

### Mobility Bulletin Adjustable Tension Backrests

The following information is intended to clarify the changes to adjustable tension backrests as outlined in the AADL July 2014 Newsletter.

As stated in the newsletter, adjustable tension backrests are no longer listed on the Wheelchair Accessories Approved Product List (V APL).

- Adjustable tension backrests can be ordered as part of the wheelchair order.
- For new purchased wheelchairs, AADL will fund the lowest cost alternative of either:
  - Adjustable tension backrest listed on the manufacturer's wheelchair spec sheet or,
  - Generic adjustable tension backrest appropriate for the wheelchair ordered.
- For recycled wheelchairs, AADL will fund the lowest cost alternative generic adjustable tension backrest.
- If a client has an existing wheelchair and is requesting the addition of an adjustable tension backrest, AADL will fund the lowest cost alternative generic adjustable tension backrest.
- If a client prefers a more expensive adjustable tension backrest, AADL will fund the cost for a generic adjustable tension backrest only. Any costs exceeding that of the generic option are considered an upgrade cost to the client.

AADL will be hosting a Q&A session for **Mobility and Wheelchair Accessories** on August 7, 2014 at 1:30pm. Enrollment is restricted to 40 participants, on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to attend, please send an email to [terri.gaunt@gov.ab.ca](mailto:terri.gaunt@gov.ab.ca) with your authorizer, specialty supplier or vendor number.

