

Alberta
Accessing Mobility Aids



Information about the Program

Children and adults living in Alberta receive funding for mobility aids through the Wheelchair/Seating program. The program covers manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs, four-wheeled scooters, rehabilitation strollers, seating and position aids components, modifications and repairs, and rentals.

Funding comes from the New Brunswick Ministry of Social Development



Confirm Eligibility

To be eligible for the AADL, your child must:

- have a long-term term disability, or terminal illness for 6 months or longer;
- be a resident of Alberta with a valid health care number;
- be assessed by an OT, nurse, or other health care professional who is an AADL approved assessor.

Make an Appointment with a registered OT

This first step is to contact a registered AADL authorizer through your local hospital or health care Centre, or dial 811 to connect with Health Link Alberta. Make arrangements for a registered AADL authorizer, such as an occupational therapist or a physical therapist, to come visit you and determine your basic medical needs and eligibility for the program.

They can meet you at your home, at the vendor site, or at a site clinic. The assessor will determine if you meet the eligibility criteria



Choose from a Given List of Vendors

If you meet the eligibility criteria, your authorizer will provide you with a list of three vendors, or, you may choose from a list of approved vendors, which you can see [Here \(PDF\)](#).



Book an Equipment Trial

When the vendor is chosen, your authorizer will set up an equipment trial. They will give you the time and address of your appointment. At the trial, you will be informed about the wheelchair, and also about any cost implications. You will be given a choice to upgrade costs

Sign Required Forms

After the equipment trial, you will be asked to sign the following:

- The Manual Wheelchair Assessment Form;
- The Authorization form;
- The client declaration form with your local AADL assessor.

You can find the client declaration form [Here \(PDF\)](#).

<http://www.health.alberta.ca/documents/AADL-Client-Declaration.pdf>

Review Process

AADL will review your forms and application and a notification will be sent to you and your authorizer to assess if you are eligible or not.

Accepted

If you are eligible, the wheelchair is ordered. The vendor will deliver the wheelchair to your home and fit the wheelchair to your child.

Rejected

If you are not eligible, the decision will be communicated with you.

Cost Implications

You will be asked to contribute 25% of the cost of your child's aids or equipment, but this is up to \$500 a year per family. You might need to pay extra if you choose a product or piece of equipment that exceeds the cost of what AADL covers.

However, depending on a family's taxable income and if you are accessing social assistance programs (e.g. AISH), you might not have to pay for the cost of the aids or equipment.