

### Update on Pediatric Standing Frame Benefits and Walkers

#### Pediatric Standing Frames

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) consulted with therapists whose clients use pediatric standing frames to review the eligibility criteria for AADL funded pediatric standing frames. Work included a review of available research and literature and discussions on the purpose, clinical use, practicality and benefits of pediatric standing frames within the contextual significance of AADL's parameters.

The results of this collaborative work yielded a clear set of criteria for AADL Pediatric Standing Frames and Walkers, a new Assessment Summary Form for Pediatric Standing Frames and mutually understood language for use in policy around the purpose of these benefits that is in keeping with AADL's mandate.

**If criteria is met and supported by the new Assessment Summary for Pediatric Standing Frame Benefits form**, standing frames and walkers will not be considered duplicate benefits for the same function.

**Effective May 1, 2016**, all authorizations for Pediatric Standing Frame benefits require the authorizer to complete an AADL Assessment Summary for Pediatric Standing Frame Benefits. This must be attached to the authorization form for pediatric standing frames and submitted to AADL. This form is available on the website at: <http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/AADL-forms-docs.html>

The K-APL has been updated to reflect these changes.

A Q&A is planned for May 16 at 9:00am to address any questions on the new process. Please contact Andrea Waywanko at [andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca](mailto:andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca) to register for this session.

#### Pediatric Walkers

Due to a number of concerns brought forward, AADL is suspending orders for the Trekkor Gait Trainer. The manufacturer has been made aware and is working on solutions. In the meantime, new authorizations or authorizations waiting for back ordered Trekkor walker/parts are going to be given the opportunity to substitute their choice with another walker. The Rifton Gait Trainer upcharge is being temporarily waived to ensure all clients have access to this walker if it meets the client's basic needs.

Please contact the benefit clerk associated with the vendor of choice if you have a Trekkor on order to advise if you want to change the product. You will need to send a fax to the benefit clerk identifying the substitute product chosen and features required. A list of the benefit clerks can be found at:

<http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/AADL-contact.html>

If you have any concerns or comments, please contact Jacki Whitford, Manager Mobility and Large Equipment at [jacki.whitford@gov.ab.ca](mailto:jacki.whitford@gov.ab.ca)

