

# Alberta Aids to Daily Living

## Bulletin #64

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### Updates to AADL

#### Mobility Benefits

##### **Private Insurance and AADL Recycle Benefits**

The Ministry of Health has listened and responded to the concerns brought forward by the therapist community regarding the requirement for Albertans to access their private insurance prior to accessing AADL for wheelchairs, lifters, homecare beds, pediatric walkers and standing frames, listed under AADL recyclable benefits

Effective immediately, the requirement to access Private Insurance for AADL Recycle Benefits has been lifted. AADL authorizers will no longer require AADL clients to access private insurance prior to accessing AADL for recycle benefits.

Albertans who have private insurance and require consumable benefits such as incontinence supplies will continue to access their private insurance prior to accessing AADL funding.

##### **Wheelchair and Large Recycle Equipment Updates**

Effective October 1, 2018, AADL Wheelchair and Large Equipment Vendors signed new contracts to provide recyclable equipment for AADL. Updated Vendor Lists and Approved Product Lists (APL) for Wheelchairs, Lifters and Accessories and Pediatric Equipment will be

available on the AADL website after October 1, 2018.

Over the past year, therapists and vendors have provided feedback on the products funded by the AADL program. This feedback is critical to assist AADL in identifying gaps and current trends in adaptive equipment needs of Albertans with disabilities. Changes are made to the APL when supported by stakeholder feedback and best practice. Any changes must be deemed sustainable and comply with legislation.

Some of the highlights of the changes to the APL include the following additions:

- The Protekt Lite foldable lifter
- The Moxie GT Gait Trainer
- The Invacare Concept 45 tilt-in-space wheelchair
- The Sunrise SR45 tilt-in-space wheelchair
- The Power Plus Extreme and STP tilt-in-space wheelchairs
- Magna Charge batteries for power wheelchairs

Several products have been removed from the approved product lists including the Sunrise Relax 2, Future Mobility's Orion II, MyLife Health's Avenger II, and the Humancare Altair 150 lifter. Decisions to remove products are based on a number of factors including: usage trends, repair histories, comparison with new products, user feedback, and manufacturers' announcements.

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### **Benchmark Mobility Benefit Updates**

Pediatric sitters, pediatric bathing and toileting equipment, and lifter slings are embedded in the APL for Recycle equipment. These benchmark maximums have been updated effective October 1, 2018.

Pediatric sitters, bathing and toileting equipment fall under the benchmark model and items provided under benchmark must meet the generic description and minimum standards listed in the APL. AADL will reject authorizations for products that do not meet these standards. For example products that do not carry a three year warranty do not meet requirements and will not be funded by AADL

Vendors are responsible to ensure products provided to AADL clients meet these standards. If an authorizer or vendor identifies a deficiency, AADL has approached manufacturers to request they make changes to their products in order to be included in the AADL program.

### **Question and Answer Sessions**

Two teleconference Q&A sessions will be held on October 17 at 10am and on October 18 at 1:30pm for authorizers and vendors of mobility benefits.

If you have questions or comments about the changes or the updates to the APL please register for one of the sessions by emailing Andrea Waywanko at [andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca](mailto:andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca).