

Notice of Updates to Mobility and Large Equipment

All updates will be effective October 1, 2017

Recycle Equipment – Approved Product List Additions

The AADL Product Evaluations results have been completed for manual wheelchairs and large equipment.

The following products will be added to the Approved Product Lists for October 1, 2017.

- ❖ Physipro XL5-ci under the heavy duty manual wheelchair category A.
- ❖ Ki Mobility Klik under Pediatric Category B wheelchairs replacing The Little Wave.
- ❖ Invacare Freedom P.R.O and Freedom NXT under Pediatric Tilt-in-Space wheelchairs.
- ❖ Molift Nomad overhead lifter.

The Molift Nomad overhead lifter is a non-portable single room lifter. The unit is designed to stay on the track, closer to the ceiling, allowing the caregiver unimpeded access to the client.

Power Wheelchair Product Evaluation update: Two pediatric power wheelchairs are scheduled to be added to the January 2018 Approved Product List pending evaluation completion and a mini-tender process.

Benchmark Product Updates

Pediatric Equipment:

AADL will be moving pediatric equipment to a benchmark model. Availability of pediatric equipment on the market is evolving. Shifting pediatric bathing and toileting equipment and floor sitters to benchmark will result in increased access to these products.

In the benchmark model, authorizers may authorize equipment from an Approved Manufacturer that meets the standards listed on the Approved Product List. AADL will fund up to a maximum price and vendors are expected to carry at least one product equal to or less than the maximum. See the K-APL for more information.

Mattress overlays

Previously mattress overlays were found in two separate manuals and have now been amalgamated under the E-benefits policy and APL. Gel Action overlays and Foam overlays with Roho inserts are now found in the E-APL.

Policy Changes

Manual Wheelchairs

AADL has set a price maximum on Category A wheelchairs, excluding heavy duty models. The maximum price on a Category A wheelchair is set at \$2500.00, Category B wheelchair is \$3300.00 and a Category C wheelchair is \$3900.00.

Recognizing that there are options that may be considered basic needs for some clients, AADL has added separate option codes for:

- ❖ Heavy Duty Packages,
- ❖ One Arm Drives,
- ❖ Elevating Legrests,
- ❖ Adjustable Angle Footplates and
- ❖ Adjustable Tension Backs.

When authorizing a wheelchair, the wheelchair code plus the option code is required on the authorization form to obtain the funding. Written rationale specific to each option requested must be reported on the 1251 authorization form to obtain funding.

Power Wheelchair Specialty Controls

A separate code for specialty controls has been added to the Approved Product List. This code provides funding for one of 5 types of specialty controls including Head Arrays, MEC joysticks, Chin controls, Rim controls, Sip 'n Puff, or Switch Drives. A maximum amount of funding has been set at \$4,000.00 and must be prior approved by AADL. Clients will be responsible for the cost of maintenance and repairs on these controls.

Wheelchair Grants

AADL has noticed an increased number of appeals for funding higher category wheelchairs than the client is eligible for. To meet these demands, AADL has created a mechanism that allows clients to choose to upgrade to a higher category while considering program sustainability and improving wait time efficiencies.

Clients eligible for a Category A or B wheelchair and who prefer to upgrade to a higher category may request authorization for a \$2000.00 grant towards the purchase of a wheelchair. Wheelchairs obtained this way will be considered client owned, and the client will be responsible for all maintenance and repair costs. There will be a firm six year limit before a client can reapply to AADL for wheelchair funding.

Good news

The Category D wheelchair grant amount has been increased from \$3600.00 to \$3900.00 and base amounts for Tilt-in-Space Wheelchairs funding has increased from \$1800.00 to \$2100.00.

Discontinued Products

The following AADL approved products have been discontinued as of October 1, 2017:

- ❖ Lifters: The Prism Waverly Glen P440 Lifter, Maxi-Lite Arjo and Rise Porto
 - ❖ Wheelchairs: The Little Wave, Zippie TS, RubiX2, Maple Leaf EZRide and Spree XT
- See the wheelchair and lifter APL's for more information.

All updated Approved Product Lists and Policy Manuals will be available on-line on the AADL website after October 1, 2017.

AADL will be hosting a teleconference Q&A session for authorizers and vendors on who have any questions about the October 1 changes on **October 19 at 10 am**. Please contact Andrea at andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca to register for the session. Call in details will be provided one week before the session.

