

## Tips for completing mid-cost (\$1500 - \$15,000) NDIS AT prescriptions

### Supporting letter addressing the following criteria:

- Document relevant background history including but not limited to communication, behaviour, physical and sensory information relating to their disability.
- List the NDIS Goals that you are addressing.
- Describe previous AAC history and how it did/ did not meet the participants' communication needs.
- Provide a clear description of the AT that is needed.
- Outline in sufficient detail what you trialed and the results of the trial.
  - Address location, duration and results, commenting on outcome measures and goal attainment.
    - We recommend you use [GAS Goals](#) and include a screenshot of achieved goals in the letter.
    - Comment on progress towards communication competence using [AAC Competencies](#) (Light & McNaughton, 2014).
- Comment on how the desired AT relates to the disability needs of the individual over another item they are currently using or which has been considered/ trialed.
  - Use the [SETT framework](#) to guide your thinking on all features that the AT needs to have.



- Consider using [SETT Descriptor and Tools](#) document as a comparison tool and insert into the letter.
  
- Discuss potential risks if the AT is not funded (consider behaviour, independence, participation)
  
- Provide research evidence relating AAC. Some examples can be found [HERE](#).
  
- Outline where they will be using the AT once provided.
  
- Provide a likely cost of all AT items (we recommended you provide a quote generated from our website).
  
- Provide an estimate of the repairs and maintenance costs per year.
  - State Liberators 3 year repair and replacement warranty as value for money.

**We recommend you read through our Tips document for completing high-cost AT for further detail about all the above points. You can access that document [HERE](#).**

Information shared here has been gathered from the [NDIS website](#) and their webinar for health providers that can be accessed [HERE](#).

Light, J., & McNaughton, D. (2014). Communicative competence for individuals who require augmentative and alternative communication: A new definition for a new era of communication?. *Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, 30(1), 1-18.