
Alberta Aids to Daily Living

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Home Care Beds and Accessories

The Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) program assists Albertans, with a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness, in maintaining independence in their community through the provision of basic medical equipment and supplies to meet their clinically assessed needs.

AADL Home Care Bed and Accessories Description

- ◆ AADL provides eligible Albertans with homeware beds, mattresses, rails, over-the-bed tables, and trapeze bars through a single supplier: the Home Care Bed Recycle Depot.
- ◆ Beds and accessories are provided as a package or individual items.
- ◆ A bed package includes a homeware bed (power), a pressure reduction mattress, and bed rails.
- ◆ This equipment is not provided to persons in acute care facilities or continuing care centres.
- ◆ Equipment may be new or recycled.



Eligibility Requirements

- ◆ Must be an Alberta resident with a valid Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan card and:
 - ◆ requires equipment due to a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness,
 - ◆ spends 80 per cent of their time in bed and/or are end-stage palliative, and
 - ◆ has been assessed by an AADL Authorizer.

Cost Share

- ◆ AADL is a cost-share program. Clients are required to contribute 25 percent of the approved benefit amount, up to a maximum of \$500 per individual (family) per benefit year (July 1 to June 30).

Example:

Total Bed Package Cost =	\$1,000
Client Cost (cost sharing at 25 percent) =	\$ 250
AADL Cost =	\$ 750

- ◆ AADL assists with funding costs for repairs and maintenance resulting from normal wear.
- ◆ The Homecare Bed Recycle Depot will call the contact person on the authorization form to request payment of the cost-share portion before delivery.

Cost-Share Exemption

- ◆ Low-income Albertans and those receiving income assistance may be exempt from cost sharing. Clients must fill out a cost-share exemption form available from AADL at: <http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/AADL-Cost-Share-Exemption.pdf>.
- ◆ Clients can appeal their cost-share status if cost sharing will create a financial hardship. Further information on how to appeal, is available at: <http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/AADL-Cost-Share-Appeal-Info.pdf>.

Steps to Obtain a Bed

- ◆ The individual is assessed by an AADL Authorizer and eligibility for equipment is determined.
- ◆ Correct equipment is identified.
- ◆ Client signs declaration form.
- ◆ Client pays cost-share portion, if appropriate.
- ◆ Equipment is delivered.

Client Responsibility

- ◆ The client (their family, trustee/guardian) is responsible to ensure reasonable care and maintenance of AADL-supplied equipment. The client is responsible for replacing equipment that is lost, stolen or damaged due to misuse.

Ownership

- ◆ The AADL program retains full ownership of the equipment. The equipment is not for resale and must be returned to the Homecare Bed Recycle Depot in the following circumstances:
 - ◆ The equipment is no longer required, for whatever reason.
 - ◆ The equipment needs to be replaced by AADL.
 - ◆ The person using the equipment moves from Alberta.
 - ◆ If, for any reason, the person becomes ineligible for the benefit.
- ◆ Once the equipment is no longer required, contact the Homecare Bed Recycle Depot to arrange pick up toll-free within Alberta at 1-800-220-9684.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When Clients Refuse Equipment That Has Been Ordered

By signing the Client Declaration form, the client or their designate acknowledges their awareness that:

- ◆ The equipment was ordered on their behalf.
- ◆ There is space for the equipment in the home.
- ◆ They are aware cost-share charges are due, as applicable, once the equipment leaves the Homecare Bed Recycle Depot.
- ◆ If the equipment is refused, AADL will not resupply it for at least six months.
- ◆ If the the client and/ or the family requires the equipment be re-ordered, they must submit a letter which outlines why the equipment was initially refused and what circumstances have changed that now allow them to accept the equipment.
- ◆ If there is a second refusal of the equipment, AADL will not provide the benefit again.



If there is an **unexpected change** and the bed is no longer required, please contact the Homecare Bed Recycle Depot at 1-800-220-9684 immediately to prevent being charged for the cost-share.

Glossary

- ◆ **Authorizer:** An Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) authorizer is a health care professional (occupational therapist (OT), physical therapist (PT) or registered nurse (RN), who assesses a client’s medical needs and eligibility for AADL benefits.
- ◆ **Palliative Client:** A client is deemed palliate if they are in the end stage of illness when care is focused on symptom relief and not a cure. Palliative equipment orders may be faxed to AADL and will receive priority attention when received.
- ◆ **Recycle Vendor:** A recycle vendor is an AADL-approved vendor contracted to supply, maintain, store and recycle large recyclable equipment.

Notes

AADL is an Alberta Health program.

For more information, contact your local
Alberta Health Services office OR:

Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program
10th Floor, Milner Building
10040 - 104 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0Z2

Phone: 780-427-0731;
to call toll-free, first dial 310-0000, then
780-427-0731 when prompted.

Fax: 780-422-0968

www.health.alberta.ca/services/aids-to-daily-living.html

Deaf or hearing impaired callers within Alberta using a
TTY can reach the provincial government by dialing
780-427-9999 in Edmonton or 1-800-232-7215
throughout Alberta.

