

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

Bulletin #60

Update for Orthotic Approved Product List

Please note the following revisions to the AADL Approved Product List – Orthotic Benefits (APL). The changes are effective August 1, 2018.

- O508: Hand orthosis added to elbow orthosis. This is a new catalogue number which has been included under “Additions to Upper Extremity Orthoses”.
- O529: Strap has been updated to include the following device types: HELMET, HIPO, HKAFO, RGO, THAKFO.
- For all KAFOs, the pricing has been increased to include the costs for ankle joints, specializing straps and joint covers. These parts can no longer be billed as additions to KAFOs because they are already included in the KAFO price.

When the lower extremity groups were restructured in October 2017, the QFRs were closely monitored to identify trends. The changes to the pricing being implemented will reduce the number of additions required when authorizing a KAFO.

- The procedure for clubfoot orthoses has been updated. The Validation Certificate is no longer required for this process as this is an ongoing need.

- The generic calculator has been updated to fix a clerical error.
- O222 and O517 will remain for the time being as they have been authorized a few times. The following standing frame catalogue numbers have been terminated: O224, O226 and O227. These catalogue numbers have no usage and the pricing is now outdated.

Standing frames are also a benefit under the AADL Approved Product List – Pediatric Equipment, which can be found here: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/aadl-program-manual-k>

Clients who require assessment for the devices listed in the Pediatric APL should be referred to an AADL authorizer. Please contact your local hospital or health care centre for an assessment by an approved AADL authorizer, or contact Health Link Alberta at 811 for more information on contacting an authorizer in your area.

Update for Respiratory Policy and Procedures

Effective August 1st, 2018, Policy R-20, Clinical Eligibility Criteria: Cardiac Palliative will no longer be available to new authorizations. Any clients with a current authorization for this funding stream, will continue to receive ongoing long-term funding. This is being updated based on best practice guidelines and recommendations from the Alberta Health Services Clinical Advisory Committee and Cardiac Strategic Clinical Network.