

Alberta Aids to Daily Living

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Update for Hearing and Augmentative Communication Specialty Assessors and Suppliers

Validation Certificate Update

In order to streamline the amplification benefit forms, AADL has developed a single validation certificate to be used for Hearing Aids, Personal Listening devices and FM systems. The old validation certificates will be removed from the website and replaced with the new form, Amplification Benefits Validation Certificate, effective July 1, 2018. The procedure to use the validation certificate remains the same.

The Amplification Benefits Validation Certificate is a three-part form; the client will sign this form on three separate occasions; at time of assessment, at fitting and following a minimum 28 day trial period. It is mandatory that the Specialty Assessor read and explain to the client what it is they are signing for. No pre-dating or pre-signing of the certificate is permitted. All services are to be provided in person. A copy of the signed certificate must be given by the Specialty Assessor to the client, on the day the client signs the last line on the certificate, for the client's personal file.

With their signature, the client also confirms that:

- The provider has discussed cost-sharing with the client
- A device within AADL program maximum funding limits has been offered to the client
- The client is aware that upgrade costs are their responsibility
- The client is aware that they are responsible for the care of the device, **including obtaining insurance to replace the aid/device in the event that it is lost, stolen or damaged following termination of the manufacturer's original warranty.**

- The client has had the opportunity to complete a 28-day trial period with their equipment and is satisfied with the device.
- The client is not permitted to modify, adjust or repair their device and agrees to consult with their vendor when these services are required.
- The client has made aware that they will not be eligible for further government funding a **replacement** device for a period of five years from the date of fitting. Repairs will be eligible for funding during this time.

If you have any questions you may contact the AADL Audiology Consultant, Raeanne Rowsell, by email at raeanne.rowsell@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-415-1606.

Update for Vendors of Custom Compression Garments and Burn Garments

Effective July 1, 2018, postage has been removed from the Approved Product List for both custom compression garments and burn garments. Please advise your AADL clients that it will be their responsibility to pay postage for any products that are mailed to them.

Update for Respiratory Specialty Suppliers

Effective July 1, 2018 pricing has been updated for BPAP Benefits. A new catalogue number (R262) and pricing has been added for specialty tracheostomy tubes. Specialty suppliers may also add \$35 for ground shipping or \$75 for overnight shipping on this catalogue number.

Please see

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/82613368-7602-47a0-8e44-400e65dc1a6a/resource/a1828ed0-9644-4123-87c3-7fd3f31a01b0/download/aadl-manual-r-products-2017-08.pdf> for more details.

If you have any questions you may contact the AADL Respiratory Consultant, Elizabeth French, by email at elizabeth.french@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-422-7930.