

### Mobility and Large Equipment Benefit Updates

#### **Recyclable Wheelchair Benefits:**

Effective immediately, AADL owned wheelchairs will no longer be informally recycled in the community once they reach five years of age.

Wheelchairs funded and recycled by Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) are considered government property until they are no longer economical to repair or refurbish and declared as Surplus Equipment. Any equipment considered to be government property must be declared as surplus or disposed of using formal government regulated processes involving Surplus Sales, Service Alberta.

AADL recognizes that there are individuals and community facilities that may benefit from being able to access equipment at a lower cost than if purchased new. Any individual can access these wheelchairs through Government Surplus Sales at <http://surplus.gov.ab.ca/>

At this time, AADL is not considering providing permanent loaners to facilities and instead recommends they access surplus sales to obtain used wheelchairs.

#### **New Z-code APL with Z-Code changes for Power Wheelchairs:**

AADL has made changes to the Z-codes for Power Wheelchairs effective April 1, 2016. Currently there are separate Z-codes for pediatric and adult power wheelchairs. In an effort to simplify coding, some of the codes were amalgamated. As a result, 22 codes are being retired and 13 new codes created.

Normally, a Z-code list is sent out to each individual recycle vendor by email. AADL has created a new Z-APL - Approved Product List which will be uploaded onto the AADL website for April 1, 2016. Vendors will have access to this APL on-line in the AADL manual section of the website.

Employee qualifications for providing recycle services are now listed on the Z-APL. These are not new for power or manual wheelchairs, however, technicians working at a Large Equipment Recycle Vendor will now require training from the manufacturer of power lifters to work on this equipment.

An e-mail will be sent out shortly to all AADL Wheelchair and Large Equipment Recycle Vendors with the Z-APL in advance of the website launch.

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## **New Pediatric Folding Wheelchair:**

Last year, AADL authorizers identified a gap in basic wheelchair benefits for children, requesting AADL consider adding a Category A pediatric folding wheelchair to the program. In response, AADL initiated an Exceptional Product Submission Process which considers a product's quality, manufacturer warranties, competitive pricing, equipment adjustability, and clinician feedback. The **Physipro XL5** was chosen out of six submissions; effective April 1, 2016, this wheelchair will become available for authorization under **AADL catalogue number W116**.