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## AbleNet, Inc. Receives Medi-Cal In-Network Status for Its QuickTalker Freestyle AAC Device

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**ROSEVILLE, Minn.** – [DATE] – <u>AbleNet, Inc.</u>, the global leader in providing assistive technology for individuals with disabilities, today announced that it received in-network status with Medi-Cal. This in-network status allows over 21,000 speech-language pathologists (SLPs) across California to work with AbleNet and provide a voice through an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) device to individuals with autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, childhood apraxia of speech, learning and physical disabilities impacting verbal communication, or other impairments that affect their ability to communicate independently. The updated policy is now in effect and active.

Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid health care program that provides a variety of medical services for nearly 15-million children and adults living in California with limited income and resources.

"At AbleNet, we believe that everyone has a voice that deserves to be heard," said AbleNet President and CEO Jennifer Thalhuber. "That's why this coverage update is an incredibly important step to increasing access to high tech speech devices for individuals who need them."

AbleNet's QuickTalker Freestyle is a robust and flexible AAC device that allows individuals with a speech impairment to communicate with others. AbleNet's team of experts provides a stress-free experience that allows some to access communication in as little as two days. To check eligibility, click <a href="here">here</a> to submit a benefit check.

"My life as an SLP [definitely] has changed since discovering AbleNet," said Lauren Yanniello, a speech-language pathologist with the Wilkes-Barre Area School District in Pennsylvania. "I am amazed at how quickly and efficiently they work...I would do it 100 times over."

## **About AbleNet**

AbleNet was founded in 1985 with the core mission of helping individuals with disabilities reach their human potential. Today, AbleNet is the global leader in providing assistive technologies for individuals with disabilities. Its QuickTalker Freestyle comes with a 5-year, no conditions unlimited warranty, and is a robust and flexible speech device that allows individuals with a speech impairment to communicate with others. AbleNet provides best-in-class service and a stress-free funding process with experts along every step of the way to give people their voice as quickly as possible. For more information, visit www.ablenetinc.com.