

# Alberta Aids to Daily Living

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### Product list updates: Pediatric recycle equipment

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Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) has updated [AADL Approved Product List KR – Pediatric Recycle Equipment](#) with input from authorizers, vendors and manufacturers.

Maximum prices have been updated to reflect current manufacturer pricing and several products have been added based on community feedback. The document format has been updated to align with other recyclable products and accessory pricing now allows more flexibility to meet client needs.

These changes come into effect on December 1, 2023.

#### What has changed

##### **Product codes are broken down by size**

Product codes are now broken down by size. This will enable AADL to cover the actual price of each product more accurately and make the claim process more straightforward for vendors.

Each product now has a separate code for each size, with AADL maximum price reflecting the manufacturer's published price for that size. For example, the Leckey Freestander comes in sizes 1, 2 and 3. Instead of one code, K247, there are now three codes, K247-1, K247-2 and K247-3 with different maximum prices.

When submitting claims, vendors must use the code that corresponds to the size of the benefit provided.

When submitting quantity frequency review (QFR) requests on or after December 1, authorizers will be required to enter the code for the requested product size. QFRs submitted before December 1 will be updated by Alberta Blue Cross to reflect the size requested on the QFR form. Authorizers are still required to search the recycle inventory for a replacement option and upload the notification of search results with the QFR.

Standard authorizations (non-QFR) will not change because product codes are not entered.

##### **Discounts and order form dates are displayed**

The product list now shows the discount that vendors provide under their AADL contracts, as a percentage off the manufacturer's published price. This aligns with other AADL product lists for recyclable equipment.

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The date of the manufacturer order form used to set the manufacturer's published price for each product has also been added, consistent with the product lists for other recyclable products.

### **Accessory pricing allows more client choice**

Maximum prices for pediatric equipment now include the price of the base device and commonly ordered accessories, including headrests, chest, hip, knee and ankle supports and trays. Authorizers may order any combination of accessories a client clinically requires and AADL will cover the price up to the listed maximum. This allows more flexibility to choose accessories that meet a client's unique needs.

For example, the maximum price for standing frames now includes the cost of a headrest, chest, hip, knee and ankle supports and a tray. If an authorizer orders a standing frame that comes with knee supports but no other accessories, and the total price is less than the AADL maximum, authorizers may then order other accessories the client needs and AADL will cover their cost up to the maximum price.

Vendors may claim the total price of the product and accessories as reflected on the manufacturer's order form. If the total price is less than the AADL maximum price, the actual order price must be entered on the claim.

### **New products added**

Several new products were added, giving clients access to more options recommended by clinicians and supported by AADL vendors.

#### Pediatric standing frames

- K230 – R82 Meerkat
- K231 – R82 Gazelle
- K232 – R82 Caribou
- K233 – Leckey Mygo
- K245 – Leckey Squiggles+

#### Pediatric walkers

- K284 – R82 Mustang
- K285 – Leckey Myway
- K288 – Circle Specialty Klip
- K289 – Ormesa Grillo

### **Inactive products removed**

- The Akces-Med Smart upright standing frame (K242) and Akcse-Med Cat II Invento prone/supine standing frame (K243) have been removed as they are discontinued by the manufacturer.
- The Prime Engineering youth multi-position stander (K222) and Drive Medical Nimbo walker (K276) have been removed as neither have been requested by authorizers for more than 18 months.

## **More information**

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