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**Alberta Aids to Daily Living
(AADL)
&
Other Government of Alberta
Resources**

Coverage in Alberta

Multiple programs with eligibility based on:




AGE
Coverage for Seniors, Seniors Optical and Dental



INCOME
Assured Income for Severely Handicapped, Adult Health Benefit, Child Health Benefit



PREMIUM PAYMENT
Non-Group Coverage



DISEASE/BENEFIT-SPECIFIC
Cancer, Palliative, STEDT, Rare Disease, Fabry, Specialized High Cost, AADL, OMDS, IPTP, RAPID

27 Drug and supplementary programs

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AADL

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AADL Background

- **Established in 1980.**
- **A Provincial government program under Alberta Health, within the Pharmaceutical and Supplementary Benefits Division.**

AADL Purpose and Scope

- AADL helps Albertans with a long-term disability, chronic* illness or terminal illness in maintaining independence in their community through the provision of basic medical equipment and supplies to meet their clinically assessed needs.

*Chronic in most cases is defined as six months or longer.

- In 2017/2018, the AADL program assisted approximately 95,000 unique clients, with a total budget of \$150,000,000.

Basic Assistance Program



- Clients are assessed by a qualified health professional to determine the equipment and supplies they may be eligible to receive.
- Not intended for short-term needs.

Short Term Needs

- AADL does not cover short-term needs
- For these requirements, other resources are available.



A Universal Program

- AADL is a universal program and is not based on income, age or diagnosis.
- AADL has a cost-sharing policy where families pay 25% of the approved benefit amount to a maximum of \$500 per benefit year (July 1 to June 30).
- Specific benefit criteria may apply.

Benefit Coverage

- AADL pays 100% of the maximum approved benefit cost for cost-share exempt Albertans for benefits that are listed in the Approved Product Listing (APL).
- For upgrades and specialty items not listed in the APL, AADL pays the maximum approved cost listed in the APL, and clients must cover the difference.

AADL Benefits

- Back and abdominal supports
- Bathing and toileting equipment
- Burn garments
- Catheter supplies
- Compression garments
- Custom made footwear
- Dressing supplies
- Electro-larynx/laryngectomy supplies
- Hearing aids
- Incontinence supplies
- Injections supplies (*not provided for insulin injections*)
- Hospital beds, Mattresses, overlays
- Patient lifters
- Breast prosthesis
- Ostomy supplies
- Oxygen
- Orthotic braces
- Prosthetic devices
- Respiratory equipment
- Seating and wheelchair accessories
- Speech Generating Communication Devices
- Wheelchairs (*manual and power*)
- Walking aids

Eligibility with AADL

- **There are three different Eligibility Processes within AADL:**
 - 1) Program Eligibility: General eligibility for AADL Benefits**
 - 2) Benefit Eligibility: Specific clinical eligibility criteria for each AADL benefit**
 - 3) Cost-Share Eligibility: Eligibility for possible exemption from AADL's cost-share portion**

AADL Program Eligibility Criteria

- **Be a resident of Alberta;**
- **Have a valid Personal Health Number (PHN);**
- **Require the benefit due to a long term disability or illness (6+ months), or have a diagnosis of end stage palliative.**

Those Not Eligible for AADL Benefits



- Have private or third party insurance;*
- Are Covered by Workers Compensation Board (WCB);
- Are a War Veteran whose condition is a result of active duty;
- Belong to RCMP or Canadian Services;
- Have coverage through Non-insured Health Benefits (NIHB).

*those obtaining large recycle equipment (e.g., wheelchairs) are no longer required to use private insurance first

AADL Benefit Eligibility Criteria

- **Assessment by a qualified health professional;**
- **Meet specific clinical eligibility criteria for AADL Benefits;**
- **Have a valid authorization form completed and signed by an AADL authorizer;**
- **Sign the Client Declaration Form.**

AADL Cost-Share

- **Clients pay 25% of the approved benefit amount, up to a maximum of \$500 per family per benefit year: July 1 to June 30.**
- **Clients with low income, or those receiving income assistance may qualify for cost-share exemption.**



Application for Cost-Share Exemption

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Application for Cost-Share Exemption

Alberta Aids to Daily Living
10th Floor, Milner Building
10040 - 104 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0Z2

Phone: 780-427-0731
Toll free, first dial: 310-0000, then 780-427-0731
Fax: 780-422-0968
http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/aids-to-daily-living.html

The information on this form is being collected and used by Alberta Health pursuant to sections 20, 21 and 22 of the Health Information Act, sections 33 and 34 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) and the Alberta Aids to Daily Living and Extended Health Benefits Regulations for the purpose of determining eligibility for cost-share exemption for Alberta Aids to Daily Living equipment, supplies and services. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, you can contact Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program, 10th Floor, Milner Building, 10040-104 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0Z2 Telephone: 780-427-0731 Fax: 780-422-0968.

This form is to be used for Cost-Share Exemption for Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) equipment, supplies and services only.

Do NOT complete this form if you have completed it in the past two years and your family status has not changed.

OR

Your taxable income (line 260 of your most recent income tax return) is above \$20,970 for a single person, above \$33,240 for a family with no children, or above \$39,250 for a family with children.

Please Note: Your Cost-Share Exemption Application will take 7 to 14 days to process. Please contact your vendor to confirm your status.

Before completing this application, please see pages 3 and 4 for important information.

Section A - Client's personal information (Please print)

Title (e.g. Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr.)		Last Name		Personal Health Number
First Name		Middle Name		
Mailing Address		Province	Postal Code	Date of Birth (yyyy-mm-dd)
City				

Section B - Consent

I authorize the Canada Revenue Agency to release information required from my tax file to Alberta Ministry of Health. The information will be relevant to and used solely for the purpose of determining and verifying my eligibility or that of my co-habiting partner or a child or adult dependent for whom I am the parent, legal guardian, Trustee or Attorney, for Cost-Share Exemption under the Alberta Aids to Daily Living and Extended Health Benefits Regulation (235/85), and the general administration and enforcement of the benefit program. This authorization is valid for the two taxation years prior to the year of signature of this consent, the current taxation year and for each subsequent consecutive taxation year for which assistance is requested. I understand that if I wish to withdraw this consent and eligibility for cost share exemption, I may do so by writing to the Alberta Ministry of Health.

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- The form can be found under Program Forms at:
<http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/AADL-forms-docs.html>
- Clients are assessed annually for cost-share exemption.



Learn More

AADL Website

<http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/aids-to-daily-living.html>

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 - How to make a cost-share exemption appeal
- Approved vendor list
- AADL program manual
- Forms, brochures and documents
- Vendor and authorizer information – includes AADL Authorizer application and resources
- Contact AADL

AADL email list notification

- To receive notices of updates to AADL information, [subscribe to the AADL email list](#)
 - [Unsubscribe from the email list](#)

Important notices

- Newsletter – September 2016
- Bulletin #41 – Change in Vendor for Homecare Beds and Accessories
- Bulletin #40 – Update for Medical Surgical Vendors and Authorizers
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OR:

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10040 - 104 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0Z2

A complete listing of AADL contact information can be found at:
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AADL Fax: 780-422-0968

Alberta Support Contact Centre

Phone: 780-427-0731; to call toll-free, first dial 310-0000

Deaf/hearing impaired callers within Alberta using a TTY can reach the provincial government by dialing 780-427-9999 in Edmonton or 1-800-232-7215 throughout Alberta.



Government-Sponsored Drug Programs

Public/Private Drug Coverage

- All provinces offer publically funded drug insurance plans
- Compared to the other provinces, the government of Alberta covers a higher share of total prescription drug expenditures

Government Share of Total Prescription Costs

36.5%



43.6%



Key Examples of Government-Sponsored Drug Programs

- **Alberta Health**

- **Non-group**

- Premium-based program available to all Albertans

- **Seniors**

- Premium-free program for Albertans ≥ 65 years of age and their dependents

- **Community and Social Services**

- **Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)**

- Financial and health benefits for individuals with permanent disabilities making them unable to work

- **Income Support**

- Various supports for individuals looking for work

Eligibility for drug programs

- **Client eligibility**
 - **Members of the program**
- **Benefit Eligibility**
 - **Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)**
- **Cost Share**
 - **Specific to each drug program**
 - 30% to a maximum of \$25/prescription
 - Free of charge

Alberta Drug Benefit List (ADBL)

- **Different types of drug listing**

- **Unrestricted**

- Benzodiazepines (e.g., lorazepam, diazepam),
 - Anticholinergics (e.g., Artane® (trihexyphenidyl), Cogentin® (benztropine))
 - Botox® (onabotulinum toxin A), Xeomin® (botulinum toxin A)

- **Special Authorization (SA)**

- Prescriber requests coverage meeting certain criteria. Renewal required (e.g., biologics, injectable osteoporosis meds, MS meds)

- **Step Therapy**

- System identifies re-requisite medications automatically, automatically renews with consistent use. (e.g., osteoporosis medications)

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Organ and tissue donation

Give Life – talk to your family about organ and tissue donation and then sign up at ultimategiftalberta.ca. Join the more than 400,000 Albertans who want to help save or improve a life.

[Register today and read about AOTDR »](#)

Addiction and mental health services survey

Complete a survey to provide your input on ways to better protect people seeking addiction and mental health services.

[Find out more. Complete the survey by September 14 »](#)

Dementia strategy and action plan

The dementia plan outlines goals and steps for improving dementia diagnosis and care while enhancing supports.

[Read the Alberta Dementia Strategy and Action Plan »](#)

Alberta's opioid crisis response

The Alberta government and its partners are working together to address opioid overdoses and deaths in Alberta.

[Read more about Alberta's opioid crisis response »](#)

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan

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Ministry of Seniors and Housing

<https://www.alberta.ca/ministry-seniors-housing.aspx>

Ministry of Seniors and Housing

Offers programs and services to support the well-being and quality of life of seniors and help Albertans access affordable housing.

Ministry features



Provincial Affordable Housing Strategy

Providing safe and affordable homes for Albertans through a sustainable housing system.



Seniors Financial Assistance programs

Eligible seniors can access a variety of financial and health support programs.

Key services

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Ministry of Community and Social Services

Leads income, employment, disabilities and community-based supports, family violence prevention, and family & community support services.

Features



Action on poverty

We're working to reduce poverty by making life more affordable, building safe homes and helping Albertans gain skills to get good jobs.



PDD Review

Exploring how to improve the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program to better serve Albertans with developmental disabilities.

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RAMP information

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Residential Access Modification Program (RAMP)

Low income Albertans with mobility challenges can apply for grants to modify their home.

Funding

Lower-income Albertans can apply for a RAMP grant for:

- up to \$7,500 per person each year
- up to \$15,000 per person within 10 years

Eligibility

Eligible applicants

You may apply for a RAMP grant if you are:

- a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who has lived in Alberta for 90 continuous days and have a valid Personal Health Number
- an Albertan of any age who uses a wheelchair or a senior (65+ years) who uses a 4-wheel walker on an ongoing basis
- living with a progressive neuro-degenerative disease including:
 - multiple sclerosis
 - muscular dystrophy
 - ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease)
 - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - Parkinson's disease
 - Alzheimer's disease

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Questions?

The background of the slide is a stylized, low-poly mountain range. The mountains are composed of various shades of green, teal, and yellow, creating a layered effect. The sky is a pale yellow. In the top left corner, the word "Alberta" is written in a white, cursive script, followed by a small green square.

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