

Alberta Aids to Daily Living Prosthetics and Orthotics Updates

Effective October 16, 2017 there are a variety of updates to the program manual and approved product lists for AADL Orthotic and Prosthetic Benefits.

Due to the number of updated catalogue numbers all Specialty Suppliers are strongly encouraged to download the new versions of the documents to replace any old versions. The new documents will be made available to Specialty Suppliers prior to October 16, 2017 from the AADL website.

AADL will host teleconference Q&A sessions regarding the updates.

- ◆ *Session 1 – October 10, 2017 @ 1:30pm*
- ◆ *Session 2 – October 20, 2017 @ 9:30am*

You can register for a Q&A session by providing your name to Andrea at andrea.waywanko@gov.ab.ca giving your vendor or specialty assessor number. You will be given information to join the call prior to the session. *Additional sessions will be added as required.*

Program Manuals

The program manuals for orthotic and prosthetic benefits have been revised and combined into a single document. Please take time to review the new program manual. There have been no changes to the policies; however, Specialty Suppliers must ensure they are up to date on current AADL policies.

The new policy and procedures will be made available at <http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/AADL-program-manual.html>.

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Approved Product Lists

There have been a number of updates to the approved product lists for orthotic and prosthetic benefits. It is very important that all Specialty Suppliers take time to review the new APLs.

Updates to both the Orthotic and Prosthetic APLs:

- ◆ All catalogue numbers have been reviewed and updated for pricing. Please carefully review all new pricing. The new pricing is effective Oct 16, 2017.
 - ◆ Material and shipping costs have been reviewed and updated based on distributor/manufacturer pricelists.
 - ◆ Labour costs have been updated to reflect current practice and improve consistency across benefits. For example, labour for prosthetic gel liners was reduced to reflect the fact that liners are now provided as an essential component to a prosthetic limb, rather than a specialty item.
- ◆ Partial foot prostheses are no longer prior approval. There are specific catalogue numbers for each type of device in both the orthotic and prosthetic approved product lists.
- ◆ All catalogue numbers for modifications and repairs have been deleted and replaced. The new catalogue numbers separate services into different groups based on the type of service.
 - ◆ Specialty Suppliers no longer need to track the ongoing repair value relative to the replacement value as the new catalogue numbers have pre-determined quantities and frequencies.
- ◆ All off-site and multidisciplinary consult catalogue numbers have been removed. The funding for these catalogue numbers has been reallocated to other catalogue numbers.

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Updates Specific to Orthotic Benefits

- ◆ All knee orthoses are now under generic catalogue numbers.
- ◆ Knee orthoses repairs are now treated the same as all other orthotic repairs.
- ◆ All custom fitted rigid spinal orthoses are now under one generic catalogue number.
- ◆ Catalogue numbers for “additions” have been grouped together in the APL to minimize grouping issues with certain types of devices.
- ◆ The Orthotic Groupings document has been removed from the AADL website. The approved product list for orthotic benefits now has the grouping information included for each catalogue number.
- ◆ Pre-fabricated orthoses for clubfoot now have a dedicated section in the APL. Refer to the APL for more information.
 - ◆ Clients who require a custom-made AFO will continue to use the existing AFO catalogue numbers.
 - ◆ N280 must no longer be used for prefabricated orthotic devices for clubfoot.

Updates Specific to Prosthetic Benefits

- ◆ All catalogue numbers for additions to liners (cup, caps, pads) have been replaced with two generic catalogue numbers.
- ◆ All gel liners have new generic catalogue numbers.
 - ◆ The new catalogue numbers are grouped so they no longer compete with other socket inserts. Liners have been moved to the “Prosthetic Soft Supplies” section of the approved product list.
- ◆ All suspension sleeves are now under generic catalogue numbers. Suspension sleeves have been moved to the “Prosthetic Soft Supplies” section of the approved product list.
- ◆ Temporary sockets have been separated into three different catalogue numbers. Criteria must be provided when authorizing each new temporary socket.
- ◆ In an effort to reduce administrative burden and QFRs, the follow changes have been made:
 - ◆ Criteria for Early Replacement Sockets have changed. These catalogue numbers are no longer restricted to clients with new amputations. The catalogue numbers are the same as before (P095, P096, P099). The use of these catalogue numbers will be closely monitored. Specialty Suppliers must ensure appropriate documentation in the E-business Benefits Notes to demonstrate a need for the early replacement.
 - ◆ Categories of benefits that are tied to a new eligible socket no longer require a QFR, these are all clearly labelled in the APL.

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Procedures for Updates

The updates to the approved product lists have resulted in many changes to catalogue numbers. Below are the procedures required for each type of update.

For catalogue numbers that are no longer listed in the new APL (including repair catalogue numbers):

Assessment Date	Authorization	Service Date*	Claim
October 15, 2017 and before	<p>Create authorization using terminated catalogue number.</p> <p>All authorizations for these catalogue numbers must be entered into E-business prior to February 1, 2017.</p>	All benefits must be provided prior to February 1, 2017.	Enter claim using the price from the previous APL.
October 16, 2017 and later	<p>Create authorization using a new catalogue number.</p> <p><i>If there is no replacement catalogue number listed in the APL, the benefit cannot be provided.</i></p>	Benefits must be provided on or after October 16, 2017.	Enter the claim using the price from the new APL.

For Catalogue Numbers with updated pricing:

Service Date*	Claim
October 15, 2017 and before	Enter claim using the price from the previous APL.
October 16, 2017 and later	Enter claim using the price from the new APL.

*The “service date” is the date on which the client was provided with the device or supplies.