

Information regarding Alberta Aids to Daily Living Mobility Benefits

Mobility – Wheelchairs

Standardized Spec Sheets: Standardized Category A manual wheelchair spec sheets have been in effect since October 1, 2017 and are being updated for March 12, 2018. In response to feedback from authorizers and vendors changes were made to simplify the cost-share calculation and to clarify which items require additional rationale.

When **required rationale** is missing on the AADL Authorization form (1251), AADL benefit clerks are responsible to either return the 1251 as incomplete or follow up directly with the clinicians to obtain the missing information. This occurs frequently for the **adjustable tension backs** under W108 and W109. To streamline the process, this code for on-chair adjustable tension backs has been removed and clinical rationale is no longer required when ordering these backs on the spec sheet. Note that there is a V-code under the Seating Approved Product for adjustable tension backs which may be submitted on a separate 1250 form when required.

The **AADL standardized spec sheets** available on the AADL website are completed by the authorizer with assistance from the vendor when needed. Spec sheets were simplified using generic coding and consistent sequencing to speed up processing authorizations at AADL. If the manufacturer requires the company specific spec sheet, it is the vendor's responsibility to complete it using the information provided on the AADL standardized spec sheet. It is not the responsibility of the authorizer to complete two different spec sheets. If any authorizer or vendor would like further clarification on this process, please contact the Mobility Manager, Jacki Whitford at jacki.whitford@gov.ab.ca

Clinical rationale will no longer be required on the standardized spec sheets, rather it should be written on the 1251 under Section 5. See following as an example:

Section 5: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Information
W106 - EL – client has CVI and legs become edematous as day progresses
W107 –AAF – client has decreased fixed ROM in ankles, unable to support feet at 90 degrees.

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Oxygen tank holder pricing for the single tank has been increased from \$110 to \$130. Pricing for the tank on the recliner is now listed at \$278 and the double tank is listed at \$311.

The **W-Approved Product List for Wheelchairs** will be updated on March 12, 2018 to reflect the

Pediatric Equipment

P-Pod Sitters: In October 2017, pediatric bathing, toileting and the sitter/feeder seats went to the generic model. Under the K254 and K269 Sitter/feeder seats, the generic description specifies the base is a wedge or wood tilt base to allow upright and recline positions. There have been several requests to fund the Inspired by Drive P-pod sitters. **AADL will not provide funding for P-pod sitters** for several reasons. The manufacturer uses a bean bag design rather than the wedge or wood base specified in the generic description. There is a risk for children who experience severe involuntary movement or behavioral concerns that the chair may tip and lastly this product only has a one year warranty. To be funded by AADL, the item must have a minimum 3 year warranty. Please have your client's family pursue alternate funding resources if they wish to purchase the P-Pod chair.

Otto Bock announced on February 1, 2018 that it had ceased operations in Canada as of January 31, 2018. The **K278 Nurmi Neo Walker** and the **W115 Otto bock Start Junior** pediatric manual wheelchair will be moved to the discontinued list on the Approved Product Lists. Ottobock agreed to fulfill any open orders received before January 31, 2018.

Leckey standing frames are now being distributed in Canada by NuVision Rehab. The Approved Product List will be updated to reflect this change. Parts for the Leckey will be available through NuVision. Authorizers are not required to submit **spec sheets for pediatric walkers or standers**. Some vendors have been asking therapists to complete the spec sheets, please note this is the responsibility of the vendor.

Product Evaluations

AADL has initiated the 2018 product evaluation and sent out a request to manufacturers for any pricing or product changes last month. The next step in the process will be to identify gaps. AADL considers feedback from clinicians during this step. Feedback received throughout the year will be included in the review. If you have any concerns with equipment or gaps on the program, please forward these along with details to the AADL Mobility Manager at: jacki.whitford@gov.ab.ca

New Product

Effective April 3, 2018, AADL will be adding the Invacare Rovi X3 Pediatric Power Wheelchair to the Approved Product List.