

### Changes and Reminders: Medical/Surgical Benefits

Lauran Chittim, Program Manager of Medical/Surgical benefits, and Breast Prostheses has accepted a position within Alberta Health as Director of Health Insurance Policy, and left her position with AADL effective July 31, 2013.

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**Ostomy Benefits:** Once piece ileostomy drainable pouch, catalogue number M063 was removed at the end of June and is no longer available as an AADL approved product. A revised Approved Product Listing (APL) was sent out in July 2013. See following link:

<http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/AADL-Manual-M-Products.pdf>

#### Reminders:

Authorizations need to be mailed in to facilitate timely and accurate processing of authorizations. Any authorizations received by fax will be returned with the exception of authorizations for palliative clients.

In order to determine eligibility please provide the **clinical rationale** on the authorization/ change form for the following benefits as per policy and procedures in Manual M:

Benefit	Request for:
Catheters	Catheters with Coude tip or 100% silicone
Incontinence Supplies	Combinations: Disposable Briefs with Ostomy/Catheter supplies (strict criteria applied)
Dressings	Sterile Dressings
	Dressings for more than one wound- identify each wound by location and date the wound developed.
Ostomy Supplies	Ostomy belts for extending wear time (ETRN)

