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Manual Wheelchairs

Policy Statement

Wheelchairs are recycled benefits. Wheelchairs funded by AADL that are no longer required by the client must be returned to the AADL recycle vendor to be recycled, except for upgrade wheelchairs, which are considered client-owned. Refer to AADL Program Manual Sections WM, ZN and ZR for processes.

Eligibility

Wheelchair eligibility is based on usage and clinically-assessed needs, which determines the category funded by AADL. See eligibility under each category. Authorizers must upload the corresponding AADL Eligibility Summary form for each benefit type (A, B, C, tilt-in-space, heavy duty or grant).

Wheelchairs can only be replaced if deemed not cost-effective to repair or the client's clinical needs have changed. A quantity and frequency review request is required only if the client's current wheelchair has been registered to them for less than five years.

Costs

Clients are responsible for any upcharges or options not funded by AADL. These are listed on the individual wheelchair specification sheets available on manufacturers' websites. All AADL-funded wheelchairs must meet the equipment standards listed below.

Adult clients preferring a higher category (B or C) wheelchair than they are eligible for may be able to receive a grant of \$2,000 (subject to cost-share) to be used towards the purchase. These wheelchairs will be considered upgrade wheelchairs. Tilt-in-space wheelchairs may be considered in this process. See page 10 for grant wheelchairs.

Equipment standards

- Wheelchairs must meet RESNA standards.
- Product must have been on the North American market for a minimum of one year.
- Manufacturer must have an active representative in the province – includes regular visits to AADL vendors and availability for consults.
- Minimum warranties: Five years on frame and 12 months on wheels and casters.

Manual Wheelchairs: Adult Category A

Category A wheelchairs have a weight capacity listed with each chair. Using a heavy-duty package will increase the weight capacity of the wheelchair. See page 13 for more information.

Eligibility (category A)

Part-time wheelchair use or full-time indoor use with occasional outdoor use or for use as back up when power wheelchair is in for repairs.

Clients must be willing to accept a comparable substitute for Category A wheelchairs.

Authorizations

Authorizers must inquire with the recycle vendor first to search the recycle inventory. Authorization type will be for either “recycle” or “new” equipment. New equipment can only be ordered after the recycle inventory has been searched and authorizer has received a written confirmation that there is no suitable equipment available. A search of the recycle inventory is required prior to submitting a quantity and frequency review request.

Wheelchairs can only be replaced if deemed not cost-effective to repair or the client’s clinical needs have changed. A quantity and frequency review request is required only if the client’s current wheelchair has been registered to them for less than five years.

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category A Manual Wheelchair Benefits form to Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Costs

The maximum funding paid by AADL for an adult category A wheelchair is \$2,500, subject to cost-share, and includes the vendor discount.

Clients are responsible for any upcharges or options not funded by AADL. Costs above this amount are the responsibility of the client. AADL funds repairs for wheelchair that are considered AADL-owned.

Funding for additional options on category A adult wheelchairs are separate. See page 24 for option codes for category A wheelchairs.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY A MANUAL WHEELCHAIR, NEW OR RECYCLE

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL maximum price: \$2,500

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W113	Sunrise Quickie QX Black or blue	Standard weight capacity 300 lbs. Can accommodate one-arm drive. See page 24 for one-arm drive information. Not eligible for heavy duty package	14 – 22"	14 – 20"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
W114	Motion Composites Move Black	Standard weight capacity 265 lbs. Can accommodate one-arm drive. See page 24 for one-arm drive information.	14 – 20", 22"	16", 18", 20"	7%	Mar. 1, 2020
W151	Ki Mobility Catalyst 4C Black or blue	Standard cross braces only. Standard weight capacity 300 lbs. Can accommodate HD 1 package, 350 lbs. See page 13 for heavy duty wheelchairs	14 – 20"	14 – 20"	8%	Oct. 1, 2019
W153	Power Plus Mobility Voyageur Plus Black	Standard weight capacity 250 lbs. Can accommodate HD 1, 2 and 3 packages. See page 13 for heavy duty wheelchairs	14 – 24"	14 – 22"	7%	Oct. 1 2019
W270	Maple Leaf Wheelchair Swift Black	Can accommodate HD 1, 2 and 3 packages. See page 13 for heavy duty wheelchairs	14 – 26"	16 – 24"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021
W273	Maple Leaf NRG+ Gold Black	Not eligible for heavy duty package. Can accommodate one arm drive. See page 24 for one-arm drive information	14 – 20"	16 – 20"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021
W849	Physipro XL5 Black	Can accommodate HD 1 package. See page 13 for heavy duty wheelchairs. Can accommodate one-arm drive. See page 24 for one-arm drive information	14 – 24"	14 – 24"	10%	July 1, 2022

Manual Wheelchairs: Adult Category B

Category B chairs will not be ordered from the recycle inventory unless requested by the client, but must be returned to the recycle vendor when no longer required by the client.

Eligibility (category B)

Full-time wheelchair use, independent mobility (able to self-propel indoors and outdoors). See AADL Program Manual Section WM – Manual Wheelchair Benefits for full eligibility.

Wheelchairs can only be replaced if deemed not cost-effective to repair or the client's clinical needs have changed. A quantity and frequency review request is required only if the client's current wheelchair has been registered to them for less than five years.

Authorizations

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category B Manual Wheelchair Benefits form to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Costs

The maximum funding paid for a category B AADL wheelchair is \$3,300, subject to cost-share, and includes the vendor discount.

Clients are responsible for any upcharges or options not funded by AADL. These are listed on the individual wheelchair specification sheets available on the manufacturers' websites. Costs above this amount are the responsibility of the client. AADL funds repairs for wheelchair that are considered AADL-owned.

Funding for some additional options on category B wheelchairs are separate and are found under Wheelchair Options benefit codes on page 24.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY B MANUAL WHEELCHAIR

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL maximum price: \$3,300

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W117B	Sunrise Medical Quickie QXi Black or blue	Folding frame.	14 – 20"	14 – 20"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
W133B	Sunrise Medical Quickie GP/GPV (Adult) Black or blue	Rigid frame. Indicate swing-away footrest design or standard foot cage.	12 – 20"	12 – 22"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
W138	Sunrise Medical Zippie GS Black or blue	Folding or rigid frame wheelchair Accommodates one-arm drive. Reverse configuration possible. Clinical justification required for extra- long/extra-large frame.	10 – 16"	10 – 18"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
W154B	Ki Mobility Rogue ALX (formerly Tsunami AL) Black or blue	Rigid frame. No flat free inserts. No frog legs suspension.	14 – 22"	14 – 20"	8%	July 18, 2022

Manual Wheelchairs: Adult Category C

Category C chairs will not go through the recycle inventory unless requested by the client, but must be returned to the recycle vendor when no longer required by the client.

Eligibility (category C)

Full-time wheelchair use, independent mobility (able to self-propel indoors and outdoors) and client has a risk of upper extremity overuse/injury. In addition, the client frequently (and independently) goes out in the community – at least four out of seven days a week.

Wheelchairs can only be replaced if deemed not cost-effective to repair or the client's clinical needs have changed. A quantity and frequency review request is required only if the client's current wheelchair has been registered to them for less than five years.

Authorizations

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category C Manual Wheelchair Benefits form to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Costs

The maximum funding paid for a category C wheelchair is \$3,900, subject to cost-share, and includes the vendor discount.

Clients are responsible for any upcharges or options not funded by AADL. These are listed on the individual wheelchair specification sheets available on the manufacturer website. Costs above this amount are the responsibility of the client. AADL funds repairs for wheelchair that are considered AADL-owned.

Funding for some additional options on category C wheelchairs are separate and are found under Wheelchair Options benefit codes on page 24.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY C MANUAL WHEELCHAIR

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL maximum price: \$3,900

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W154C	Ki Mobility Rogue ALX HD (formerly Tsunami AL)	Rigid oversized or client weight above 250 lbs.	14 – 22"	14 – 20"	8%	July 18, 2022
	Black or blue					
W156	Motion Composites Helio C2	Carbon fiber frame.	14 – 22"	14 – 20"	7%	Oct. 1, 2018
	Black or blue					
W394	Ki Mobility Rogue	Rigid frame.	12 – 20"	14 – 20"	8%	Oct. 1, 2019
	Black or blue					
W395	TiLite (Permobil) Aero T	Rigid frame.	12 – 20"	12 – 20"	5%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W396	TiLite (Permobil) Aero Z	Rigid frame.	10 – 20"	10 – 20"	5%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W397	Motion Composites Apex	Rigid frame.	12 – 20"	12 – 20"	7%	Sept. 21, 2018
	Black or blue					
W398	Sunrise Medical 5R	Rigid frame.	14 – 20"	14 – 20"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					

Manual Wheelchairs: Grant Wheelchairs – Adult Category A and B

Adult clients preferring a higher category (B or C) wheelchair than they are eligible for may be able to receive a grant of \$2,000 (subject to cost-share) to be used towards the purchase. This wheelchair will be considered an upgrade wheelchair. Tilt-in-space wheelchairs may be considered in this process.

Grants require prior approval from AADL. Approval status will appear on the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal following document submission, and authorizers will receive an email from Alberta Blue Cross when a decision has been made.

Authorizations

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary – Wheelchair Grants form to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. The form must be signed by both the client and the authorizer. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

All AADL-funded wheelchairs must meet the same equipment standards and must be from an approved manufacturer.

Clients are responsible for all maintenance, parts changes and repairs (refer to AADL Program Manual Section WM – Manual Wheelchair Benefits for details).

Clients are not eligible for replacement for five years and are not eligible for the quantity and frequency review process.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: GRANT FOR MANUAL WHEELCHAIR – UPGRADE OR CATEGORY D

Group: Adult category A and B upgrade/grant

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Description	Colour	Size	Vendor discount
W996	Adult client eligible for category A and chooses a higher category wheelchair on approved product list. Grant of \$2,000 toward purchase available, subject to cost-share. Remainder of the cost of equipment paid by client including repairs	Any	Any	See specific model
W997	Adult client eligible for category B and chooses category C wheelchair on approved product list. Grant of \$2,000 toward purchase available, subject to cost-share. Remainder of the cost of equipment paid by client including repairs	Any	Any	See specific model

Manual Wheelchairs: Grant Wheelchairs – Adult Category D

Eligibility (category D)

Adults with a non-progressive condition only. Full-time wheelchair use, independent mobility (able to self-propel indoors and outdoors) and client has a risk of upper extremity overuse/injury. In addition, the client frequently (and independently) goes out in the community (at least four to seven days a week).

Clients eligible for category C wheelchairs may apply for the higher-level category D wheelchairs, and may be able to receive a grant of \$3,900 (subject to cost-share) to be used towards the purchase. This wheelchair will be considered an upgrade wheelchair. See Policy Manual-WM: Manual Wheelchair Benefits-Adult/Pediatric for further details. The client becomes the owner of category D wheelchairs.

Grants require prior approval from AADL. Approval status will appear on the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal following document submission and the authorizer will receive an email from Alberta Blue Cross when a decision has been made.

Authorizations

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary – Wheelchair Grants form to Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. The form must be signed by both the client and the authorizer. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Wheelchairs provided under category D must meet the equipment standards listed on page 4.

Clients are responsible for all maintenance, parts changes and repairs (refer to AADL Program Manual Section WM – Manual Wheelchair Benefits for details).

Clients are not eligible for replacement for five years and are not eligible for the quantity and frequency review process.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: GRANT FOR MANUAL WHEELCHAIR – UPGRADE OR CATEGORY D

Group: Adult category D

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Description	Colour	Size	AADL maximum price
W998	Lightweight or ultra-lightweight wheelchair, designed for use by individuals who are very independent and active. Wheelchair must meet RESNA standards and must have been on North American market for one year. Must be obtained through an AADL-approved wheelchair vendor.	Any	Any	\$3,900

Manual Wheelchairs: Heavy Duty

Eligibility

Clients must weigh more than 250 lbs. Clinical justification is required if a client is less than 250 lbs. and needs a heavy-duty wheelchair.

Authorizations

Authorizers must inquire with the recycle vendor first to search the recycle inventory. Authorization type will be for either "recycle" or "new" equipment. New equipment can only be ordered after the recycle inventory has been searched and authorizer has received a written confirmation that there is no suitable equipment available. This confirmation must be uploaded with the authorization. A search of the recycle inventory is required prior to submitting a quantity and frequency review request.

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category A High Weight/Heavy Duty Manual Wheelchair Benefit Type form to Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Costs

Costs are based on the manufacturer specification sheets and vendor discounts. Costs related to options for heavy duty wheelchairs are included on the manufacturer specification sheets.

Authorizers must add the appropriate heavy-duty package for the vendor. The maximum price is \$2,500 plus the price of the HD option package. Heavy duty wheelchairs are eligible for W options on page 24. Heavy duty packages cannot be combined with the extra-wide option (W111)

Clients are responsible for any upcharges or options not funded by AADL.

Sizing is in 1" increments.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY A HIGH WEIGHT/HEAVY DUTY MANUAL WHEELCHAIR, NEW OR RECYCLE

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W114	Motion Composites Move Black	Standard weight capacity is 265lbs. Can accommodate Heavy duty 1 package 350 lbs. Maximum weight capacity 350 lbs.	14 – 20", 22"	16", 18", 20"	7%	Mar. 1, 2021
W151	Ki Mobility Catalyst 4C Black or blue	Standard cross braces only. Standard weight capacity 300 lbs. Maximum weight capacity 350 lbs.	14 – 22"	14 – 20"	8%	Oct. 1, 2019
W153	Power Plus Voyageur Plus Black	Standard weight capacity 250 lbs. Can accommodate Heavy duty 1, 2 and 3 packages. Use package options below.	14 – 24"	14 – 22"	7%	Oct. 1, 2019
W270	Maple Leaf Wheelchair Swift Black	Can accommodate Heavy duty 1, 2 and 3 packages. Use package options below.	14 – 26"	16 – 24"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021
W849	Physipro XL5 Black	For clients more than 250 lbs. XL5-C1 not available Maximum weight capacity 350 lbs. Can accommodate HD 1 packages	20 – 24"	16 – 24"	10%	Oct. 1, 2018
W691	Invacare 9000 XDT Cobalt blue	For clients more than 250 lbs. Maximum weight capacity 350 lbs.	16 – 20", 22"	16 – 20"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021

Heavy Duty Wheelchair Options

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: HEAVY DUTY WHEELCHAIR OPTIONS

Group: Manual wheelchairs

AADL catalog no.	Option	Description	Maximum weight	AADL maximum price
W101	HD1 – Heavy duty package 1	Includes heavy duty cross braces, heavy duty casters, heavy duty upholstery and rigidizer bar. Category A heavy duty only.	350 lbs.	\$980
W102	HD2 – Heavy duty package 2	Includes double cross braces, gusseted side frames, heavy duty upholstery, reinforced back posts and heavy duty forks/casters. Category A heavy duty only.	450 lbs.	\$1,240
W103	HD3 – Heavy duty package 3	Includes double cross braces, gusseted side frames, heavy duty upholstery, reinforced back posts and heavy duty forks/casters. May include a rigid frame on some models. Category A heavy duty only.	More than 450 lbs.	\$1,400

Manual Wheelchairs: High Weight

Eligibility

Clients must weigh more than 350 lbs. Clinical justification is required if a client is less than 350 lbs. and needs a high weight capacity wheelchair.

Authorizations

Authorizers must inquire with the recycle vendor first to search the recycle inventory. Authorization type will be for either "recycle" or "new" equipment. New equipment can only be ordered after the recycle inventory has been searched and authorizer has received written confirmation from the recycle vendor that there is no suitable equipment available. This confirmation must be uploaded with the authorization. A search of the recycle inventory is required prior to submitting a quantity and frequency review request.

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category A High Weight/Heavy Duty Manual Wheelchair Benefit Type form to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Costs

Clients are responsible for any upcharges or options not funded by AADL. Costs are based on the manufacturer specification sheets and vendor discounts. Costs related to heavy duty options are included on the manufacturer spec sheets.

High weight capacity wheelchairs are not eligible for W options listed on page 24.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY A HIGH WEIGHT/HEAVY DUTY MANUAL WHEELCHAIR, NEW OR RECYCLE

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W320	PDG Mobility Eclipse 600	For clients more than 350 lbs. Maximum weight capacity 600 lbs.	22" and up	16 – 22"	7%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W689	Invacare 9000 Topaz	For clients more than 350 lbs. Maximum weight capacity 750 lbs.	20 – 30"	18 – 20"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Silver vein					
W848	Sunrise Medical M6 Quickie Bariatric	For clients more than 350 lbs. Maximum weight capacity 600 lbs.	22 – 30"	18 – 22"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					

Manual Wheelchairs: Adult Tilt-in-Space (With Back/Headrest)

Tilt-in-space wheelchairs are provided to clients who are unable to maintain a sitting position with any other back types or seating device, or to clients with chronic wounds that cannot be managed in a non-tilt wheelchair using basic pressure redistribution strategies (pressure redistribution cushions, nutrition, incontinence management and regular repositioning). These wheelchairs are authorized with the back, seat and headrest included. Sizing is in 1" increments.

Eligibility

Clients must be willing to accept a comparable substitute for tilt-in-space wheelchairs.

Maximum weight capacity: See individual specification sheets for maximum weight capacities.

Authorizations

Authorizers must inquire with the recycle vendor first to search the recycle inventory. Authorization type will be for either "recycle" or "new" equipment. New equipment can only be ordered after the recycle inventory has been searched and authorizer has received written confirmation from the recycle vendor that there is no suitable equipment available. This confirmation must be uploaded with the authorization. A search of the recycle inventory is required prior to submitting a quantity and frequency review request.

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category A Manual Wheelchair Benefit Type form to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Costs

AADL pays \$2,500 or 51 per cent of the costs (subject to cost-share) for a tilt-In-space/recline wheelchair, whichever is greater to maintain AADL-ownership.

Clients are responsible for the costs of any options not funded by AADL. These are listed on the individual wheelchair specification sheets available on the manufacturer website.

W option codes (page 24) are not used, unless for one-arm drive.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY A MANUAL WHEELCHAIR, NEW OR RECYCLE

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W277	Maple Leaf Wheelchairs Super Tilt Black	Rigid Frame. Standard and heavy duty size. Max tilt on standard is 45°.	14 – 18", 19 – 27"	14 – 18", 19 – 24"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021
W304	Power Plus STP Tilt Black	Recline option available when supported on tilt-in-space form.	14 – 30"	16 – 24"	7%	Oct. 1, 2019
W305	Power Plus Extreme Tilt Black		14 – 30"	16 – 24"	7%	Oct. 1, 2019
W324	Future Mobility Orion II Black		15 – 24"	15 – 24"	7%	Oct. 1 2019
W752	Maple Leaf Wheelchairs Low Rider Super Tilt Black		14 – 27"	14 – 24"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021
W753	Physipro NEOX Silver	Growable frame. Maximum weight capacity 265 lbs. Tilt -5° – 45°.	14 – 22"	14 – 22"	10%	July 1, 2022
W754	Physipro NEOX Dynamic Tilt Silver	Maximum weight capacity 265 lbs. Tilt 0° – 30°.	14 – 22"	14 – 22"	10%	July 1, 2022

Manual Wheelchairs: Recline

Authorizations

Authorizers must inquire with the recycle vendor first to search the recycle inventory. Authorization type will be for either "recycle" or "new" equipment. New equipment can only be ordered after the recycle inventory has been searched and the authorizer has received written confirmation from the recycle vendor that there is no suitable equipment available. This confirmation must be uploaded with the authorization.

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category A Manual Wheelchair Benefit Type form to Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Maximum weight capacity is 250 lbs. unless otherwise stated.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY A MANUAL WHEELCHAIR, NEW OR RECYCLE

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W276	Maple Leaf Wheelchairs NRG+ Recliner Black		16 – 20"	16 – 20"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021
W615	Invacare 9000 XT Recliner Wet black or cobalt blue	Lift package additional cost.	18 – 20", 14", 16", 22"	16 – 18"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021

Manual Wheelchairs: Adult Tilt-in-Space (Base Only)

Tilt-in-space wheelchairs are provided to clients who are unable to maintain a sitting position with any other back type or seating devices, or to clients with chronic wounds that cannot be managed in a non-tilt wheelchair using basic pressure redistribution strategies, such as pressure redistribution cushions, nutrition, incontinence management and regular repositioning.

Adult tilt-in-space wheelchairs in this section do not come with a back or headrest. Level A authorizers may authorize these wheelchairs bases. Authorizers then choose the back, seat and headrest as Level A components or refer to Level B or C Seating authorizers for Level B or C components.

Clients must be willing to accept a comparable substitute for tilt-in-space wheelchairs. Sizing is in 1" increments.

Authorizations

Authorizers must inquire with the recycle vendor first to search the recycle inventory. Authorization type will be for either "recycle" or "new" equipment. New equipment can only be ordered after the recycle inventory has been searched and the authorizer has received written confirmation from the recycle vendor that there is no suitable equipment available. This confirmation must be uploaded with the authorization. A search of the recycle inventory is required prior to submitting a quantity and frequency review request.

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category A Tilt-in-Space Base Only Manual Wheelchair Benefit Type form to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Maximum weight capacity: See individual specification sheets for maximum weight capacities.

Costs

AADL pays \$2,500 or 51 per cent of the costs (subject to cost-share) for a tilt-In-space/recline wheelchair, whichever is greater to maintain AADL-ownership.

Clients are responsible for the costs of any options not funded by AADL. These are listed on the individual wheelchair specification sheets available on the manufacturer website.

W option codes (page 24) are not used, unless for one-arm drive.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: ADULT TILT-IN-SPACE (BASE ONLY), NEW OR RECYCLE

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W306	Sunrise Medical SR45 Tilt Black	Rotation in space, 45° tilt. Folding back canes. Transit option n/c.	16 – 20"	16 – 20"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
W321	PDG Mobility Stellar GL Tilt Black	Updated model. Rigid frame.	14 – 20", 23 – 24"	16 – 22"	7%	Oct 1, 2021
W322	PDG Mobility Bentley Black	Justification: Athetoid/chorea/agitated client. 20° manual tilt feature. No long frame or rear floor jack.	14 – 20", 21 – 22"	16 – 22"	7%	Oct. 1, 2021
W326A	Sunrise Medical Quickie Iris Black or blue	Contracture seat frame not funded.	14 – 22"	15 – 22"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
W635	Invacare Solara 3G Tilt Black		14 – 22"	15 – 22"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021

Manual Wheelchairs: Pediatric

Category A

Eligibility

For clients under the age of 18. Part-time wheelchair use or full-time indoor use with occasional outdoor use or for use as backup when power wheelchair is in for repairs. The client's family must be willing to accept a comparable substitute for category A wheelchairs. W-codes are not used on pediatric wheelchairs, except for W105 for one-arm drive.

Rigid frame or one-arm drive must be independent (self-propelling).

Authorizations

Authorizers must inquire with the recycle vendor first to search the recycle inventory. Authorization type will be for either "recycle" or "new" equipment. New equipment can only be ordered after the recycle inventory has been searched and the authorizer has received written confirmation from the recycle vendor that there is no suitable equipment available. This confirmation must be uploaded with the authorization. A search of the recycle inventory is required prior to submitting a quantity and frequency review request.

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category A Manual Wheelchair Benefit Type form to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Category B

Eligibility

May be provided to children requiring speech generating communication device mounting (children already prior approved by AADL's speech-language pathologist consultant for A406 and A410).

Authorizations

Category B wheelchairs are currently not going through recycle first. Order directly through client's vendor of choice.

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category B Manual Wheelchair Benefits Type form to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

Wheelchairs: Pediatric Category A

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY A MANUAL WHEELCHAIR, NEW OR RECYCLE

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W116	Physipro XL5 Express	Folding frame. Angle adjustable back to 15°.	11 – 16"	12 – 16"	10%	July 1, 2022
	Black	Maximum weight capacity 250 lbs.				
W133P	Sunrise Medical Quickie GP/GPV	Rigid frame. Swing away footrest design or standard foot cage.	12 – 22"	12 – 20"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
	Black or blue	Maximum weight capacity 250 lbs.				
W138	Sunrise Medical Zippie GS	Folding or rigid frame wheelchair. One-arm drive option. Reverse configuration possible.	10 – 16"	10 – 18"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
	Black or blue	Maximum weight capacity 165 lbs.				

Wheelchairs: Pediatric Category B

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY B MANUAL WHEELCHAIR

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W117P	Sunrise Medical Quickie QXi	Folding frame	8 – 15"	8 – 15"	8%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black, blue or red	Maximum weight capacity 265 lbs.				
W118	Sunrise Medical Quickie Zippie Zone	Rigid frame	11 – 16"	12 – 16"	10%	Oct. 1, 2018
	Black, blue or red	Maximum weight capacity 165 lbs.				
W137	Sunrise Medical Quickie 2	Straight frame (folding only). Seat sizes over 16" not funded	12 – 22"	12 – 20"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
	Black, blue or red	Maximum weight capacity 250 lbs.				
W157	Ki Mobility CLIK	Rigid frame. Hybrid offset frame available	10 – 16"	10 – 18"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
	Black, blue or red	Maximum weight capacity 165 lbs.				

Manual Wheelchairs: Pediatric Tilt

Eligibility

See the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category A Tilt-in-Space Base Only Benefits Type form.

Authorizations

Authorizers must inquire with the recycle vendor first to search the recycle inventory. Authorization type will be for either “recycle” or “new” equipment. New equipment can only be ordered after the recycle inventory has been searched and the authorizer has received written confirmation from the recycle vendor that there is no suitable equipment available. This confirmation must be uploaded with the authorization.

Authorizers must upload the AADL Eligibility Summary for Category A Tilt-in-Space Base Only Benefits Type form to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal to confirm client eligibility for funding assistance from AADL. Notify the vendor when the authorization is submitted and approved as the vendor is no longer notified automatically. Authorizations are not vendor specific.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: CATEGORY A TILT-IN-SPACE (BASE ONLY) MANUAL WHEELCHAIR

Group: Manual wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: One every five years

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W145	Sunrise Medical Zippie Iris	Rigid or folding frame. No contracture seat frame.	10 – 18"	10 – 18"	8%	Mar. 1, 2021
	Black, blue or red	Maximum weight capacity 225 lbs.				
W245	Ki Mobility Little Wave Arc	One free growth kit included Rigid or folding frame	10 – 18"	12 – 20"	8%	July 1, 2022
	Black, blue or red	Maximum weight capacity 165 lbs.				
W326P	Sunrise Medical Quickie Iris		14 – 22"	15 – 22"	8%	Mar. 1, 2022

Manual Wheelchair Options for Adult Wheelchairs

Eligibility

The corresponding AADL Eligibility Summary for Manual Wheelchair Benefits Type form submitted must reflect the clinical justification for each W-code selected. This includes elevating leg rests and angle adjustable footplates.

Clients are eligible for additional funding using W-codes on adult wheelchairs except for upgrade grants, tilt-in-space (see One-arm drive below) and high weight capacity wheelchairs.

One-arm drive: Client must be a full-time user, have a unilateral upper extremity impairment and be independent in mobility (self-propelling). Code W105 (One-arm drive for tilt-in-space) may be added to the tilt-in-space manual wheelchair for self-propelling full-time clients.

Costs

AADL funds options based on manufacturers' suggested retail price and vendor discounts, up to the maximum price listed. Clients are responsible for costs over the maximum price. Costs for one-arm drive are listed on individual wheelchair specification sheets.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: MANUAL WHEELCHAIR OPTIONS

Group: Manual wheelchairs

AADL catalog no.	Option	Description	AADL maximum price
W104	OAD – One-arm drive	Standard weight or heavy duty (full-time user). May be an upcharge with some wheelchairs.	\$1,100
W105	OAD – One-arm drive for tilt-in-space	Tilt, heavy duty or pediatric (full-time user).	\$1,200
W106	EL/AEL – Elevating leg rests	Category A only. Articulating or non-articulating.	\$457
W107	AAF – Angle adjustable footplates	Category A only.	\$240
W110	O2 – Oxygen holder	Replaces Z990 – Single holder is \$130. Double holder is \$311. Holder for a recliner is \$278.	\$311
W111	XW – Extra-wide option	Includes additional charges related to: Widths 20" or greater. Depths 20" or greater. Cannot be combined with heavy duty packages.	\$644
W112	Vent tray	To be used with initial order. Comes in standard and heavy duty.	Standard max \$730 Heavy duty max \$1,165

Power Wheelchairs

Eligibility

Refer to AADL Program Manual Section WP – Power Wheelchair Benefits for details on eligibility. A Power Mobility Application form is required to determine if a client is eligible for power mobility. Tilt options eligibility is determined through the AADL Power Tilt-in-Space Request form and is a separate authorization.

Clients must be willing to accept a comparable substitute for power wheelchairs to be eligible for AADL funding.

Power wheelchairs must be trialed first with the preferred vendor, and then a search of the recycle inventory must be completed by sending a Generic Specification form – Power Wheelchair to the recycle vendor before submitting an authorization on Alberta Blue Cross online health portal. New equipment can only be ordered after the recycle inventory has been searched and the authorizer has received a written confirmation from the recycle vendor that there is no suitable equipment available. The confirmation must be uploaded with the authorization.

The authorization is for a “power wheelchair” for both recycle and new purchases.

All power wheelchairs must be prior approved by AADL. Once the Power Mobility Application form and manufacturer specifications are uploaded with the authorization to the Alberta Blue Cross online health portal, the request will be reviewed by AADL. The authorizer will receive an email from Alberta Blue Cross once the decision has been made. The authorizer is then responsible for ordering a wheelchair with the recycle vendor or a vendor of the client’s choice if purchasing new. AADL does not search the recycle inventory or complete orders for equipment.

Costs

Clients are responsible for any upcharges or options not funded by AADL. These include seat elevators, high-speed motors, power elevating leg rests and foot platforms. The tilt option is funded for adult clients only.

See AADL Program Manual Section WP – Power Wheelchair Benefits for a complete list of options not covered by AADL. Other options may be covered depending on clinical rationale. See code W100 for specialty control coverage.

All private options, including no-charge options, are not covered by AADL for repairs.

Warranties

- batteries: One year
- actuators: 18 months
- controllers/joysticks/motors: Three years

Power Wheelchairs: Adult

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: POWER WHEELCHAIR

Group: Power wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: Prior approval required

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W688	Permobil F3 Corpus	Front-wheel drive. Standard seating.	17", 19" 21", 23"	14-22"	3%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W751	Pride Mobility Quantum 4Front	Front-wheel drive	12 – 22"	12 – 22"	6%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W581	Sunrise Medical Quickie Q-700M	Mid-wheel drive. Previously called QM-710 Heavy duty model available (400 lbs. weight capacity)	12 – 22"	12 – 22"	6%	Mar. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W592	Pride Mobility Q6 Edge 2.0	Mid-wheel drive. Heavy duty model available (450 lbs. weight capacity)	16 – 24"	16 – 24"	6%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W659	Pride Mobility Quantum Q6 Edge Z	Mid-wheel drive	14 – 22"	14 – 20"	6%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W709	Pride Mobility Quantum 1450 HD	Mid-wheel drive. Heavy duty model for clients more than 400 lbs. Maximum weight capacity 650 lbs.	20 – 32"	18 – 28"	6%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W801	Invacare Storm TDX-SP2	Mid-wheel drive	12 – 24"	16 – 18", 20"	6%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W558	Invacare Aviva Storm RX	Rear-wheel drive. Four-pole motors only. 300 lbs. weight capacity.	12 – 24"	12 – 22"	6%	Oct. 1, 2021
	17p blue					
W663	Pride Mobility Quantum Rival	Rear-wheel drive	12 – 24"	16 – 18", 20"	6%	Oct. 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W970	Amylior Alltrack R3	Rear-wheel drive	19 – 22"	18 – 22"	4%	Nov 1, 2021
	Black or blue					
W971	Sunrise Medical Quickie Q500H	Rear-wheel drive	16 – 22"	14 – 22"	6%	Nov 1, 2021
	Black or blue					

Power Wheelchairs: Pediatric

Eligibility

Refer to AADL Program Manual Section WP – Power Wheelchair Benefits for details on eligibility. A Power Mobility Application form is required to determine if a client is eligible for power mobility.

Power wheelchairs must be trialed first with the preferred vendor, and then a search of the recycle inventory must be completed by sending a Generic Specification form – Power Wheelchair to the recycle vendor before submitting an authorization on Alberta Blue Cross online health portal.

All power wheelchairs must be prior approved by AADL. Clients must be willing to accept a comparable substitute for power wheelchairs to be eligible for AADL funding.

Costs

Clients are responsible for any upcharges or options not funded by AADL. These are listed on the individual power wheelchair specification sheets available on the manufacturer’s website and include seat elevators, power elevating leg rests, and foot platforms.

The tilt option is not funded for pediatric clients. Other options may be covered depending on clinical rationale. See code W100 for specialty control coverage on page 28. See AADL Program Manual Section WP – Power Wheelchair Benefits for a complete list of options not covered by AADL.

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: POWER WHEELCHAIR

Group: Power wheelchairs

Quantity and frequency limit: Prior approval required

AADL catalog no.	Manufacturer / model	Description	Seat width	Seat depth	Vendor discount	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W577	Sunrise Medical Q300 M Mini (formerly ZM-310) Black or blue	Mid-wheel drive. 165 lbs. maximum weight capacity	10 – 16"	10 – 19"	6%	May 1, 2019
W777	Invacare Rovi X3 Black	Mid-wheel drive. 300 lbs. maximum weight capacity	11 – 20"	11 – 20"	6%	Oct. 1, 2021
W778	Amylior Alltrack P3 Black or blue	Hybrid or mid-wheel drive. 300 lbs. maximum weight capacity	11 – 20"	11 – 19"	4%	Jan. 2022
W779	Pride Q6 Edge Stretto Black or blue	Mid-wheel drive. 300 lbs. maximum weight capacity	12 – 20"	12 – 20"	4%	Aug. 26, 2021

Power Wheelchairs: Power Tilt and Specialty Controls

Eligibility

Refer to AADL Program Manual Section WP – Power Wheelchair Benefits for details on eligibility.

All power wheelchair options must be prior approved by AADL. Power tilts are funded for adult clients only and must be supported by an AADL Power Tilt-in-Space Wheelchair Request form in a separate authorization for power tilt.

Clients are provided with one type of control, and only one type of specialty control is funded. Clients funded for specialty controls own the controls and must be willing to accept responsibility for repairs. A client is not funded for both a basic joystick and specialty control.

Costs

Clients are responsible for any upcharges or options not funded by AADL. Options for each type of power wheelchair on the AADL program are listed on the individual power wheelchair specification sheets available on the manufacturer’s website. See AADL Program Manual Section WP – Power Wheelchair Benefits for a complete list of options not covered by AADL.

Approved Manufacturers

- Amylior
- Invacare
- NOW Technologies (GyroSet Vigo)
- Pride
- Permobil
- Sunrise

Specialty Control Options

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: POWER WHEELCHAIR

Group: Specialty control options

Quantity and frequency limit: Prior approval required with power wheelchair

AADL catalog no.	Description	Maximum price
W100	Specialty controls Includes: Head arrays, MEC joysticks, chin controls, rim control, sip ‘n puff controls, switch drives (e.g., five switch option with display) and Bluetooth-capable joystick for clients using a speech-generating communication device. Maximum price includes the display, mounting hardware and installation. Costs for repairs on specialty controls and the associated display are the client’s responsibility.	\$4,000

Tilt Options

AUTHORIZATION TYPE: POWER TILT

Group: Tilt options

Quantity and frequency limit: Prior approval required with power wheelchair

AADL catalog no.	Description	Vendor discount	Maximum price	Latest manufacturer spec sheet version
W990	Invacare Power Tilt	6%	n/a	Oct. 1, 2021
W991	Pride Mobility True Balance Power Tilt	6%	n/a	Oct. 1, 2021
W992	Sunrise Medical Power Tilt	6%	n/a	July 1, 2019
W993	Permobil Power Tilt	3%	n/a	Oct. 1, 2021
W995	Amylior Power Tilt	4%	n/a	Nov 1, 2021
