

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

AADL:	Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program
Approved Product Listing (APL)	A schedule that outlines the products AADL provides in each benefit area. It includes the catalog number, description, frequency and maximum billable amount.
AADL Assessment:	The determination of a client's eligibility for the AADL Program, the benefit and the type and extent of the benefit(s) required.
AISH:	The Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped is an income support program for adult Albertans with a permanent disability that severely impairs their ability to earn a living. Alberta Seniors and Community Supports administer this program. AISH clients receive a Health Benefits Card and are eligible for an AADL Cost-Share Exemption (CSE) Card (<i>formerly known as Full Benefit Assistance – FBA</i>).
Assessment Date:	The date the client was evaluated and found eligible for the AADL program and benefit(s).
Audit:	An examination of client and financial records.
Authorizer:	A Health professional (Registered Nurse, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Respiratory Therapist, Audiologist or Speech Pathologist) who has completed the AADL Program orientation and is accountable to AADL for the duties undertaken as an AADL authorizer.
Benefit:	Medical equipment, supplies or services that are on the AADL Approved Products listing (APL) and/or schedule.
Chronic Illness:	A condition which is expected to be in existence for a period of six months or longer.
Client:	An Albertan with valid Alberta healthcare coverage who requires medical equipment or supplies by reason of a chronic, disabling or terminal illness.
Client Choice of Vendor:	Client is provided with a minimum of three (3) approved AADL vendors who could provide them benefits, and is made aware that a full list of all approved AADL vendors is available.

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Continuing Care Facility:	A nursing home, auxiliary hospital, extended care facility or facilities such as Eric Cormack, Rosecrest, Michener Centre, Claresholm Care Centre and Fort McLeod Special Development Centre. Benefits provided are for a client's exclusive use. Some benefits are provided to individuals using the continuing care centres global budget; and clients are therefore are not eligible for AADL assistance with these items. These items include bathing and toileting equipment, catheter supplies, dressing supplies, hospital beds and accessories, incontinence supplies, injection supplies, patient lifters, ostomy supplies, oxygen, and respiratory equipment.
Contract:	A formal business agreement between a Vendor/Specialty Supplier and AADL.
Cost-Sharing:	The payment of 25% of the maximum cost of the benefit to a maximum of \$500.00 per family per benefit year (July 1 st to June 30 th).
Cost-Share Exemption: (CSE)	An exemption to the 25% payment of the maximum cost of the benefit for low-income clients or clients who have paid their maximum \$500.00 per family, per benefit year (July 1 st to June 30 th) – <i>formerly known as Full Benefit Assistance (FBA)</i> .
Consumable Benefit:	A benefit on the APL that is provided on an ongoing basis because they are consumed or discarded after use.
Custom Made:	An item that is fabricated for a client (applies to a prosthesis or orthosis or custom-made footwear, seating equipment ocular prosthesis).
Disability:	A restriction or lack of ability to perform an activity in the manner or within the range, considered normal for a human being (adapted from the World Health Organization, 1980)
Disciplinary Action:	An action taken when a vendor, authorizer or specialty supplier breaches their contract or fails to meet the terms and conditions of AADL's policies and procedures.
E-Business:	An on-line application that allows an authorizer or Vendor/Specialty Supplier to make client inquiries, submit an authorization and claim.
FOB:	A small unit that displays a changing number. When the currently displayed number is entered as part of a valid Id/password combination a user will be given access to the Alberta We//net Portal.

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General Hospital:	A hospital (acute care) providing diagnostic services and facilities for treatment of the acute phase of an illness for adults and children. Includes mental hospitals as defined under the Mental Health Act.
Health Benefits Card:	AISH and ISP clients receive this card monthly. AISH and ISP clients are also eligible to receive an AADL Cost-Share Exemption Card.
Home Like Setting:	A private dwelling such as a group home for disabled persons or a senior citizens' lodge.
Income Support Program (ISP):	The Income Support Program provides financial support to individuals who have no other way of providing for themselves or their family (<i>formerly known as Supports for Independence – SFI</i>). They receive a Health Benefits Card, which expires monthly, and are eligible for an AADL Cost-Share Exemption (CSE) Card (<i>formerly known as Full Benefit Assistance – FBA</i>).
Instruction:	The information provided to a client on the care and maintenance of an AADL benefit.
Insurance:	A privately held insurance policy that a client has purchased to cover the cost of a benefit if it has been lost, stolen, abused or damaged.
Non-Consumable	A benefit on the APL that belongs to a client, but is recycled when the client no longer requires it. (walkers, bath bars)
Orthotic Benefit:	An external device applied to the body to restrict or enhance motion or supports a body segment.
Palliative:	The state of being in the end stage of a terminal illness when care is focussed on symptom relief not cure of the disease (see Terminal Illness).
Personal Health Number:	A nine digit number provided by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.
Prescribing Physician:	A medical doctor.
Prosthetic Benefit:	A device, which is functional or cosmetic, replacing a missing part of an amputated limb.

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Quantity and Frequency: A restriction on the number of a benefit a client may receive within a certain time frame.

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Review Process: A submission to AADL where an authorizer feels that a client needs a benefit beyond the Program's quantity/frequency maximum.

Recyclable Benefits: Approved benefits which remain the property of the Government of Alberta and are loaned to clients for their use.

Senior: An individual who is 65 years or older and entitled to extended health benefits under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, or is a dependent of such person.

Service Date: The date the approved benefit was provided to the client.

Speciality Supplier: A person who is an Orthotist, Prosthetist, Audiologist or Hearing Aid Practitioner, Ocularist, Optician, Custom-Made Footwear Specialist that assesses and provides specific benefits to eligible Albertans. These individuals are also subject to the "Vendor" section of the Policies and Procedures as they have a contract with AADL.

Terminal Illness: An irreversible condition, which is at an advanced stage and which, is expected to lead to death in a relatively short period of time.

Upgrade Charge: An amount charged to an AADL client when they have chosen an item that is beyond the maximum AADL will pay.

Vendor: A business that has a contract with AADL for the provision of AADL goods and services in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Program.

Warranty: The servicing of all manufacturers' defects, or replacing equipment within the terms and time limits of the manufacturer warranty.

Widows' Pension: A program that provides financial, housing and health care benefits to eligible low-income widows and widowers aged 55 to 64 to assist with the loss of income caused by the death of their spouse. Individuals receiving widows' pension qualify for AADL cost-share exemption.