

Wound Care Reimbursement

Focus on: The Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) Program

Description

The AADL Program assists in providing authorized basic medical equipment and supplies to people with a chronic disability or illness and those who are terminally ill. The objective is to assist individuals to “function more independently in their home or in a home-like environment” (see chart).

Eligibility

AADL clients must:

- have a long-term disability lasting six months or more, a chronic illness or a terminal illness
- be an Alberta resident

- have a valid Alberta Personal Health Care Number

The Process

The individual must contact the regional health authority’s home-care program to make arrangements to see an AADL authorizer. The authorizer will assess the needs of individuals and their eligibility for AADL benefits. The AADL authorizer may be a nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, respiratory therapist, audiologist, speech pathologist or other health-care professional who works in a community health-care centre, a hospital, a continuing-care centre or a home-care program.

If an individual has purchased equipment and supplies prior to being authorized for the AADL, they will not receive reimbursement. An AADL authorizer must assess patient needs and eligibility for AADL benefits before equipment and supplies are received. The authorized medical equipment must be purchased through an approved AADL vendor. Authorizers can provide vendor names or vendor names can be obtained by contacting AADL at 780-427-0731.

AADL Contact Information

For more information, contact client services at the AADL office in Edmonton – **Alberta Aids To Daily Living**, Seventh Street Plaza, 10030 – 107 Street, Edmonton, AB T5J 3E4. Tel: 780-427-0731. Outside Edmonton, dial Information at 310-0000 and ask the operator for 780-427-0731. ☎

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AADL Basic Medical Equipment and Supplies Pertinent to Wound Care

Back supports	Injection supplies *
Bathing and toileting equipment	Patient lifters
Catheter supplies	Mastectomy prostheses**
Compression garments	Ostomy supplies
Custom-made footwear	Oxygen
Dressing supplies	Orthotic braces**
Electro-larynx	Prosthetic devices**
Hearing aids (under 18 & over 65 years)	Respiratory equipment
Hospital beds	Specialized seating devices
Incontinence supplies	Wheelchair cushions
Walkers	Wheelchairs (manual and power)

* Not provided for insulin injections.

** Provided through Alberta Blue Cross for Seniors Program, for people age 65 years and over.