

SEATING BENEFITS

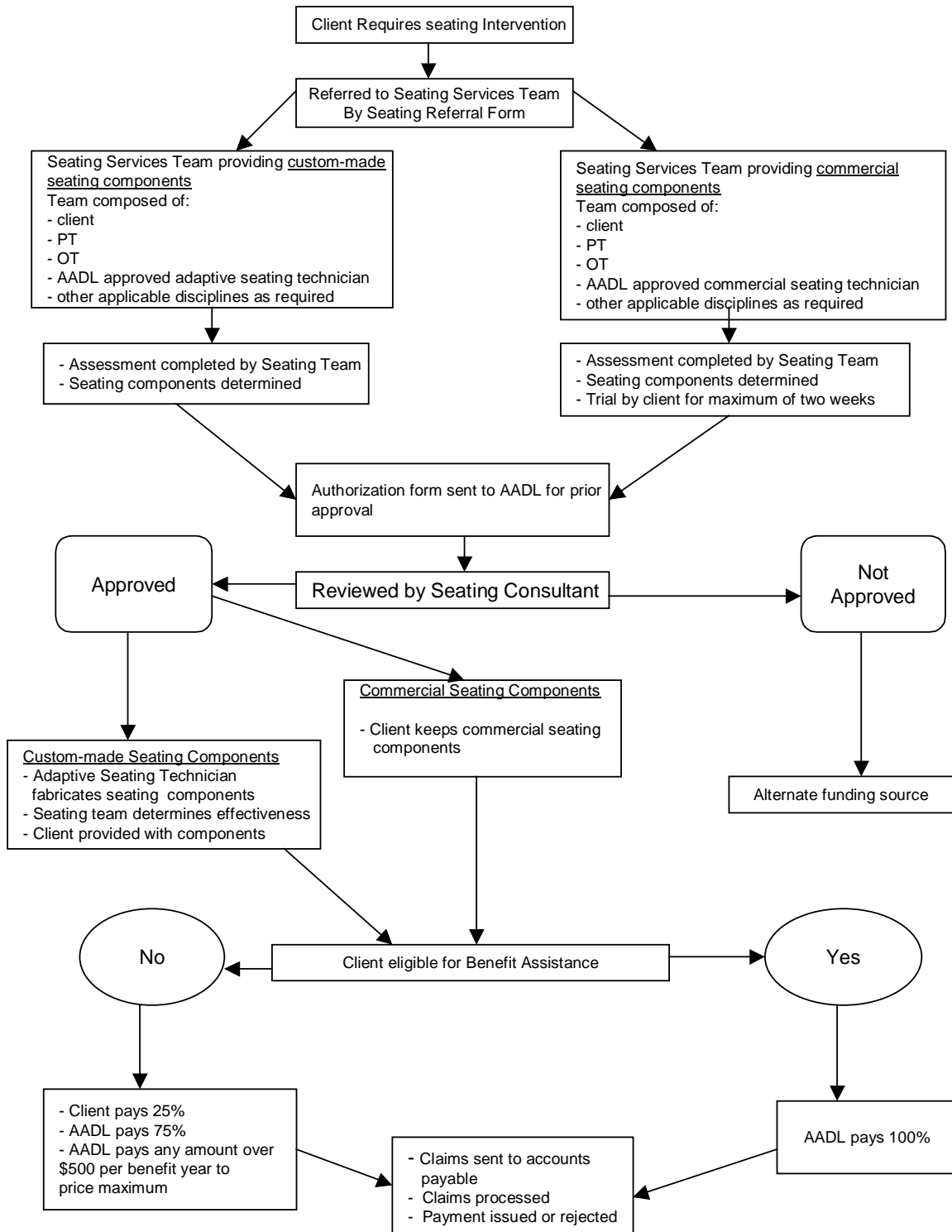
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1.0 PROCESS TO OBTAIN SEATING BENEFITS



2.0 DESCRIPTION OF BENEFIT

Seating services provide specialized positioning and/or pressure reduction equipment for clients in mobility bases. The purpose of seating is to maintain or attain the client's optimal level of function and health status at the level of community living of their choice.

3.0 SUPPLIER

3.1 Custom made seating components

Suppliers are facilities who employ an adaptive seating technician to fabricate the custom made components or customize commercial seating components. Seniors and Community Supports has formal agreements with three RHAs and one facility.

3.2 Commercial seating components

Registered supplier with the AADL Program, and employs approved AADL commercial seating technician(s) dedicated to seating service team(s).

4.0 AUTHORIZER

The authorizer is either the Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist member of an approved AADL seating service.

5.0 PRESCRIPTION

A medical doctor's prescription is not required for AADL seating benefits, however, it may still be required as a referral to the facilities.

6.0 PRIOR APPROVAL

All seating requests must be prior approved by the AADL Program following assessment of the client by the seating services team and prior to billing for the seating benefits.

7.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Available to clients who require seating intervention as determined by the approved seating services.

8.0 QUANTITY/FREQUENCY LIMITS

Seating benefits are provided based on need. Replacement should be provided only if previous seating equipment is no longer suitable to meet the client's needs due to a change in medical condition, or cannot be cost effectively repaired.

9.0 INSURANCE COVERAGE

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

10.0 SEATING SERVICE STANDARDS

These standards were developed by AADL in consultation with the Alberta Seating Advisory Council which is comprised of the seating therapist from each service, seating suppliers, homecare representatives and client representatives.