

## **Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)**

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. AADL provides funding for basic medical equipment and supplies to meet clinically assessed needs. Albertans pay 25% of the benefit cost to a maximum of \$500 per individual or family per year. Low-income Albertans and those receiving income assistance are exempt from paying the cost-sharing portion. For more information, follow [this link](#).

If you would like support in this application process, you can contact [Alberta Supports](#), who can assist you and refer you to other programs you might be eligible for.

### **Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) Application Process**



#### **Confirm Your Eligibility**

To be eligible for AADL, your child must :

- Be a permanent resident of the Province of Alberta;
- Live at home or in a community setting;
- Have a valid Alberta Personal Health Number (PHN);
- Require benefits due to a long term disability or chronic illness (six months or longer) or palliative diagnosis;
- Have a valid authorization completed by an AADL Authorizer or Specialty Supplier.
- Meet additional criteria defined by the specific benefit areas;
- Sign the [Client Declaration Form](#).

Albertans in acute care hospitals are eligible to receive specific AADL benefits if they:

- Are identified as medically stable;
- Have a completed discharge plan and/or are assessed and approved for placement in a continuing care centre;
- Are paying continuing care resident fees.



## Receive an Assessment

You must first be assessed by a health care professional trained in AADL assessment to determine your basic medical needs and eligibility for the program. This assessment determines the equipment and supplies an Albertan can receive through the AADL program. Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) cannot refund clients who purchase their own medical equipment and supplies before being assessed and authorized for the equipment and supplies. If you require oxygen, orthotics, prosthetics or hearing aids your assessment will be done by a health care professional from an approved [AADL specialty vendor](#).



### Approved

The health care professional will let you know if you are eligible.



## Obtaining AADL benefits

You must buy your medical equipment or supplies from an approved AADL vendor. Approved vendors include some home health care stores, pharmacies, home oxygen suppliers, and hearing aid vendors. Your authorizer will provide you with a list of at least 3 vendors or you may choose from the approved vendor list.

Large equipment, such as wheelchairs and hospital beds, are purchased by AADL and delivered to your residence.

Each kind of equipment or supplies has its own form you need to fill out in order to have the purchase of that equipment funded. You can find eligible medical equipment and their respective forms listed here.



### Rejected

The healthcare professional will let you know if you are ineligible. You can consult with another Authorizer/Specialty Supplier or AADL staff when unhappy with an assessment.

### **Cost and Payment**

AADL is a cost-share program. Clients and AADL share the cost of approved benefits received through the program. Low-income clients may be able to be fully covered.

This is for clients whose taxable income (line 260 of the most recent income tax return) is :

- \$20,970 or less for a single person,
- \$33,240 or less for a family with no children, or
- \$39,250 or less for a family with children.

You can complete the Application for Cost-Share Exemption. The application is available from your Authorizer, Assessor, supplier, vendor or AADL Client Services at 780-427-0731



### **A Note on Payment**

AADL is a very case-by-case based program, and does not have a consistent or predictable payment system. Each benefit in the program works differently from the others, and varies based on a family's income. The one thing that must be stressed is that the program does not. You should make sure you are assessed, and the service / equipment you wish to purchase has been approved beforehand.

We suggest that you call their client services line at 780-427-0731 to talk through your specific needs and payment possibilities.