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Updates to Alberta Aids to Daily Living Mobility, Large Equipment and Medical Surgical Benefits.

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Mobility and Large Equipment

A few words from Jacki Whitford, AADL Manager for Mobility and Large Equipment

It is with mixed emotions that I begin my retirement this week. It means leaving AADL where I have met so many fantastic people, here in the AADL office as well as those in the community who I have had the privilege to work with over the years. My favorite times were when our field experts-the healthcare professionals brought their passion and knowledge to the table and assisted us in developing and honing our policies in order to meet our mandate and the needs of Albertans with disabilities and chronic conditions.

I would like to introduce Stanley Kolodziej, the new AADL Manager, Assistive Devices and Equipment. Stanley will be managing the Prosthetics, Orthotics, Therapeutic Footwear, Ocular Prosthetics and Seating Benefits.

Recruitment will begin shortly for my position. Keep your eye out for the posting if you have an interest in getting involved in work within a political context and has a broad impact. In the interim, I have included a table with information on who to contact for Mobility and Large Equipment matters.

Topic	Contact	Phone Number
Manual Wheelchairs and Large Equipment	Larry Oswald	780-422-7937
Power Wheelchairs	Rick Fakeley	780-422-9641
Bathing and Toileting Aids, Walking Aids and Transfer Aids	Lori Harmon	780-643-1307
Quantity and Frequency Review Requests	Sanna Westerman	780-415-6699
Claims	Thelma Grenier	780-415-2903
Complaints	Terri Gaunt	780-427-9257
Seating Benefits	Stanley Kolodziej	780-422-8487
Homecare Beds	Andrea Waywanko	780-422-6871
Concerns about Authorizer Status	Debbie Sykora	780-415-2393
Client specific concerns - contact benefit clerk or general contact list		

Policy Manual Updates

In response to numerous inquiries on the product review process and clarification on when to submit a Quantity and Frequency Request, policies regarding these two items were updated.

The Recycle Services Policy and Procedure Manual (Manual Z) has been updated to include more information on product evaluations, vendor qualifications, and recycle processes. The Policy and Procedure Manual for Manual Wheelchairs has

also been updated with a new QFR Table. The policies are not changed; they have been clarified. client requires a regular adjustable tension back, it is to be checked off on the spec sheet.

Other Mobility Updates

The AADL Assessment Summary for Bathlift Benefit form has been updated.

<http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/AADL-Assessment-Bathlifts.pdf>

The Pediatric PPod Sitter/Feeder seat is to be ordered using the K252 Catalog number only.

In February the following manual wheelchair specification sheets will be updated:

- W116 Physipro Pediatric,
- W849 Physipro Adult,
- W156 Helio
- W270 Maple Leaf Swift

The Wheelchair Approved Product List will also be updated in February. An e-subscription notice will be sent out when these documents are posted.

Power Wheelchair Module

Good news for authorizers interested in adding Power Wheelchairs to their product range! The Power Wheelchair Authorizer Application Form and the Power Wheelchair on-line Module 2.8 will be available February 4 on the AADL website. Current power wheelchair authorizers are encouraged to review the module when it becomes available to refresh their knowledge about this benefit.

Qualifications to become a Power Wheelchair authorizer include:

- A minimum one-year experience as a Wheelchair and Level A Authorizer
- At least 5 seating assessments in the past year
- In-services from manufacturers regarding power wheelchairs (on the AADL program), and
- Relevant continuing competency activities **related to power mobility** in the last year. This may include conferences, workshops, modules, research activities, etc.

Medical Surgical Benefits

Authorizers and Vendors for Medical-Surgical benefits please be aware of the following reminders:

- Correction/Change/Extension forms are only for the allowable amounts as per AADL maximum quantities. Quantities based on a previous QFR are not automatically updated; a new QFR is required if an authorizer is requesting to continue product in excess of program maximums.
- Correction/Change/Extension forms are accepted three months prior to the expiry of the Authorization expiry date and up to six months following. Authorizations are not extended when product quantities are adjusted unless the forms are sent as per the aforementioned timeframe.
- Inquiries regarding claim inquiries, including rejected claims, invoices, refund cheques, cost share exemption should be directed to the AADL Claims area. The AADL phone list can be found here: www.health.alberta.ca/documents/AADL-Contact-List.pdf.