

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

Bulletin #158

Updates to mobility benefits

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) has made several updates to its mobility and large equipment policies and procedures. All changes referenced in this bulletin came into effect on October 1, 2023.

Approved product list changes

Approved product list ZN – Repair Services

Pricing updates

The AADL maximum prices for repair and parts changes, services, labour and shipping have been updated according to the AADL contracts for wheelchairs and large mobility equipment.

The price updates were made effective on the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal on October 1, 2023. Vendors may contact Alberta Blue Cross to request retroactive adjustments to fees for services provided on or after that date, if required.

New catalogue numbers for common repair parts

AADL Approved Product List ZN – Repair Services: Wheelchairs and Large Equipment has been updated to simplify power wheelchair and patient lifter repair claims.

There are now specific catalogue numbers for power wheelchair casters and tires, and patient lifter replacement batteries. The maximum prices for these parts have not changed.

These parts were previously billed under the general catalogue numbers for power wheelchair repairs (Z750-RP, Z750-PA) and patient lifter repairs (Z550-RP). The generic catalogue numbers may still be used for repair parts not covered by the new codes.

New codes:

- Z750C Replacement casters for power wheelchair
- Z750T Replacement tires for power wheelchair
- Z750C-PA Casters for repair/parts change (prior approval) for power wheelchair
- Z750T-PA Tires for repair/parts change (prior approval) for power wheelchair
- Z550B Replacement battery for patient lifter

Power wheelchair trial fee

- The trial fee for power wheelchairs, catalogue number Z760, is now listed in the Power Wheelchair section of the approved product list. It was previously mentioned in the policy manual and available to claim on the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal, but not shown on the approved product list.

Approved manufacturers

- Canadian Energy has been added to the list of approved power wheelchair battery manufacturers.

Approved product list BL – Homecare beds and accessories benefits

Half rails have been added to the homecare beds and accessories benefits approved product list under code L215.

Authorizers can order either a full rail or a half rail for the client. The AADL Bed Depot Order form has been updated to include this option.

Policy updates

Policy Manual Section ZN

Policy ZN – 08, Recycle Equipment Parts Change, has been updated to clarify that when transferring parts between the recycle vendor and vendors performing repairs for AADL clients, the transfer costs are not subject to cost-share.

When transferring parts to other vendors, the recycle vendor will submit a claim for the transfer fee and no cost share payment will be required. The vendor performing the repairs will claim for the repairs, which may include cost-share.

AADL homecare beds and accessories contract

The contract between AADL and Eco Medical for homecare beds and accessories has been extended to September 2025.

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