

# Alberta Aids to Daily Living

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### Information for Mobility and Large Equipment Authorizers

#### Comparable Substitutes

When completing an authorization for a wheelchair, Authorizers must indicate if a **Comparable Substitute** is **Acceptable** on the Wheelchair Authorization Form 1251.

If authorizers indicate “No”, they must explain why in Section 5 on the form. The following information is useful when determining if a substitute wheelchair is acceptable:

- The Catalyst 4, Move and Myon wheelchairs are **comparable in weight** therefore wheelchair weight is not a valid reason for not accepting substitution.
- The adjustable axle plate for rear wheels is also available on the above three models. When requesting the adjustable axle plate –AADL **requires** a explanation on how this option will be used.

#### Seat to floor heights (STFH)

AADL will provide the requested STFH within ½” when providing a comparable wheelchair. Caster and rear wheel sizes may be revised on Category A wheelchairs to accommodate the requested STFH for dependent, part time users, or foot propellers.