

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

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Updates to Respiratory Benefits Policy and Procedures

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) has updated the Respiratory Benefits Policy and Procedures Manual. The following policy updates are effective February 25, 2022.

Oxygen funding for pediatric clients transitioning to adult funding

In collaboration with Alberta Health Services, AADL has updated the approval process to support a smooth transition from pediatric oxygen funding to adult oxygen funding. AADL no longer requires a pediatric client to start from the beginning of the testing process to access adult resting hypoxemia funding. Documentation showing oxygen need and a pulmonologist consult to support ongoing funding will be required.

There are specific instructions to enter a funding request. Please see Policy R – 14 in the updated Respiratory Benefits Policy and Procedures Manual for more details.

Nocturnal oxygen funding (Policy R – 16)

Nocturnal oxygen funding for people with severe lung disease will be discontinued. Clients who currently have this funding authorization will continue to receive funding, but no new funding requests will be approved.

A new funding authorization, ND (New) – PH, is now available for clients with Group 1 or Group 4 primary pulmonary hypertension who do not have sleep disordered breathing. Criteria includes confirmation of pulmonary hypertension, the client is on pulmonary hypertension specific medication, and the results of a Level 1 sleep study or a Level 3 home sleep apnea test (HSAT).

If a client with primary pulmonary hypertension also has sleep disordered breathing, they must be effectively treated, and compliant, with positive airway pressure (PAP) therapy.

Please see Policy R – 16 in the updated Respiratory Benefits Policy and Procedures Manual for detailed criteria and the documentation required.

More information

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