

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

Bulletin # 88

Updates to Medical Surgical and Compression Garment Policies and Approved Product Lists

The following updates will be effective July 1, 2020

Medical-Surgical Policy (Manual M)

- A definition of “moderate to severe incontinence” has been added. A minimal requirement of three medical grade products (as per the AADL incontinence product list) in 24 hrs is required in order to be considered as having moderate to severe incontinence.
- Authorizers can now extend the client’s authorization past the six month time frame with a Correction, Change and Extension form.
- Certain specialists are now able to authorize AADL products over the quantity frequency maximums on the approved product list.
 - Nurse Continence Advisors (NCA) and Nurses Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Canada (NSWOCC) can authorize over quantity with rationale noted on the 1250 form. AADL retains the right to limit quantities after reviewing the rationale provided.
- The specialist for ostomy products has been updated from ERTN to NSWOCC.
- NSWOCCs can now order pediatric ostomy products for non-pediatric clients.
- Vendors no longer have to provide certifications when they apply for new product ranges. Please be aware that certification is still required and must be provided upon request.

Please be aware that clients who are not maintaining the minimum usage of medical surgical products will have their authorizations end dated.

Medical-Surgical Approved Product List Updates

- Catheter straps have been added, catalogue number to be determined.
- M039 High output pouch (convex) has been added

The following products have had quantity changes on the APL.

M341	Foley catheters	6/2 months
M348	Catheter trays	6/2 months
M181	Ostomy Barrier Strips	1/2 months

The following incontinence items will be removed from the APL. Clients currently using these products may continue to receive funding for these products until the end of their authorization.

M240	Liners
M243	Respite Liners
M263	Underpads
M312	Catheter secures

The following ostomy products will be removed from the APL. Clients currently using these ostomy products will continue to receive funding until they are no longer required.

M010	Ileostomy/Urostomy Reusable Pouch
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M020	Colostomy/Ileostomy/Urostomy Reusable Rubber Pouch
M025	Plastic Face Plate
M026	Face Plate (rubber for use with M010)
M126	Adhesive disc-plastic rubber face plate
M136	Catheter for continence diversion
M164	Content diversion dressing 4x4 clean gauze
M022	High Output Drainage Bag

Custom Compression Garments Policy (Manual T)

- Clients need to be assessed by a Certified Lymphadema Therapist (CLA) or Specialty Assessor (SA) for this benefit or provide a prescription from a physician or nurse practitioner to the authorizer.
- Certification for fitters for compression garments needs to be renewed every three years
- AADL will no longer accept lower leg assessments that are older than six months.
- Certain specialists are now able to authorize AADL products over the quantity frequency maximums on the approved product list.
 - CLA and SA can authorize over quantity with rationale noted on the 1250 form. AADL retains the right to limit quantities after reviewing the rationale provided.

Custom Compression Garments APL Updates

- The following items have been removed from the APL. Clients currently using these products may continue to receive funding for these products until the end of their authorization.

J429	Glove wrist to axilla
J432	Forearm sleeve with gauntlet
J438	Arm sleeve with shoulder flap

J439	Half sleeve with shoulder flap
J440	Sleeve stump to axilla
J441	Sleeve stump with shoulder flap
J442	Above knee stump support
J443	Stump support to waist (two stumps)
J444	Stump support to waist (one stump)
J451	Waist height leg support
J455	Pregnancy hose
J409	Silicone lining (6x6)
J467	XL waist support (60" – 69.9")
J473	Uplift panel for Jobst support garment
J476	XL waist support (50"-59")

- A list of approved manufacturers for garments with straps has been added.

Compression Stockings and Lymphadema Sleeves-Ready Made (Manual N)

- Clients need to be assessed by a Certified Lymphadema Therapist (CLT) or Specialty Assessor (SA) for this benefit or provide a prescription from a physician or nurse practitioner to the authorizer.
- AADL will no longer accept lower leg assessments that are older than six months.
- Certain specialists are now able to authorize AADL products over the quantity frequency maximums on the approved product list.
 - CLA and SA can authorize over quantity with rationale noted on the 1250 form. AADL retains the right to limit quantities after reviewing the rationale provided.

Compression Stockings and Lymphedema Sleeves-Ready Made APL Updates

- The following item has been removed from the APL. Clients currently using these products may continue to receive funding for these products until the end of their authorization.

J232	Lymph sleeve with shoulder cap
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- A list of approved manufacturers for gaments with straps has been added.

Please be aware that AADL does not extend authorizations for compression garments.

Question and Answer Sessions

AADL will be holding separate Question and Answer sessions for authorizers and vendors for any questions they may have about the changes in this bulletin.

For vendors the Q & A session will be June 23 at 9am and for authorizers the session will be June 24 at 9am.

To register for the session please email Andrea.Waywanko@gov.ab.ca. Dial in information will be provided prior to the session for registered participants.