

## Do I have to contribute to the cost of the AADL benefit?

Yes. AADL is a cost-share program. Clients pay 25 per cent of the cost of program benefits, up to a maximum contribution of \$500 per family per benefit year (July 1 to June 30).

For some benefits, you may choose an upgraded item. You pay the additional cost of this item. These additional costs are not included in the \$500 cost-share maximum.

## I can't afford to cost-share. Is there some assistance?

Low-income Albertans may be exempt from cost-share:

If you are over 65, or a dependant of someone over 65, apply directly to AADL for cost-share exemption. If you are approved, you will be sent an AADL cost-share exemption card.

or

If you are under 65, apply for an Alberta Health Care Premium Subsidy. If you are approved, contact AADL and you will be sent an AADL cost-share exemption card.

Cost-share exemption forms are available from your authorizer, vendor or AADL. Contact AADL directly if you receive assistance from:

- Alberta Widows' Pension;
- Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped; or
- Alberta Works Health Benefits.

*You can also appeal your cost-share status if the cost-share will create a financial hardship. Contact AADL for information on the cost-share appeal process.*

## Residential Access Modification Program - RAMP

A RAMP grant for up to \$5,000 is available to permanently or temporarily modify the personal principal Alberta residences for eligible wheelchair users. Grants are for modifications that facilitate access into or movement within a home by the wheelchair user. If the principal residence is a rental unit, the landlord is required to approve the modification.

To obtain an application package, contact RAMP through the AADL address or:

Phone: 780-427-5760  
Toll free: 310-0000 then 780-427-5760  
Fax: 780-644-8085  
E-mail: RAMP@gov.ab.ca

**AADL is a program of Alberta Seniors and Community Supports.**

**For more information, contact your regional health authority or:**

Alberta Aids to Daily Living  
10th Floor, Milner Building  
10040 - 104 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
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**Phone:** 780-427-0731 in the Edmonton area

**Toll free:** 310-0000, then 780-427-0731 when prompted

**Deaf or hard of hearing with TDD/TTY units:** Toll free in Alberta at 1-800-232-7215 or in Edmonton area at 780-427-9999

**Fax:** 780-422-0968

**Website:** [www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/aadl](http://www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/aadl)

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*Providing Albertans with assistance for medical equipment and supplies*

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) assists Albertans with chronic disabilities or palliative needs, by enhancing their independence in their residence and in the community.

## Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if you:

- are a resident of Alberta;
- hold a valid and active Alberta Personal Health Card; and
- require assistance because of a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness. (Long-term and chronic are defined as six months or more.)

In addition, each benefit has specific eligibility criteria that must be met.

## Who is not eligible?

You may not be eligible for AADL benefits if you are eligible to receive comparable benefits through another source, including:

- Veterans Affairs — if you are a veteran and you need the aid because of a condition acquired during active duty;
- Workers' Compensation Board;
- Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Branch, Health Canada — if you have treaty status on or off a reserve and receive assistance from NIHB with their medical equipment and supplies; or
- a private insurance plan.

*AADL provides medical equipment and supplies to meet a person's basic medically assessed needs.*

## How do I apply?

You must first be assessed by a health care professional to determine your basic medical needs and eligibility for the program:

If you require oxygen and/or respiratory equipment, orthotics, prosthetics or hearing aids, your assessment will be done by a health care professional employed by AADL approved specialty vendors. Contact AADL or your regional health authority for more information on obtaining these benefits.

**or**

For other benefits, contact your regional health authority to make an appointment for an assessment by an AADL authorizer. AADL authorizers are health care professionals who are trained and approved to authorize AADL benefits. Authorizers can include registered nurses, physical therapists, and occupational therapists. Authorizers generally work in a community health care facility, hospital, continuing care centre or home care program.

*You must be assessed and authorized for AADL benefits BEFORE you receive them.*

*AADL will NOT refund clients who purchase their own medical equipment and supplies.*

## Where do I get my equipment?

You must go to an AADL approved vendor for your medical equipment or supplies. Vendors include select home health care stores, pharmacies, home oxygen suppliers and hearing aid vendors. Although you may choose from a complete list of AADL approved vendors, your authorizer will provide you with a list of at least three vendors to help you select one. If you would like a complete vendor list, contact your authorizer or AADL. Large equipment, such as wheelchairs and patient lifters, is purchased by AADL and can be delivered to your residence.

*AADL limits the number of benefits, how often they can be ordered and how much financial assistance can be provided.*

*AADL has a list of approved products or benefits. Contact AADL or your health care professional for information on specific benefits and products available.*

## What benefits does AADL provide?

- Back and abdominal supports
- Bathing and toileting equipment\*
- Burnscar garments
- Compression stockings & garments
- Custom-made footwear
- Custom-made ocular prosthesis
- Dressing supplies
- Hearing aids and FM systems
- Homecare beds and accessories\*
- Incontinence supplies (diapers and catheters)
- Injection supplies (not provided for insulin injections)
- Laryngectomy equipment & supplies
- Mastectomy prosthesis
- Orthotic braces (not foot orthotics)
- Ostomy supplies
- Oxygen
- Patient lifters\*
- Pressure reduction overlays
- Prosthetic devices
- Respiratory equipment\*
- Shoe elevations
- Specialized pediatric equipment\*
- Specialized seating devices
- Therapeutic shoes with custom modifications
- Transfer aids
- Walkers and walking aids
- Wheelchair cushions & accessories
- Wheelchairs, manual and power\*

\* Equipment may be formally recycled

AADL does not provide coverage for foot orthotics, eyeglasses, prescription drugs or dental care/dentures.