, preschool language services)</p>
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**Direct Access with age appropriate receptive language skills**

**Exceptions:**

- Lives in Simcoe or York Region → refer to Children’s Treatment Network

<p>Uses any combination of unintelligible speech, gestures, signs, pointing to express novel messages <b>AND</b> whose receptive language skills fall within the average range</p>	<p>Yes  <b>Refer to AAC</b> (see exceptions) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No  <b>Refer to community speech language services</b> (school board, preschool language services)</p>
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\* If the referral is being made on behalf of a client, the client/family must be aware of the referral

**PHYSICIAN REFERRAL FORM – OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

Please complete all sections of this form as incomplete forms will result in processing delays.

**NOTE: This information will be shared with Holland Bloorview staff as required.**

**Family is aware of this referral: Yes  (must be checked) Referral Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yy)**

**CLIENT INFORMATION:**

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
Day / Month / Year

Is an interpreter required?  Yes  No Language spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Version Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP)  Health Card In Process

Client lives with:  Both parents  Father  Mother  Guardian  Independent  Group Home  Other:

**PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S): (if different from client address)**

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENCIES/PROFESSIONALS CURRENTLY INVOLVED:**

Agency (eg. Child Protection, Community)

Professional (eg. OT, SLT, Psychologist)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

**Primary Diagnosis:**

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**Other Diagnoses:**

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**Does this client require any special infectious disease precautions?**    Yes    No

If yes, what for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical History/Allergies:**

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**Taking Medication:**    Yes    No

**Risks** (i.e. frequent falls)

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**Reason for Referral/Concern/Goals:**

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**Use check box for referral:**

- Query Autism
- Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation
- Concussion Clinic
- Cleft Lip & Palate Speech Language Pathology
- Infant Development Services
- Neuromotor (e.g. cerebral palsy, global developmental delay, Retts)
- Psychopharmacology\* (additional forms required)
- Neuromuscular (e.g. muscular dystrophy)
- Feeding\* (additional forms required)
- Spina Bifida

- Spinal Cord Injury
- Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)
  - Writing Aids
- Orthotics (including protective headwear)
- Prosthetics (including myoelectric & cosmetic)
- Clinical Seating

**Dental Services:**

- Cleft Lip & Palate (general anesthesia available for qualifying clients)
- Special Needs Dentistry (general anesthesia available for qualifying clients)

**\*Pre-assessment forms are required with the referral. Click here:**

**Feeding:** <http://hollandbloorview.ca/programsandservices/programsservicesaz/feedingservices>

**Psychopharmacology:** <http://hollandbloorview.ca/programsandservices/ProgramsServicesAZ/Psychopharmacologyclinic>

**REFERRING M.D./D.D.S. Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OHIP Billing Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospital:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please fax your completed Referral Form to Appointment Services: (416) 422-7036***