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Changes Coming to the AADL Program Manual

AADL has hired a consultant to complete a review and reorganization of the AADL Program Manual. The manual is comprised of general AADL policies and procedures, as well as specific benefit policies and procedures. We've heard from authorizers and vendors that the manual is quite large and cumbersome, contains information on benefits that do not apply to their specific area, and that it is difficult to navigate.

The goal is to clearly separate the policies and procedures, and to reorganize the AADL Program Manual to make it easier to use. The consultant is conducting a literature review to obtain policy and procedure best practices, and will recommend changes to the format. Once a revised manual is drafted, AADL will contact a sample of AADL authorizers and vendors for their input.

If you would like to provide your input on the revised AADL Program Manual or if you have any questions, please contact Terri Lynn Almeda, Policy Advisor, at (780) 422-7124 or TerriLynn.Almeda@gov.ab.ca



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News and Information

Get Your AADL Program Manual Updates Online

This is a reminder that the AADL Program Manual is available online at the Alberta Seniors and Community Supports' public website.

This is the most up-to-date version, so if your current manual is missing sections or a work colleague is always borrowing your copy, go online. This version can be downloaded and saved to your hard drive, to a floppy disk or CD ROM, or print out just the section you need and take it with you.

We strongly encourage you to make use of this public site. In future, more information will be available online, so keep checking back for updates.



www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/AADL

Authorizer Workshop Information

The Fall 2005 Authorizer Workshop schedule has been set and is included in this bulletin.

If you would like to attend either a new workshop or refresher, please fill out the registration form included in this mailout, and send it to your RHA representative for approval.

Currently, we have planned three new authorizer workshops and two refreshers. Please see the complete fall schedule included in this mailing.

If you're unable to attend any of the upcoming workshops, look for the spring schedule in the next AADL Bulletin.

For more information on authorizer training, please contact Diane Schmidt, Information and Training Coordinator, at (780) 422-6871 or Diane.E.Schmidt@gov.ab.ca.

Conferences and Learning Opportunities

Commit to Continence: Urinary Continence Management

Friday October 14, 2005 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, Edmonton

Early Bird Registration (before September 19, 2005): \$100.00

For more information, contact Jackie at 1-877-877-8714 or email GRHEdServices@cha.ab.ca

Royal Alexandra Hospital Rehabilitation Services is pleased to announce the following course:

"Closing the Gap - A Woundcare Workshop"

November 18th & 19th 2005

Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton AB

Early bird registration (before October 21, 2005): \$275.00

Space is limited to 90 participants

This workshop is targeting occupational therapists, physical therapists and registered nurses who work in or have a specific interest in wound care and wound management. The course will provide a combination of lectures and practical workshop sessions spanning a broad range of topics.

If you have any questions regarding this upcoming workshop please contact: Lorna Claveau 735-4300 or lclaveau@cha.ab.ca

Medical/Surgical

Changes to M Section - Pediatrics

With upcoming changes to pediatric incontinence eligibility requirements, the following inserts are included with this bulletin. Please photocopy and use these tools in the pediatric assessment process:

- AADL's pediatric eligibility definition
- AADL's revised pediatric incontinence assessment form
- Assessment of Readiness for Toilet Training
- Toilet Teaching for Children with Special Needs
- Home Strategies for Toilet Training
- Bladder Irritants List for Clients (adults and /or children)

AADL would like to extend a very big thank you to the pediatric working group for their time and expertise in the development of the pediatric definition and pediatric tools.



Please note for incontinence supplies, all pediatric authorizers must continue to attach their completed assessment form and the child's bladder diary to the authorization form.

Please be aware that there is not an automatic eligibility for children once they turn 36 months of age.

AADL's authorization form is a legal document.

By signing this form the authorizer is verifying that the client meets AADL's eligibility criteria and that all the required clinical steps have been completed.

Changes to Compression Stockings

Authorizers

This is a reminder to all authorizers that effective September 1, 2005, authorizations for compression stockings (ready-made and custom) require a completed copy of the lower leg assessment tool attached to the authorization form. If this is not submitted, your authorization will not be considered and will be returned.

In addition, please be aware that AADL only provides compression stockings to those clients who have signs and symptoms of Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI), Class 2 or Class 3. The ankle brachial index (ABI) indicates if it is safe to apply compression and does not determine eligibility.

A separate mailing on changes to Pressure Gradient Stocking (PGS) eligibility was sent to all PGS vendors and authorizers. This mailout included assessment tools, vendor review, and the revised N section. If you were not part of this mailing and you'd like a copy of this material, please download the information at:

www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/AADL/faq/manual

Vendors

There are two changes to the times for the Compression Garments Workshop. Please note the following:

Calgary, October 5, 2005: **9:30 am- 1:30 am**
Red Deer, November 7, 2005: **9:30 am-11:30 am**

In addition, to renew your fitter's certificate, compression stocking vendors need to attend a manufacturer fitter's training course every five years. For more information on attending a training course this fall, please contact one of the following manufacturer representatives:

Venosan: 1-888-836-6726

Sigvaris: Anne Sears at 1-800-363-4999

Valco-Medi: Judy Greening at 1-800-361-3151

Jobst: Mariyln Rutherford at 1-800-876-3664

Please note that the Valco-Medi custom course is a recognized AADL custom fitter's course.

Alberta Aids to Daily Living



AADL is pleased to announce a **FREE** Telehealth conference that is available to all **authorizers** who authorize compression garments.

Thursday November 10, 2005

Registration: 07:30 a.m. to 08:00 a.m.

Conference Time: 08:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (promptly/doors closed)

Location: Capital Health's Glenrose Auditorium
10230-111 Avenue – Edmonton
and in many other communities via Telehealth.

The conference will focus on the following:

Review of the vascular and arterial system, signs and symptoms of Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI), demonstration of a lower leg assessment that includes an ankle brachial index, complications, concerns and trouble shooting of the assessment process and of applying compression. Specialized authorizers and a vascular surgeon will present this information.

Registration:

Authorizers in Capital Health:

If you are a Capital Health authorizer, you are able to attend the conference at the Glenrose site. Please complete the following registration form and fax to:

Linda Adams at (780) 422-0968 or email: Linda.Adams@gov.ab.ca

Please R.S.V.P. before October 14, 2005

All other authorizers:

Please contact your RHA representative directly for registration at one of your telehealth sites. Registration deadline is October 14, 2005.

Alberta Aids to Daily Living Lower Leg Inservice Tele-Conference

November 10, 2005, Glenrose Rehab Hospital Auditorium.

Registration: 07:30 a.m. to 08:00 a.m.

Participant's Name: _____ Place of Employment: _____

Professional Designation: OT PT RN Authorizer Number: _____

Work Address (including Postal Code): _____

Work Phone Number: _____ Work Fax Number: _____

Mobility & Equipment

Manual Adjustable Home Care Beds

AADL has received complaints about the “hospital bed” benefit. Some clients have refused to accept the bed once it is delivered, and others have refused to pay the cost-share. Homecare Bed Depot often hears the family say, “I thought it would be like the one in the hospital. I don’t want this one.”

In discussion with Homecare Bed Depot, it was suggested that part of the problem may be the use of the term “hospital bed”. When people think of a “hospital bed” they think of one they would see in the hospital – an \$8000 bed with buttons for height change, position change, telephone, etc...

What they receive from AADL is a basic manual adjustable home care bed that has been frequently moved from the depot to the home and back again. The headboard and footboard may be marked up. The newer beds are now coming with plastic end guards and they will be less noticeably marked.



Home Care Bed

Authorizers are reminded to describe the bed and ensure that the family is not expecting a bed that looks like the one they had in the hospital. The authorizer must inform the family about cost-sharing and that the cost-share must be paid before the bed is shipped. It is advisable to show the client and family a picture of the bed from the manual’s new L section so they fully understand what they will receive.

Client Declaration

All equipment orders (forms 1250 and 1251) must have a signed declaration on the back of the yellow copy. This includes forms for palliative clients.

Wheelchair Spec Sheets

On wheelchair spec sheets, if you check off accessories that AADL does not purchase, you must provide additional information that the client is wanting the item added to the chair, and that the client will be paying for it, i.e., backpack, plastic side guards, etc..

Bath Lifts

Section L: Benefit L355 Hydraulic bath lift

Please note that the Clark 200 is no longer on the APL. Any Clark 200 model in the recycle pool is old and not easily nor economically refurbished. In addition, these models are being moved out of our loan pool.

Some clients may request to replace their old Clark 200 with a similar model. Please have them trial one of the other choices such as a Clark 250 or an Aquatec Classic.

Equipment in Recycle Pool

AADL purchased some new equipment and placed it directly in the recycle pool. At present, we have new ROHO overlays with leveling pads available, and also Megaflex shower commodes. These are available for recycle-out at no or minimal cost to the client.

These items will be especially helpful if you have clients who need the equipment and find their financial situation stressed due to cost-sharing.

Mobility & Equipment

Changes to the Approved Products List

Please make the following corrections to your APL:

L Section

- L287 Superpole with Superbar, Heavy Duty: correct price is \$358.20

G Section

- K019 Swan: correct price is \$3016.25
- K023 Flamingo: add size 4, holds 154 lbs at \$2374.05

K Section

- K275 – Rifton Gait Trainer: add size 'Large' at \$1628.55 and accessory Arm Prompt Set (Large) at \$503.37

W Section

- On page APL W 4, under header Maple Leaf Wheelchairs: add W274 Maple Leaf NRG+, width 14-20, depth 16-18 *

* This chair was removed from the July APL, but has been added back on the list at the request of seating clinics who occasionally need the angle adjustable back feature. AADL expects to buy the lighter weight NRG+ Gold for all the clients who do not need the angle adjustable back. The Gold is almost 10 lbs lighter than the NRG+.

Seating and Wheelchair Accessories

Cancelling Wheelchair Orders

If you are notifying AADL to cancel a wheelchair order, please ensure you also cancel all other orders for wheelchair accessories or seating benefits authorized in conjunction with that wheelchair.

This becomes a problem if a custom-sized cushion is authorized. Vendors cannot restock these cushions and AADL is obligated to fund their portion. In addition, the client must be invoiced their cost-share portion.

Included With This Mailing

New G Section

Replace old section. Keep the July 1, 2005 APL and vendor list.

New K Section

Replace old section. Keep the July 1, 2005 APL and vendor list.

New L Section

Replace old section. Keep the July 1, 2005 Large Equipment APL and vendor list. Keep the October 1, 2004 Home Care Bed and Accessories APL.

New Adult Power Wheelchair Application Form

Remove the old yellow application form dated September 1994 from the Appendices of section W, and replace it with this new form. The new form has been condensed and requires less writing and time to complete it.

Please begin using the new Adult Power Wheelchair Application form immediately.

Alberta Seating Education Course

**October 13 and 14, 2005
Calgary Children's Hospital**

For more information or to register, please contact Cathy Johnson, Program Manager (Prosthetics & Orthotics, Seating and Footwear), at (780) 422-6319 or Cathy.Johnson@gov.ab.ca

Respiratory

Changes to Flat Rate Oxygen Fees and Cost-Share Portion

AADL and the respiratory vendors have recently negotiated new pricing for the monthly flat-rate for home oxygen. This will affect the amount of money clients pay per month for their cost-share portion of home oxygen.

Effective July 1, 2005, the new rates are as follows:

- Urban Flat Rate \$301/month:
Cost-Share Portion=\$75.25/month
- Rural Flat Rate \$344/month:
Cost-Share Portion=\$86.00/month

New Approval Form

Enclosed with this bulletin is the new **AADL Prior Approval for BI-LEVEL Supplies** form. This form replaces all other existing forms.

Respiratory vendors should start using this new form immediately.



AADL Program Manual Updates

SECTION	REMOVE FROM MANUAL	REPLACE IN MANUAL	COMMENTS
G	G-1 to G-21 and APL-G0	G-1 to G-23	Updated
K	K-1 to K-16	K-1 to K-14	Updated
L	L-1 to L-22	L-1 to L-28	Updated
M Appendices	M-9 to M-13 AADL Incontinent Pediatric Assessment Tool	M-9 to M-14 ·AADL Pediatric Incontinence Assessment Tool p. 1-2 ·Bladder Irritants p. 1-2 ·Toilet Teaching p. 1-4 ·Fluid Management p. 1-2 ·Home Strategies p. 1-2 ·Assessment of Readiness	Updated ·Revised ·New ·New ·New ·New ·New
R	Respiratory Vendor List 1-2	Respiratory Vendor List 1-4	Updated
V APL	APL Table of Contents p.3-4 APL p. 61-62, 63-64, 69-70	APL Table of Contents p.3-4 APL p. 61-62, 63-64, 69-70	ROHO Quadro Select V680, V683, V183/V185
W Appendices	Adult Power Mobility Application	Adult Power Mobility Application	Revised