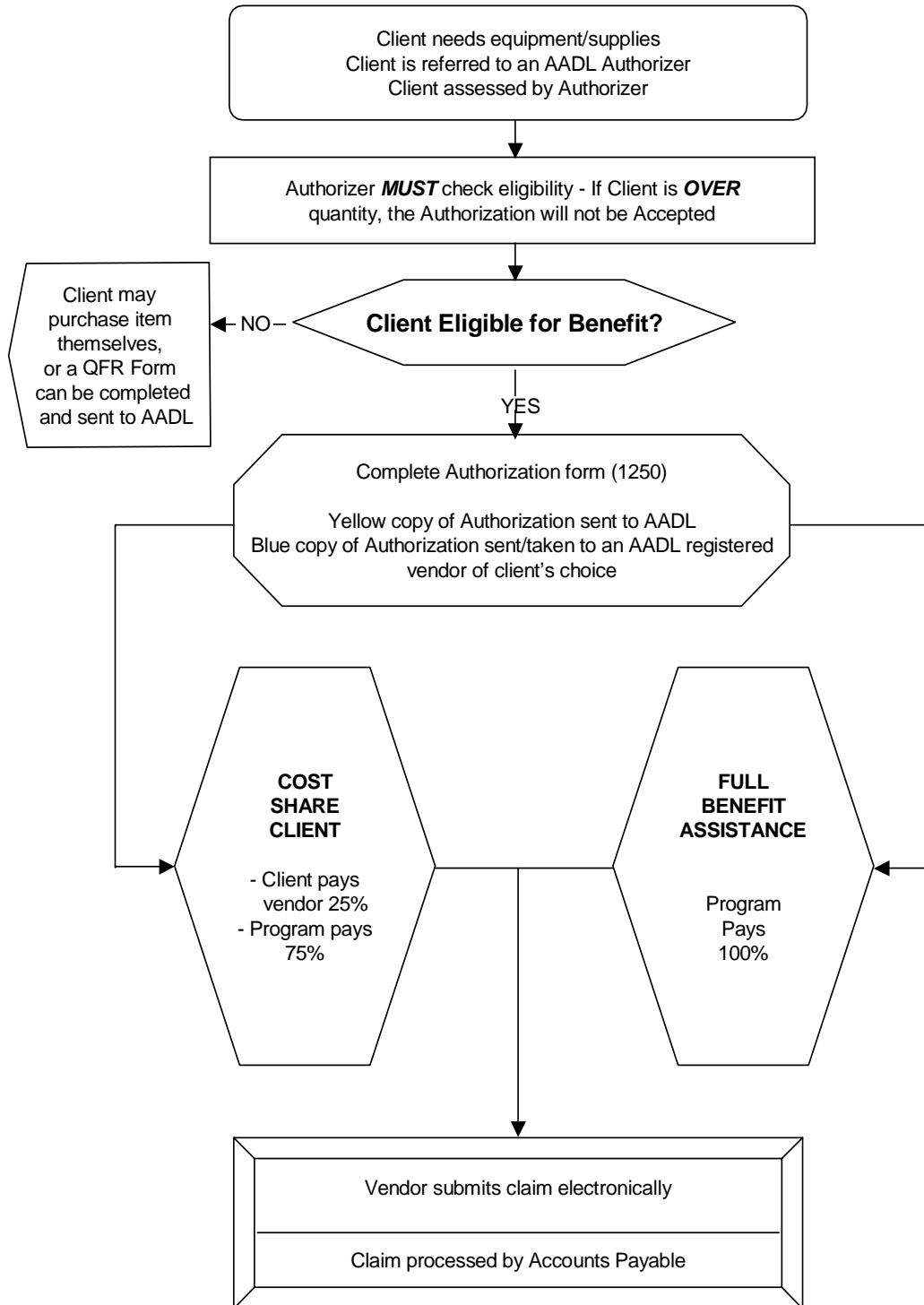


BATHING AND TOILETING AIDS

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1.0 PROCESS TO OBTAIN "B" BENEFITS



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2.0 AUTHORIZER

OT, PT, or RN

3.0 ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS

AADL does **not** provide bathing and toileting equipment for:

- **Short-term** use. Client must need to use the equipment for over six months
- Use in acute care facilities or Continuing Care Centers. The equipment may be ordered as part of a discharge plan when client is returning to the community.

Assessment should be done **in the client's home** environment whenever possible, to prevent ordering of unsuitable product. **Choose equipment carefully.** Equipment that has been purchased by AADL and is found to be inappropriate for the client's home will not be replaced by AADL within the specified time period.

4.0 QUANTITY AND FREQUENCY LIMITS

The quantity and frequency limits for bathing and toileting aids are **one item per four-year** period unless otherwise specified on the Catalogue Listing.

Exception: A client may have up to **3 wall-mounted grab bars** in a **six-year period**. The bars will not be replaced if the client changes residence. Clients should be advised to either move their bars to the new residence or be prepared to purchase their replacement bars. **This is a firm policy and cannot be appealed.**

The Program will replace worn out equipment as necessary after the four or six-year limit **only** if an explanation is provided on the special instructions section of the 1250 form.

Some products listed in the "**G**" section of manual are in the same **benefit group** as some bathing benefits:

- A client **cannot have more than one item from a group.**
- A client **cannot have more than one AADL benefit for a function.**

For example:

- Bath chairs, and shower commodes from "G" section are in the same group as bath benches, bath seats, and bath boards. A client can have one AADL bathing aid.
- Commodes from the "G" section are in the same group as raised toilet seats. A client can have one AADL toileting aid.

5.0 INSURANCE COVERAGE

The AADL Program does not replace equipment that has been lost, stolen, abused or damaged. Clients must be advised that they should purchase insurance to cover the cost of replacements should the equipment be lost, stolen, or damaged.

6.0 AADL PRICING

Bathing and toileting benefits are priced by the AADL pricing system.

Vendors, authorizers, and AADL staff cooperatively choose a piece of equipment that becomes the basis to set the AADL price. This choice is reviewed on a regular basis. However, the vendor may offer AADL clients any brand/model of equipment as a benefit under the AADL price description providing it:

- (a) meets the generic description; and
- (b) complies with AADL standards for warranty, limitations, and liability insurance as listed below in 7.0.

Principal Rules about AADL Pricing:

Clients must be offered a product, which meets the previously listed conditions in 6.0(a) and (b), available at or below the AADL price.

If in exceptional circumstances, the vendor does not carry the benefit at or below the AADL price, he is obligated to inform the client that they may be able to purchase the item at or below the AADL price from another vendor.

If the shelf price of the product that the client chooses is indicated to be below the AADL price, the vendor is obligated to sell that item at the shelf price.

If the shelf price of the product that the client chooses is indicated to be above the AADL price, the client may choose to obtain it as an AADL benefit, but the client must pay the difference between the AADL price and the marked shelf price. The difference is not reported to AADL and is not considered part of the \$500.00 maximum client contribution.

Authorizers and clients must be aware that the vendor **is not expected to release** product until he has received a **valid authorization** for the benefit.

Authorizers and clients must be aware that cost-sharing clients are responsible for cost sharing on the AADL price. The vendor **is not expected to release** the product if the cost sharing has **not been paid**.

7.0 AADL STANDARDS FOR WARRANTY, EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

The supplier is responsible for ensuring that the listed AADL equipment standards are met by any products provided under the Bathing and Toileting Catalogue Listing.

7.1 WARRANTY

The manufacturer must warrant that the product will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a minimum of three years from the date the equipment was purchased.

7.2 EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

Equipment must have been in production for a minimum of one year.

7.3 LIABILITY INSURANCE

Equipment provided must have a minimum two million dollars comprehensive general liability insurance provided by the manufacturer.

8.0 PROCESS FOR ORDERING BENEFITS

Authorizers should follow these steps:

- assess client's equipment needs in their home environment;
- confirm client eligibility including residence and past benefit consumption;
- complete the AADL authorization form including benefit number, and model/brand of product if necessary;
- provide special instructions including reason for replacement of equipment.






9.0 QUANTITY AND FREQUENCY REVIEW REQUESTS

Must be handled separately with the AADL office prior to sending an authorization form to the vendor.

10.0 BENEFIT INFORMATION

Bath Seats and Benches

<p>B023 LOW RISE BATH SEAT</p> <p>Free-standing bath stool can be used to sit on for bath, or to help a client transfer onto and off of the bottom of the bathtub. If it is intended to use for sitting on while bathing should have suction feet for security. Variable height stools offer versatility should the client's condition change. Seat may be lightweight molded plastic or of metal construction, with or without suction cup feet, fixed or variable height. Weight restrictions may apply. Generally accommodates up to 250 lbs.</p>	
<p>B024 BATH/SHOWER CHAIR WITHOUT BACK</p> <p>Free-standing bath bench to assist clients when bathing. Has a wider seat which gives more support in sitting, especially for larger clients. Styles vary including: chrome plated tubing/moulded plastic seats with handles, height adjustability, molded one piece plastic, flange tips, etc. Generally accommodates up to 250 lbs.</p>	
<p>B032 BATH/SHOWER CHAIR WITHOUT BACK, WITH PERINEAL CUT</p> <p>As described above, but comes with cut out seat for ease of personal care. Generally accommodates up to 250 lbs.</p>	
<p>B043 BATH/SHOWER CHAIR WITH BACKREST</p> <p>As described for B024, but comes with a backrest. Generally accommodates up to 250 lbs.</p>	



<p>B034 BATH/SHOWER CHAIR WITH BACK, WITH PERINEAL CUT</p> <p>As described above, but with seat cut out for personal care. Generally accommodates up to 250 lbs.</p>	
<p>B055 TRANSFER BATH BOARD</p> <p>Board which sits across tub and allows sliding transfer to tub. Weight restrictions may apply. Generally accommodates up to 250 lbs.</p>	
<p>B070 TRANSFER TUB BENCH</p> <p>Seat for users who cannot stand on one foot to transfer to bathtub. Two legs of transfer tub seat are outside the tub, and two are in the tub. Various choices include molded plastic, or plastic/metal tubing, height adjustability, and back support. Generally accommodates up to 250 lbs.</p>	
<p>B076 HEAVY DUTY BATH/SHOWER CHAIR (holds 250+ pounds)</p> <p>Similar to bath seat, or bath bench with back, can accommodate weights up to 500 pounds.</p> <p>* Prior Approval: Authorizer must indicate client weight on 1250 form.</p>	
<p>B077 HEAVY DUTY TRANSFER TUB BENCH, WITH BACK</p> <p>Similar to B070, but will support 250-500 lbs.</p> <p>*Prior Approval: Authorizer must indicate client weight on 1250 form.</p>	



Raised Toilet Seats and Armrests

AADL authorizers may no longer request raised toilet seats for in-home trials. Vendors will **not provide** raised toilet seats for trial. On their authorization forms, authorizers will have to either provide a specific model of raised toilet seat, or measurements of the client's toilet bowl and number of inches rise to the vendor.

The vendor will provide either the exact model requested, or one that meets the measured request. The RTS will be provided, and the one provided is the one the client will keep and that the vendor will invoice for. AADL will not accept QFR submissions for errors made in authorizations for raised toilet seats. AADL will accept QFR submissions for documented change in clinical status of client.

This rule has been changed in response to vendors' concerns that these equipment trials are not being done with appropriate surface contact barriers.

<p>B220 RAISED TOILET SEAT OR TOILET ELEVATOR</p> <p>a) <u>Raised Toilet Seat</u></p> <p>Some raised toilet seats hold 250 lbs. but many hold 300 lbs. The authorizer should specify what the client needs. Some toilets may not accept raised toilet seats. Clip-on seat increases stability but may make it difficult for other family members to remove seat for regular use. Non-clip ones are less stable, but more easily removed.</p> <p>b) <u>Toilet Elevator</u></p> <p>The toilet elevator is installed beneath the toilet. Clients who choose to receive a device which raises the toilet off the floor as pictured are responsible for all plumbing/installation costs. AADL will not purchase a replacement if the client moves.</p>	
<p>B221 EXTRA HEAVY DUTY TOILET SEAT WITH FRAME</p> <p>300 to 550 lbs. – specify client weight.</p> <p>Will accommodate extra heavy client weights up to 550 lbs. This item looks like a commode but does not have a pan.</p>	

<p>B230 RAISED TOILET SEAT WITH ARMREST</p> <p>Armrests are attached. Good option for when armrests must be portable. Choices include various fixed height, adjustable height, clamping mechanism, padding on armrests, detachable armrests.</p>	
<p>B255 TOILET ARMREST</p> <p>Attaches to existing toilet seat bolts. They are not attached to the floor and may be wobbly with client weight bearing on them. Choices: Width adjustable, height adjustable, can be used on right or left or both.</p>	

Grab Bars

B116 WALL GRAB BARS

Consider factors:

- user's ability?
- structure of wall?
- locations of studs in wall?
- will bar decrease an already narrow space?
- distance from wall to bar leaves room for hand?
- diameter of bar relative to client's grip?
- surface texture and grip?
- who will install bars?

Installation is **not** an AADL benefit, it is the client's responsibility.

Bars may be used in bathroom or other areas where a permanent fixture is required.

Quantity Maximum: Three in a **six-year** period. Cannot be appealed.

Choices available: Chrome finished smooth/knurled; length 12", 16", 18", 24", 32"; right/left right-angled, 45 degree angled; corner mount bar, floor to wall bar, vinyl coated bars.



B180 BATH TUB SAFETY RAIL

Warning: Fiberglass tubs are not designed to withstand pressures of some clamp-on bars.

Choices: Parallel to tub or right angles to tub, two-level grip, metal or molded plastic, requires tools to install or tool free, non-slip texture.

