

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

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Changes to exceptional oxygen funding and updates to amplification benefits policy

Exceptional funding for oxygen

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alberta Aids to Daily Living Respiratory Benefits program implemented exceptional oxygen funding to allow access to oxygen benefits when outpatient testing clinics were closed and the required testing were unavailable.

Effective March 2, 2022, the exceptional oxygen funding due to COVID-19 will be discontinued. Albertans will need to meet the criteria for funding that are outlined in the [Respiratory Benefits Program Policy and Procedures Manual](#).

More information

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Amplification benefits policy and procedure changes

Alberta Aids to Daily Living has updated the Amplification Benefits Policy and Procedure Manual to provide clarity around vendor business hours, supervision requirements and pediatric fitting guidelines.

Policy H – 04, Specialty Supplier Requirements, has been updated to clarify the number of hours specialty assessors are required to be on site during vendor business hours. The definition of “off-site” coverage was also updated.

Policy H – 05, Specialty Assessor/Authorizer Qualifications, was changed to remove supervision wording with regards to students and clinicians that are not registered hearing aid practitioners as this is covered under the educational institutions and professional colleges. Wording to clarify supervision requirements for clinicians working towards becoming a specialty assessor was also updated.

Policies H-08, Hearing Assessments, H – 10, Hearing Aid Selection, and H – 11, Fitting & Verification of Hearing aids, have been updated to read “Audiologists fitting hearing aids on children 0 – 6 **must** follow the Alberta College Of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists Pediatric fitting guidelines.”

The full details and new revisions can be found in the [Amplification Benefits Policy and Procedures Manual](#).

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