

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

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Updated orthotics and prosthetics approved product lists effective January 30

Following an in-depth review of the prosthetics benefits and orthotics benefits approved product lists, including extensive consultation with internal and external stakeholders, Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) has made significant updates and price changes to prosthetic and orthotic benefits.

The updates and changes will take effect on January 30, 2023.

AADL recommends that prosthetic and orthotic vendors carefully review the new approved product lists to prepare for when the updates take effect. The updated lists can be found on the [AADL orthotic and prosthetics benefits page on the Open Government web portal](#).

Vendors who require support while transitioning to the updated approved product lists may contact Alberta Blue Cross Provider Inquiries at 1-888-828-8738 or healthservicesAADLinquiries@ab.bluecross.ca

AADL would like to thank the prosthetic and orthotic specialty assessors, vendors and associations, particularly the [Alberta Association of Orthotists and Prosthetists](#), for their input, feedback and validation throughout the review process.

What has changed

The following changes have been applied to both the orthotic and prosthetic approved product lists.

Updated catalogue numbers

Both lists have been simplified by rolling several benefits into pre-existing generic AADL catalogue numbers (those that begin with N).

New catalogue numbers (P694, O296, O363 and O587) were created to accommodate new products and procedures.

Items no longer being produced or that have not been provided to clients for several years were removed from the lists.

Updated pricing

Benchmark pricing was reviewed and commercial component prices were updated to match current market pricing.

For most generic catalogue numbers, the maximum price AADL will pay for benefits has increased. The prices reflect changes in technology and the new generic catalogue numbers allow authorizers to select from a range of products, rather than a specific product, to better meet clients' needs.

Specific updates

Knee-ankle-foot orthotic (KAFO) component pricing has been unbundled. Authorizers may now select only the required components that optimally align to the client's needs.

An exchange rate procedure has been developed for generic catalogue numbers invoiced in U.S. dollars. Generic benefit item and component costs that are invoiced in U.S. dollars (USD) may be converted to Canadian dollars (CAD) using the exchange rate the vendor paid when purchasing the device/component. The USD to CAD converted price will be the input for the actual invoice cost in the AADL Generic Calculator.

Unloading knee orthosis eligibility requirements have been updated for clarity.

Early replacement item descriptions have been updated to clarify that for each item, the same catalogue number is only applicable for trans-tibial, knee disarticulation and trans-femoral amputation levels.

More information

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