

Update to Medical-Surgical Benefits

New Incontinence Catalogue Number

Effective December 15, 2017 AADL is adding a new category of incontinence products. Catalogue number M215 will cover Huggies and Pampers products for AADL clients aged four and up.

The benchmark price for M215 is 60 cents. As with all AADL benchmark products AADL vendors must offer a product at or below the benchmark price. If the shelf price or sale price is lower than the benchmark price, the vendor must invoice AADL at the shelf or sale price.

Vendors who have existing clients that now fall under the M215 category can email AADL Program Manager for Medical Surgical Benefits, Lori Harmon at lori.harmon@gov.ab.ca to update the client authorization.

AADL created this category of diaper to offer an incontinence product for children that meets AADL eligibility criteria, improves pricing while still maintains quality services and product choice.

If you have any questions regarding this change, AADL will be hosting a Q&A teleconference session on December 12th at 9:00 a.m. for Authorizers and Vendors of Incontinence Products.

Please email Andrea with your authorizer or vendor number at andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca to register. You will be emailed call-in information approximately one week prior to the session.

Please be advised AADL will be conducting an audit of incontinence authorizations. Authorizer may receive an audit form in the new year requesting documentation for incontinence assessments.

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Recycle Equipment – Wheelchair Specification Sheet Revisions

AADL introduced standardized wheelchair spec sheets on October 1, 2017 to streamline administrative processes and reduce wait times. AADL has since received a significant amount of valuable feedback from vendors and authorizers related to these spec sheets. In response, AADL collected and reviewed this feedback and has made the following revisions to the specification sheet transition.

1. AADL will continue to work towards standardized spec sheets for all recycle wheelchairs on the program, however will take a phased approach beginning with Category A Adult Manual Wheelchairs. Standardized AADL Category A Manual Adult Wheelchair Spec Sheets (excluding tilt and heavy duty) have been reviewed by manufacturers, vendors, AADL staff, and authorizers and will be published December 4, 2017. These standardized spec sheets must be attached when submitting authorizations for this category of wheelchairs after December 4/17. For the month of December, the benefit clerks will transfer any previous versions of spec sheets to the new versions.

2. All other manual wheelchair spec sheets will be reverted to the Manufacturer's AADL spec sheets until the next phase of spec sheet revisions. Future spec sheet revisions will include consultation with vendors, AADL staff, authorizers and manufacturers prior to publication. The next category to be reviewed will be the tilt in space and heavy duty wheelchairs.

Once AADL has the standardized spec sheets in place, a separate authorizer refresher course for authorizers with the wheelchair range will be offered. This course will focus on wheelchair authorizations only. Further details on this course will be available once a date is set.

Concerns with ordering the Avenger Tilt with the Recline feature has been brought forward. AADL will no longer fund the Recline option until further notice. If your client has the Avenger Tilt with recline feature and is experiencing any issues, please contact Rick Fakeley at 780-422-9642 or Larry Oswald at 780-422-7937.

The Manual Wheelchair Approved Product List (APL) and List of Generic Codes have been updated and now include the Sunrise QXi model. Please ensure you refer to the most recent documents when selecting a wheelchair to meet your client's needs (authorizers) or recording generic codes (vendors). Read more about ordering wheelchairs [here](#).

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

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AADL Holiday Closure

The AADL office will be closed from December 25, 2017 to January 2, 2018.

The Respiratory Benefits Program will be closed on December 25 and 26, 2017 as well as January 1, 2018. This program will be open from December 27 to 29, 2017.

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 22 to avoid delays in accessing benefits.

