

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

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Benchmark pricing

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) values vendors who are part of the program, and is pleased to continue working together with them to provide medical benefits and equipment to Albertans.

AADL strives to provide fair compensation to the vendors who help serve AADL clients while remaining fiscally responsible to Albertans. This is why AADL sets maximum prices it will pay for those benefits in the approved product lists.

As a reminder to our vendors, the maximum prices listed in approved product lists are not meant to be the default prices submitted as part of claims. As outlined in your vendor agreements, vendors are expected to use all reasonable efforts to supply products and services at the lowest possible costs. Further, it is expected that vendors submit claims with the lowest prices possible and not automatically the AADL maximum price. This includes sale prices on benefits.

Benchmark prices

For certain products, such as incontinence products, bathing and toileting equipment, and some mobility equipment such as walkers, AADL sets a maximum price that it will pay for the benefit as a group, rather than individually. This is called the benchmark price.

AADL would like to remind vendors that Policy GN – 11 in Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program Manual Section GN – General Policies and Procedures states that vendors must ensure AADL's principles for benchmark pricing are adhered to.

Specifically, AADL-approved vendors must provide a product that meets the product quality standards at, or below, the AADL benchmark price. Further, AADL will fund benefits at the current benchmark, retail or sale shelf price, whichever is lower.

Regular reviews

Alberta Aids to Daily Living regularly reviews and updates approved product list and benefit maximum prices to ensure they remain fair to vendors as well as Albertans. If you have any questions about AADL maximum prices or about products on the approved product lists, please contact the relevant program manager using the AADL contact list found here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/aadl/aadl-contact-list.pdf>