

Alberta Aids to Daily Living Voice Restoration and Electrolarynx Benefit Information Sheet

Introduction

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) provides funding to Albertans with long-term and chronic disabilities for basic medical equipment and supplies to meet their clinically assessed needs. AADL benefits are provided to support individuals to live as independently as possible and participate in daily activities in their communities.

AADL funds voice restoration and electrolarynx supplies for individuals who had a laryngectomy to meet their basic communication and health needs.

Eligibility criteria

To be considered for assistance, a person needs to be assessed by a speech-language pathologist who is an AADL authorizer for this benefit area.

The speech-language pathologist assesses your condition to identify which laryngectomy benefits meet your clinical needs in accordance with AADL's eligibility requirements. The speech-language pathologist can provide education and support on how to use the products and how AADL benefits work.

The speech-language pathologist creates an authorization based on your assessed needs during each clinic visit. The items are ordered directly from an approved vendor and shipped to your home address.

Copies of the authorizations made on your behalf can be provided to you by the speech-language pathologist authorizer at the time the order is processed.

Supplies covered

The most appropriate supplies are selected during the assessment process. AADL publishes a list of the items covered, including the annual quantity and the frequency that items can be provided. The Voice Restoration and Electrolarynx Approved Product List is available at:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/aadl-program-manual-a>.

Cost-share

AADL is a cost-share program, meaning that clients and AADL share the cost of approved benefits. AADL pays 75 per cent of the cost of the benefit and clients pay 25 per cent directly to the supplier up to a maximum of \$500 per family per benefit year (July 1 to June 30) for all AADL benefits received.

Low-income clients and those receiving income supplement benefits may be exempt from cost-sharing. To apply for cost-share exemption, complete an Application for Cost-Share Exemption form and submit it to AADL.

<https://formsmgmt.gov.ab.ca/Public/AADL1859.xdp>

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-aids-to-daily-living.aspx>

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AADL client role

You play an important part in ensuring that you receive items ordered on your behalf. Please discuss your supply needs for the coming months at each visit with your speech-language pathologist so they can be provided in a timely manner. We encourage you to identify supply needs three to six months in advance to eliminate delays in obtaining needed supplies.

If you have not received ordered items within two weeks of the authorization date, contact the vendor directly. All shipped orders are tracked by each vendor to ensure timely delivery. Delivery may be delayed if items are not in stock or on back order.

For people who cost-share their AADL benefits, the vendor will not ship items until your cost-share portion has been paid to them.

If you have concerns about cost-share payments, you may be able to discuss options for payment with the vendor.

At your next visit to your speech-language pathologist, bring any supplies that need to be inserted by a specialist, such as lary tubes and indwelling valves. Do not open the box of valves or lary tubes in case they need to be returned to the vendor.

If you do not wish to use the particular supplies being recommended, please let your speech-language pathologist know.

More information

Visit the Alberta Aids to Daily Living website.
<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-aids-to-daily-living.aspx>