

Table 7 Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) Contributions to Life Care Plan Recommendations

Care Category	Can SLP Make Recommendation?
Physician (MD, DO, DC, DDS) Referral to Evaluate/Consult	Within scope of practice
Physician (MD, DO) On-Going Visits	Must collaborate with others
Chiropractic Visits	Outside of scope of practice
Dentist On-Going Visits and Sedation	Outside of scope of practice
Ancillary (Non-physician Professionals) Referrals	Within scope of practice
Ancillary On-Going Visits	Within scope of practice for SLP services Otherwise must collaborate with others
Diagnostic Testing	Within scope of practice for tests within ASHA Scope of Practice and Code of Ethics Other tests outside of scope of practice
Surgery	Outside of scope of practice
Aggressive Interventions (e.g., Invasive Procedures, Specialty Programs)	Within scope of practice for fiberoptic endoscopic assessments (invasive) and treatment; video fluoroscopic assessments of swallowing, neuromuscular electrical stimulation for swallowing impairments Other interventions outside of scope of practice
Wheelchairs, Including Features and Accessories	Within scope of practice for features to accommodate augmentative communication technology for communication, writing, reading Otherwise outside of scope of practice
Other Mobility Equipment	Within scope of practice for features to accommodate augmentative communication technology for communication, writing, reading Otherwise outside of scope of practice
Orthotics	Outside of scope of practice
Prosthetics	Within scope of practice for voice prosthetics Otherwise outside of scope of practice
Other Medical Equipment	Within scope of practice for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• communication tools</li> <li>• voice prosthetics</li> <li>• tools to assist memory</li> <li>• apps to assist communication, reading writing and memory skills</li> <li>• computer technology</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• devices for voice and others such as humidifiers for vocal issues</li> <li>• dental tools to address oral hygiene</li> <li>• vibrators for facial exercises</li> <li>• aids to assist with vision in consultation with other health professionals</li> <li>• FM listening units to address problems with central auditory processes</li> <li>• environmental controls</li> </ul> <p>Otherwise outside of scope of practice</p>
Adaptive Aids for Independent Function	<p>Within scope of practice for communication and safety aids</p> <p>Otherwise outside of scope of practice</p>
Drugs Requiring Prescription	Outside of scope of practice
Over-the-Counter Drugs	Outside of scope of practice
Disposable Supplies	<p>Within scope of practice for supplies associated with equipment and aids recommended by SLP</p> <p>Otherwise outside of scope of practice</p>
Home Care Skill Level (to Attend to Person) (i.e., unlicensed aide, licensed nurse)	In collaboration with others
Home Care Hours	Outside of scope of practice
Household (housekeeping, yard care, house repairs) Services and Hours	In collaboration with others
Adapted Transportation (Evaluation, Training, Equipment)	Outside of scope of practice
Alternative Transportation	Outside of scope of practice
Architectural Modification	In collaboration with others for design of modifications
Home Furnishings	Within scope of practice for desks, lamps, and other furnishings which can facilitate reading and writing skills, promote independent recreational skills, maximize working and learning skills, accommodate communication technology
Health Maintenance	In collaboration with others
Adaptive or Therapeutic Recreation	Within scope of practice for recreation for social skills, executive function, expressive skills
Potential Complications	Within scope of practice for complications related to swallowing, voice, receptive and expressive skills, executive functions, memory skills, reading and writing skills, and academic success