

Mobility and Large Equipment Updates

Pediatric Equipment

In January 2017, Mobile Standing Frame Benefits were added to the AADL Approved Product List (APL).

Since the APL was published, manufacturer representatives, vendors and authorizers have made additional recommendations to refine the APL. After careful consideration, AADL has updated the APL to reflect many of these suggestions. The updated K-APL will be posted shortly. Highlights of the revisions include:

- ◆ Adding options – headrest/chinrest for the Superstand HLT, extended seat option on the Kidwalk2, an arm platform option on the Pacer, hardware with the headrest option on Otto Bock's freestander.
- ◆ Moving the Kidwalk2 from the Mobile Standing Frames section to the Pediatric Walkers section.
- ◆ Clarifying options available with the Pacer Gait Trainer – Package A or Package B.
- ◆ Switching out the deflector on the Rifton HTS to a splash guard which can be used without seat padding.
- ◆ Correcting the name of the mobile standing frame by Rifton. It is the Rifton Pacer Mobile Stander that is the mobile standing frame intended for the program – and not the Dynamic Stander.

AADL added the mobile standing frames to support older children who are wheelchair bound and are attending school, to independently move about the classrooms and participate in classroom activities such as reaching the smart board and lab work. At this age, typically a therapist can better predict if a child is going to be able to walk, an important consideration given these children would be funded for a mobile stander or walker. Lighter weight capacities are available for those children who may fall in the lower percentile range.

AADL provides some assistance with equipment required by individuals with disabilities, the list of items funded by the government program is not exhaustive. Therapists working with clients and their families need to consider all types of funding available including private insurance and other third party payers and assist their clients in finding alternate funding resources if the client is unable to pay privately.

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Hearing Aid Vendors- Cros/BiCros Catalogue # Update and Billing Procedure

Please be advised that the catalogue numbers for Cros/BiCros hearing aids and microphones have been updated in the APL. The codes for the various benefit categories were corrected to reflect the various benefit plans they fall under. For example: Cost Share Seniors have different codes than Cost-Share exempt Seniors.

When Billing for Cros/BiCros hearing aids please use the catalogue numbers for the Cros/BiCros benefit area you are billing for; do not use the regular hearing aid catalogue numbers. For example (Cost Share Senior):

- ◆ A CROS BTE and a CROS ITE would both have the same CROS code (H022) and would be billed with the CROS microphone (H024). You would not add the BTE code (H009) or the ITE code (H011) to identify the style of hearing aid (BTE or ITE) as this would result in overbilling due to the addition of the third hearing aid code.
- ◆ A BiCROS BTE or BiCROS ITE would both have the same BiCROS code (H023) and would be billed with the CROS microphone (H024). You would not add the BTE code (H009) or the ITE code (H011) to identify the style of hearing aid (BTE or ITE) because this results in overbilling due to the addition of the third hearing aid code.

This goes for ALL benefit categories on the APL.

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Updates for Medical-Surgical Benefits

The APL for Medical Surgical supplies, and custom and ready-made Compression garments will be updated effective March 1, 2017.

The benchmark prices have been reviewed and adjusted for diapers and liners, catheters, ostomy supplies, custom and ready-made compression garments.

New Products added to the APL

Burn Garments - Thigh High Zippers (J461)

Ostomy Supplies- Flange Extenders (M048) and Ostomy Powder (M038). Both products need to be authorized by an Enterostomal Therapy Registered Nurse (ET RN)

A number of products are being phased out due to low usage. If you have a client that uses these products they can continue to use them until their authorization expires.

| Product | Catalogue Number |
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| Catheters and supplies | M300 M302 M329 M382 M383 M016 M305 M307 M313 M322 M356 M364 |

AADL is holding general Q&A sessions for medical surgical benefits on March 3 at 9:00 am and April 20 at 1:30 pm. To register for either session, email Andrea at Andrea.Waywanko@gov.ab.ca. Please include your authorizer number. You will be sent call-in information approximately one week prior to the session.

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Mobility Equipment Vendors

AADL is hosting a Mobility Equipment Vendor meeting on February 28, 2017. Vendors may attend by teleconference. Authorizers and clients have notified AADL that there are vendors in Edmonton and Calgary who are not accepting recycle equipment due to space and/or staff issues. AADL is interested in hearing vendor feedback and input on solutions to this issue. If you have not received a meeting invite, please contact Jacki Whitford, Manager Mobility and Large Equipment at jacki.whitford@gov.ab.ca.