

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

Bulletin # 99

Information for Authorizers and Vendors for Mobility Equipment

New Wheelchair Process

AADL is streamlining wheelchair authorization review in order to improve processing times.

Beginning February 16, 2021, AADL will no longer review and validate wheelchair specification sheets. When an authorization is received, AADL will search the recycle pool for suitable equipment. If nothing is available, AADL will forward the specification sheet to the vendor.

Authorizers are reminded to ensure specification sheets are completed correctly for each wheelchair, in order to avoid delays.

Any missing information or questions about the specification sheets will be resolved between the vendor and authorizer

In addition, recycle out and new wheelchair orders will be assigned to AADL clerks by date received, instead of by vendor. For inquiries about a specific order, please contact the clerk identified on the order and the fax coversheet.

For recycle in, repairs, work orders, and parts changes, AADL clerks are still assigned by vendor.

Form Changes

To simplify the authorization process, the following forms will no longer be required when submitting 1251 authorizations or Quantity and Frequency Requests (QFR) for wheelchairs:

- *Manual Wheelchair Replacement Request*
- *Manual Adult Tilt-In-Space Wheelchair Request*
- *Manual Pediatric Tilt-In-Space Wheelchair Request*

Please ensure all required clinical information is provided on the 1251 authorization or the QFR and attach additional information if necessary. If the authorization or QFR does not have sufficient information, it will be returned.

The *Seating Assessment form* is no longer required to be attached to the 1250 form for Level A seating benefits. The assessment must still be completed and a record of the assessment must be kept on file and provided if requested. This form is still required when submitting a QFR.

Approved Product List Updates

The following approved product lists were updated:

- Small Bathing and Toileting (B) – An approved manufacturer was added and description clarification provided.
- Pediatric Equipment (K) - Maximum pricing is more clearly defined.
- Lifters and Accessorises (L) – Clarification on when a QFR is required and an update to approved manufacturers were added.
- Homecare bed, Mattress and Accessories (BL) - Bed models were updated.
- Wheelchairs (W) - Minor changes were made to descriptions.

The Gyroset Vigo headset by Now Technologies is now available for power wheelchair specialty control options.

Reminder – Transfer Bed Rails

Product E420; Transfer Bed Rail cannot be added to a hospital bed or homecare bed. Per manufacturers instructions, it is not safe to use on a bed with moving parts.