

# Alberta Aids to Daily Living

## Bulletin #75

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### Updates to Respiratory Policy and Procedures Manual

#### Effective December 2, 2019

Policy R-29 Non-Oxygen Benefits policy has been updated to include additional criteria for eligibility for suction benefits.

The highlights of the changes are listed below:

- Physician prescription will need to be provided
- Suction benefits will now be available to people without a tracheostomy tube
- Criteria has been added for non-trach clients
- Clients who are too weak to manipulate secretions
- Clients who have had fluoroscopy confirming aspiration
- Conditions where suction benefits is not funded has been added to policy:
  - Seizure disorders
  - Drooling
  - Agonal breathing
  - Clients who are considered to be “at risk for aspiration”

#### BPAP Forms have been updated

BPAP forms have been updated to include a reminder to upload the funding request form to the Alberta Blue Cross Online Health Portal. If the request for funding is urgent, there is a reminder to contact the Alberta Blue Cross AADL Provider Line.

BPAP forms can be found on the Alberta Blue Cross website at:

<https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/providers/respiratory-home.php>

Policy R 11 A: Physician Appeal of Funding Decision policy has been updated to reflect minor changes to how the appeal is processed.