



# Are your goals SMART?



## Specific

Who is going to be involved?

What do you want the patient to accomplish?



## Measurable

Can you measure the improvement?

How will you measure progress?



## Attainable

Is the goal realistic?  
Can the goal be achieved within the time frame?



## Relevant

What are the patient's immediate needs?  
Will the goal serve a functional purpose?



## Time-Based

When will the goal be accomplished?

### KEY STATEMENTS

To show medical necessity be sure you're covering the functional component of treatment using key statements like the ones listed to the right.\*

Patient will \_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_

Patient will \_\_\_\_\_ so that \_\_\_\_\_

Patient will \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce \_\_\_\_\_

Patient will \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent \_\_\_\_\_

Patient will \_\_\_\_\_ to increase \_\_\_\_\_

Patient will \_\_\_\_\_ to decrease \_\_\_\_\_

\* Butkus, S. (2018, March). Documentation Essentials for Pediatric SLPs: Articulating the Need for Skilled Services Notes. On-demand webinar presented for current ASHA members.