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1.0 DESCRIPTION OF BENEFIT

An electrolarynx is a battery-operated device which enables laryngectomees to “speak” by converting oral vibrations made when “mouthing” the words into audible speech.

2.0 SUPPLIER

These devices are ordered by the AADL office and are shipped from the out-of-province vendor directly to the authorizer.

3.0 AUTHORIZER

A Speech-Language Pathologist.

4.0 PRESCRIPTION

A prescription or letter (or signature on the Authorization (1250) form) from the client’s otolaryngologist is required.

5.0 SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This benefit is available to laryngectomees who have been unsuccessful in learning esophageal speech.

6.0 QUANTITY/FREQUENCY LIMITS

- 6.1 One device will be provided every six (6) years.
- 6.2 Replacement will be provided only if the previous device cannot be cost-effectively repaired and can no longer be used.

7.0 REPAIRS

- 7.1 The factory invoice cost of repairs to the electrolarynx (after the first year) will be covered, only for units that were originally purchased by AADL, once per year on a prior approval basis.
- 7.2 Replacement batteries are not provided by the AADL Program.

8.0 INSURANCE

The AADL Program does not replace electrolarynxes that have been lost, stolen, or damaged due to misuse. Clients are advised to purchase home owners/tenants insurance to cover the cost of replacement/repairs that the AADL Program may not be able to assist with.

9.0 PROCEDURE

- 9.1 The Speech-Language Pathologist must complete the AADL Authorization Form (1250) indicating catalogue number and description of the device.
- 9.2 The Medical Doctor's signature must be on the 1250 form or on a prescription attached to the 1250 form.
- 9.3 The device will be ordered by the AADL Branch from the out-of-province vendor and shipped directly to the authorizer.

NOTE: Cost-sharing clients must send payment (25%) directly to Siemens before the device will be shipped.

10.0 APPROVED PRODUCT

MANUFACTURER / MODEL	PRICE
Siemens: Servox Inton	\$870.00