

Walking Aids and Accessories Vendor Changes

AADL will be updating the criteria for Vendors providing AADL Walking Aids and Accessories benefits and adding a list of approved manufacturers to the Walking Aids and Accessories Approved Product List (APL). These changes will come into effect July 1, 2017 and are outlined below.

Vendors must:

- ◆ have a service area allocated on the premises that will allow for the provision of minor repair services on walking aids and accessories. Examples of repairs include replacing wheels, adding slow down brakes or oxygen holders and replacing handle grips, cane and walker tips.
- ◆ have an area in the store that allows clients to trial the equipment and provide authorizers with equipment for trial purposes.
- ◆ maintain a minimum of one (1) staff member with knowledge and experience in the repair of small equipment.
- ◆ stock a minimum:
 - ◆ choice of two (2) different AADL **approved manufacturers'** products for two wheeled walkers.
 - ◆ of at least one AADL **approved manufacturers'** products for four point canes and forearm crutches.
 - ◆ choice of two (2) **approved manufacturers'** products for four-wheeled walkers available in standard, heavy duty, tall and wide types. At least one of each four wheeled walker type must be fully set up on display.
- ◆ Keep common replacement items and accessories in stock – forearm attachments, slow down brakes, wheels, standard brake parts, handle grips, rubber tips.

AADL will permit current vendors of walking aids and accessories benefits an additional six (6) months – until December 31, 2017 to meet these requirements. If vendors require the extension, it must be requested in writing when submitting your agreement renewal. If you have any questions, contact Jacki Whitford, Program Manager for Mobility and Large Equipment at 780-422-8025 or toll-free in Edmonton by dialling 310-0000, then 780-422-8025 when prompted.

Alberta Aids to Daily Living is holding a Question and Answer Session about the upcoming agreement changes for AADL Mobility Vendors on May 8 at 1:30 pm. To register for this session, contact Andrea at andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca. Please include your vendor number. You will be sent call-in information prior to the session.

