

Speech Generating Communication Device Benefit

Information for current and potential service provider sites, Authorizers and Manufacturers/Distributors

- ◆ The Speech Generating Communication Device (SGCD) Benefit is being transitioned from a pilot benefit to a permanent benefit of the Alberta Aids to Daily Living program effective December 1, 2014.
- ◆ The new Policies and Procedures for the Speech Generating Communication Devices benefit and supporting forms are available online at <http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/AADL-program-manual.html>.
- ◆ Many of the policies are based on processes used in the pilot project and are intended to formalize and clarify the procedures. Client eligibility (Policy AS-01 Eligibility Criteria) and roles and responsibilities (Policy AS-02 Client Roles and Responsibilities) will be familiar.
- ◆ Please note the policies outlining the process to become an AADL recognized "Service Centre" (Policy AS-04 SGCD Service Centre Eligibility) and the process to become an AADL recognized Authorizer (Policy AS-03 SGCD Authorizer Qualifications). Current service provider sites and current authorizers (previously assessors) are also required to complete these application processes.
- ◆ Manufacturers/Distributors will be interested in Policy AS-13 Qualification for SGCD Manufacturers/Distributors and Policy AS-14 Expectations of SGCD Manufacturers/Distributors
- ◆ The SGCD Approved Product List is available at <http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/AADL-program-manual.html>.
- ◆ For further information you may attend the teleconference referenced below, or email the Speech Language Consultants at sgcd.aadl@gov.ab.ca
- ◆ AADL will host a Q&A teleconference session regarding these changes on Wednesday December 10, 2014 from 3 pm to 4 pm.

Enrollment is restricted to 40 participants, on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to attend, please contact Ms. Andrea Waywanko at andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca. You will then be sent the teleconference ID# and password one week prior to the session. Please submit any specific questions to Ms. Waywanko ahead of time.

