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Reminder: Updates to online health portal coming February 2

As previously announced in AADL Bulletin #149, Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) and Alberta Blue Cross are updating the online health portal for medical-surgical and benchmark mobility products to make adjusting authorizations easier and claim adjudication even more accurate.

The upcoming changes to the portal include the following:

- Authorizations will be product-specific instead of category-specific. Authorizers will be
 able to remove individual products from an authorization, rather than removing all
 benefits of the same type from an authorization.
- Medical surgical benefits can be authorized for up to four years, instead of two.
- Diapers and catheters have been placed into their own category in the Authorization type drop-down menu. This will assist authorizers in locating those products more quickly.
- Some benefits will have additional eligibility questions. The questions are meant to help authorizers ensure clients are eligible for certain products, such as catheters and homecare beds.
- Reports will show more details, including the manufacturer and model of some benefits as well as specific codes for explanations in the event that a specific benefit is denied.
- Authorization history reports will also list the products that have been authorized for a
 patient, with a filter and sort functionality. Each individual product will appear on its own
 line rather than grouped together. Products on an authorization will share a reference
 number, so authorizers and vendors will still be able to see what was submitted together.
- Vendors will only be able to claim for the specific products as they appear on authorizations.

The changes will take effect on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

More information

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