

## Reminders for AADL Medical Surgical Authorizers and Vendors

### Authorizers

Incomplete forms delay the processing of AADL benefits and clients then wait longer for their products. Please take a moment to review the information below to ensure you are completing the forms accurately and completely.

- ◆ When requesting both catheters and diapers prior approval is required. (Medical Surgical Manager can be reached at 780-643-1307).
- ◆ M243's are only to be ordered at 60/2 months (no less, no more).
- ◆ Clients or their designate must fully complete the tic box area and sign, print their name and date the 1250.
- ◆ Authorizations and reassessments for chronic venous insufficiency must include the most recent lower leg assessment form at <http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/AADL-Compression-Stocking-form.pdf>
- ◆ Authorizations and reassessments for diapers, liners and pads must include the most recent incontinence assessment summary at <http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/AADL-Incontinence-Product-Assess.pdf>
- ◆ Rationale must be provided for custom compression garments, including measurements.
- ◆ Rationale must be provided for silicone catheters as per AADL policy available at <http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/AADL-Manual-M-Medical.pdf>
- ◆ If you are a specialty assessor or certified lymphedema therapist (SA/CLT), or enterostomal nurse (ET) indicate so on all 1250's or change forms.

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- ◆ Contact the vendor regarding client usage before completing any change form.
- ◆ When sending in authorizations for wound products indicate the date that the wound began, number each wound and provide wound measurements.
- ◆ **AADL continues to reach out to authorizers when the 1250 or change form is incomplete and/or supporting documentation is missing. AADL will be sending these authorizations back. Authorizers may face temporary suspension when they do not provide information in a timely manner.**

## Authorizers and Vendors

Please contact the appropriate clerk when inquiring about clients. For clients with the **last name of A-L**, contact **debby.baumann@gov.ab.ca**, for clients with the last name from **M-Z**, contact **penny.porta@gov.ab.ca**

**ATTENTION AUTHORIZERS: Do not save up authorizations to send in bulk because this results in delays for the client**

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**We appreciate your feedback:**

Let us know what you would like us to address in The Newsletter.

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## Notice of AADL Updates to Pediatric Approved Product Listing (APL) Effective January 2017

Based on recommendations made by the Pediatric Standing Frame Benefits Working Group and feedback from the pediatric authorizers, mobile standing frames are being added to the Pediatric Benefit APL. In addition, AADL is finalizing the Pediatric APL (K). AADL initiated changes to the Pediatric APL to fill a gap after manufacturers discontinued some models of pediatric standers and walkers. Four new standing frame models and three new mobile standing frames will be added to the K APL and will be posted on the AADL website on January 3, 2017.

As part of the evaluation process, AADL requested input from selected authorizers who were also asked to trial this equipment with their clients and provide feedback to AADL. Please note that while going through the evaluation process this equipment is not available to AADL clients and cannot be authorized or be considered as part of a Director Appeal process. After the product evaluation process is complete, the Mobility and Large Equipment area compiles all the information including the feedback gathered from authorizers and determines what products will be included on the APL.

We recognize that there are currently limited choices on the Pediatric APL which is why this process was initiated. It is very important that any equipment funded by AADL completes this process prior to being listed to ensure AADL is funding the best possible product for the clients.

AADL appreciates feedback on current and future products on the APL and continues to welcome that input.

## AADL Holiday Closure

The AADL office will be closed from December 26, 2016 to January 2, 2017.

The Respiratory Benefit Program (RBP) will be closed December 26-27 and January 2 and open December 28-31.



During this time, consider accessing local equipment loaner pools such as the Canadian Red Cross Equipment Loan Program (HELP). <http://www.redcross.ca/how-we-help/community-health-services-in-canada/alberta-health-equipment-loan-program>

Whenever possible have authorizations submitted to AADL well in advance of December 23 to avoid delays in accessing benefits.