

Mobility and Large Equipment Update

Changes to Formal Recycle for Mobility and Large Equipment Effective January 1, 2014

AADL will no longer recycle the following benefits:

- ◆ manual wheelchairs that are more than five years old,
- ◆ bathing and toileting equipment,
- ◆ mattress overlays.

Please **do not** return this equipment to an AADL recycle vendor on or after January 1, 2014. This equipment can be recycled within the community.

Vendors please be advised that AADL will no longer pay recycle-in fees for any bathing and toileting equipment, wheelchairs more than five years old or mattress overlays, effective January 1, 2014.

Community Recycling may include providing the equipment to another client, community agency, or donating to a loaner pool or health care facility such as a hospital, continuing care center, health unit or seniors residence. Internal transfers and permanent loaner requests are no longer required for this type of equipment.

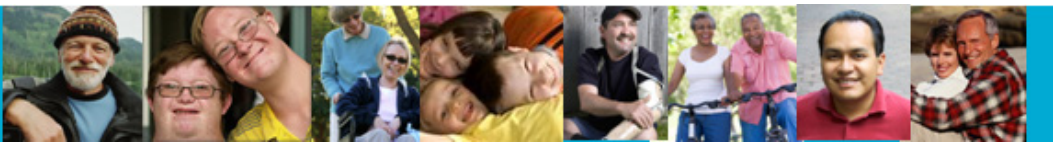
Items No Longer Recycled by AADL

Catalogue #	Description
L359	Electric Bathlifts
L225, L236	Mattress Overlays
K015, K016, K017, K018, K019, K023, K026, K025, K046, K047	Pediatric Commodes and Bathing Equipment
G036, G042, G043, G044, G065, G066, G067, G068, G069	Commodes
All Manual W catalogue numbers	Any wheelchair over five years old (older than January 1, 2009)

Vendors: Please ensure that “property of the Government of Alberta” stickers are no longer placed on bathing and toileting equipment.

AADL will continue to repair bathing and toileting equipment and wheelchairs when it is cost effective to do so. Vendors must confirm through the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system, that the client was issued that particular benefit prior to creating the work order for repairs.

Authorizers: If the age of the wheelchair is unclear, please contact the appropriate AADL Benefit Clerk in Mobility and Large Equipment.



Changes to the Authorization Process for Replacement Manual Wheelchairs Effective January 1, 2014

Exceptions to the Quantity and Frequency Process (QFR) process have been created to streamline and simplify the authorization process for replacement manual wheelchairs (category A, B and C).

A QFR will not be required if the wheelchair:

- ◆ has been deemed by AADL as not cost effective to repair.
- ◆ is greater than five years old and the client has experienced a significant change in clinical condition.
- ◆ no longer meets the pediatric client's needs due to growth (the wheelchair must be changing in size at least two inches).
- ◆ is being changed to a tilt-in-space wheelchair and the client has been in the manual wheelchair for longer than one year.

Please clearly indicate changes in clinical condition and the rationale on Section 5 of the 1251 form. Please see the attached process map for more information.

Changes to Power Mobility Application Process Effective December 9, 2013

AADL is introducing a new Power Mobility application. The new application will in effect and located on the AADL website on December 9, 2013. Applications waiting to be reviewed do not need to be resubmitted.

The new application was developed in consultation with AADL Power Mobility Authorizers in order to better capture objective information in a shorter application. The new application must be mailed to AADL with the 1251 authorization form and power mobility specification sheets. Client impact statements are no longer required.

Please note that Power Mobility applications will no longer be faxed back to the authorizer for more information. If a Power Mobility application is submitted which is either incomplete or without required supporting documentation, the application will be mailed back to the AADL Authorizer. AADL will not keep a copy of the application. The authorizer must re-submit the application with the missing information or supporting documentation before it will be reviewed.

In order to streamline the power mobility approval process and complete requests as quickly as possible, not all applications will be going to the Power Mobility Application Review Committee for approval. Applications where the clinical eligibility is clear will be approved by the Program Manager for Mobility and Large Equipment. All other applications will be sent to the Power Mobility Application Review Committee for review.

Question and Answer Session

AADL will be hosting a question and answer session via teleconference for mobility and large equipment vendors and authorizers on December 19, 2013 at 1pm. Please register by contacting Andrea Waywanko at Andrea.Waywanko@gov.ab.ca.

AADL appreciates your co-operation in communicating this information to anyone who may be affected by these process changes.

Process for Authorizing Manual Wheelchairs through Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)

