

Online Training

Alberta Aids to Daily Living




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Module 1.1

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Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)

Purpose:

- To provide an overview of the AADL program to stakeholders, including clinicians, vendors and those applying to become an AADL vendor.

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Purpose of Module 1.1:

- General overview of the AADL Program.
- Various roles of the clinician, vendor and stakeholders as well as AADL processes.
- Links to resources.

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Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)

What is AADL?:

- Supplementary health benefit program.
- Provides assistance to Albertans with chronic health conditions.
- Wide range of medical equipment and supplies funded.
- AADL is the funding body for the equipment and supplies.

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Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) Mandate

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

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AADL Background

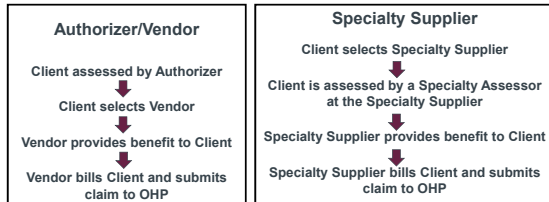
- AADL is a provincial government program established in March 1980.
- Governed by the *Alberta Public Health Act* and AADL and Extended Health Benefits Regulation.
- AADL works in close partnership with Alberta Health Services (AHS).
- AADL works in cooperation with health professionals, Authorizers and vendors to assist eligible Albertans.

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How does AADL work?

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General AADL Principles

- Authorizations must be completed by an AADL Authorizer or Specialty Assessor.
- Benefits must be provided by an AADL Vendor or Specialty Supplier.
- Clients are given a choice of Vendor or Specialty Supplier.
- Must have demonstrated clinical need to receive benefits.

Note: AADL does not reimburse clients for benefits already purchased.

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General AADL Principles

- Benefits are for a chronic, long-term or palliative condition.
- Only benefits listed on the Approved Product Lists (APLs) are funded by AADL.
- Benefits have a maximum quantity, frequency and price.
- Benefit areas:
 - Mobility
 - Medical/Surgical
 - Hearing and Augmentative Communication
 - Prosthetics and Orthotics, Seating, and Footwear
 - Respiratory

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AADL Benefits

- Each benefit area has a Policy and Procedure Manual and Approved Product List. See <https://www.alberta.ca/aadl-program-manual-and-product-lists.aspx> on the AADL website or <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/provider/type/aadl/index.php> on the Alberta Blue Cross website for a detailed listing.
- Each benefit area has a program manager. See <https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/aadl/aadl-contact-list.pdf> for a detailed listing.
 - Program Managers are health care professionals:
 - Oversee benefit area
 - Review appeals and exceptions
 - Lead policy development
- For login onto the Alberta Blue Cross Online Health Portal go to <https://provider.ab.bluecross.ca/health/faces/secured/resource/resource.jspx>

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AADL Eligibility

- Must be a permanent resident of Alberta.
- Must have a valid Alberta Personal Health Number (PHN).
- Require the benefit due to a long-term disability or chronic illness (six months or longer) or be end-stage palliative.
- Assessed by a qualified AADL Authorizer, Assessor, or Specialty Assessor.
- Meet additional eligibility criteria outlined in each specific benefit section.
- Valid AADL Client Declaration form completed and signed by client.


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Cost Share

- AADL is a cost-share program.
- AADL pays 75% of the maximum cost; the client pays 25% of the maximum cost.
- The client's cost-share amount has a maximum.
 - Between July 1 and June 30 each year, a family will only have to pay a maximum of \$500.
- Clients can be cost-share exempt if they are low income.
- Client is responsible for payment of any upgrade costs.
 - Upgrade charges do not count towards the maximum \$500 per benefit year cost-share amount.

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Key Players

- Client
- Authorizer
- Assessor
- Vendor
- Specialty Supplier
- Specialty Assessor
- Alberta Blue Cross

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AADL Resources

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AADL General Brochure

The AADL General Brochure outlines:

- AADL benefits available
- Client eligibility requirements
- Where to get equipment and supplies
- How to access AADL benefits
- Cost-sharing and how to apply for cost-share exemption
- Authorizers can add their contact information to the back panel



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AADL and Alberta Blue Cross Websites

- The AADL website is at <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-aids-to-daily-living.aspx>
- The AADL website has information pertaining to all aspects of the AADL program
 - AADL general policy and procedures manual
 - AADL manuals for specific benefit groups
 - Forms
 - Vendor lists
 - Contact list for AADL employees
- Bulletins are posted on the AADL website
- AADL has an email subscription feature for stakeholders who wish to receive email updates.
- Claims are now handled by Alberta Blue Cross at <https://provider.ab.bluecross.ca/health/faces/secured/resource/resource.aspx>
- Policies and Procedures, Approved Product Lists and forms can also be accessed on the Alberta Blue Cross at or <https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/provider/type/aadl/index.php>
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