

Do clients have to pay for AADL benefits?

Yes. AADL is a cost-share program. Clients are required to pay 25% of the approved benefit amount up to a maximum contribution of \$500 per individual (family) per benefit year (July 1 to June 30).

Respiratory and some other benefit clients do not pay cost share. The AADL vendor will provide detailed cost information.

Can clients choose an upgraded product?

Yes, some benefits may be upgraded.

Clients are responsible for all additional costs resulting from an upgraded product choice.

Additional charges resulting from an upgraded product do not count towards the \$500 cost-share maximum.

Is there some assistance for people who cannot afford to cost share?

Low-income Albertans and those receiving income assistance are not required to cost share. Clients must fill out a cost-share exemption form available from authorizers, vendors or AADL.

Contact AADL directly if you receive assistance from:

- Alberta Widows' Pension;
- Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH); or
- Alberta Works Health Benefits.

You can appeal your cost-share status or apply for temporary cost-share status if cost sharing will create a financial hardship. Contact AADL for information on either the cost-share appeal process or the temporary cost-share application process.

More information

<http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/aids-to-daily-living.html>

Phone: 780-427-0731

To call toll-free, first dial 310-0000, then 780-427-0731 when prompted.

Deaf or hard of hearing with TDD/TTY units:

In Edmonton area:
780-427-9999

Toll-free in Alberta:
1-800-232-7215

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Alberta Aids to Daily Living PROGRAM

The Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) program assists Albertans with a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness in maintaining independence in their community through the provision of basic medical equipment and supplies to meet their clinically assessed needs.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for AADL benefits, an individual must:

- Require benefits due to a long-term disability (six months or longer) or terminal illness;
- Be an Alberta resident with a valid Alberta Personal Health Care Number;
- Be assessed by a healthcare professional (e.g., nurse, occupational therapist, audiologist, respiratory therapist) who is also an AADL approved Authorizer or Specialty Assessor; and
- Meet specific eligibility criteria for the recommended benefit.

Refer to the AADL Program Manuals for additional information.

Who is not eligible?

Albertans may not be eligible for AADL benefits if they are eligible to receive comparable benefits through another source, including:

- Workers' Compensation Board;
- Private insurance plan;
- Veterans Affairs;
- Non-Insured Health Benefits for First Nations and Inuit.

AADL benefits

- Back and abdominal supports
- Bathing and toileting equipment
- Burn garments
- Compression stockings/garments
- Custom-made footwear
- Custom-made ocular prostheses
- Dressing supplies
- Hearing aids and FM systems
- Homecare beds and accessories*
- Incontinence supplies (diapers and catheters)
- Injection supplies (not provided for insulin injections)
- Laryngectomy equipment and supplies
- Breast prostheses
- Limb prostheses
- Orthotic braces (not foot orthotics)
- Ostomy supplies
- Oxygen
- Patient lifters*
- Pressure reduction overlays*
- Respiratory equipment*
- Shoe elevations
- Specialized pediatric equipment*
- Specialized seating devices
- Therapeutic shoes with custom modifications (for high-risk foot clients)
- Transfer aids
- Walkers and walking aids
- Wheelchair cushions and accessories

- Wheelchairs, manual and power*

* Equipment may be recycled

AADL does not provide coverage for foot orthotics, IV supplies, eyeglasses, prescription drugs, dental care, dentures, or scooters.

Where do clients get equipment or supplies?

Once assessed by an AADL Authorizer, clients will be provided with a list of up to three AADL approved vendors from which to obtain medical equipment or supplies.

If clients are assessed by a Specialty Supplier, they will supply the benefit.

Who supplies AADL authorized benefits?

For a full list of approved vendors, visit the AADL website, or contact your Authorizer or AADL.

How can Albertans access AADL benefits?

Albertans must first be assessed by an AADL approved Authorizer or Specialty Assessor to determine basic medical needs and eligibility for the program.

To contact an Authorizer, call your local Alberta Health Services office at:

Health Link Alberta at
1-866-408-LINK (5465).

Specialty Assessors assess for the following benefits:

- Oxygen and/or respiratory equipment
- Orthotic braces
- Limb prostheses
- Ocular prostheses
- Breast prostheses
- Hearing aids

Specialty Assessors are employed by Specialty Suppliers. To contact a Specialty Supplier, call AADL or visit the AADL website.