



**NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM:
MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT PRICE FILE FOR THE ALBERTA REGION**

To NIHB enrolled MS&E providers,

This letter is to inform you that the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program, Indigenous Services Canada, has implemented changes to remove the prior approval requirements and establish maximum prices for certain bathing, toileting, lift, transfer, and mobility aids.

Effective June 18, 2018, NIHB no longer requires prior approval from enrolled MS&E providers in Alberta for eligible items identified in the price file table below.

Providers will be required to keep the following information on file:

- Prescription from a physician or nurse practitioner
- Manufacturer product code #, Make/model of the equipment
- Occupational therapy or physiotherapy assessment report or recommendation if available
- Copy of any third-party coverage (e.g. workers' compensation, private insurance, etc.)

Providers must ensure the client meets the following conditions for a manual wheelchair:

- The client is not a full-time wheelchair user (since full-time wheelchair users require a more advanced chair);
- The client is not transferring to a long term care facility; and
- The client is not palliative (as NIHB will fund a rental if this is available).

If the client does not meet the conditions above, a prior approval is required and providers will need to submit the request to the Alberta regional office.

Providers are encouraged to confirm client eligibility for the item(s) prior to dispensing by contacting Express Scripts Canada at 1-888-511-4666 or the regional NIHB office at 1-800-232-7301.

Items no longer requiring a prior approval (if within maximum price and recommended replacement guidelines):

Item Description	Item Code	Maximum Price	Recommended Replacement Guidelines	Specifications
Bath Chair	99400295	\$95.50	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum frame with 4 height adjustable legs • Fits inside tub • Includes back and seat, with or without perineal cutout • May include arms • Must have non-skid rubber tips or suction feet on the legs • Weight capacity 113 Kg (250 lbs)

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Commode, Standard	99400296	\$120.00	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variable height • Weight capacity 113 Kg (250 lbs)
Elevated Raised Toilet Seat with Arms	99400299	\$93.00	3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armrests attached to raised toilet seat • Must have clamps to secure to toilet bowl, or moulded plastic construction with locking mechanism for safe secure fit to toilet • Fits elongated or standard toilet bowl. May have sloped opening for peri-fit • Weight capacity 113 Kg (250 lbs)
Floor to Ceiling Pole	99400321	\$425.00	Lifetime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor to ceiling transfer pole without accessories • 20.32 cm (8 inches) or 25.4 cm (10 inches) • Weight capacity 204 Kg (450 lbs)
Grab Bar-Bed	99400322	\$145.00	10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes swivel, pivot or static • Non-permanent • Weight capacity 136 Kg (300 lbs)
Safety Frame for Toilet	99400302	\$65.00	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attaches to existing toilet seat bolts. Can be used separately or in conjunction with a raised toilet seat • Weight capacity 113 Kg (250 lbs)
Tub Transfer Bench	99400304	\$154.00	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height adjustable legs, two legs sit on outside of tub, 2 on inside of tub, seat extends over the bathtub wall • May be padded or smooth plastic • Weight capacity 136 Kg (300 lbs)
Walker Standard Purchase	99400338	\$90.00	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height adjustable (without wheels) • Includes hemi or side walkers • Weight capacity 124 Kg (275 lbs)
Walker Wheeled Purchase	99400340	\$434.86	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have 4 wheels • Must be able to accommodate slow down brakes • Seat Height below 58.42 cm (23 inches) • Push Handle Height 73.66 to 96.52 cm (29 to 38 inches) • Hand Grips – none, standard • Width between push handles below 60.96 cm (24 inches) • Brakes - none, push-to-lock, auto stop • Brake type – none, bilateral, one hand

Item Description	Item Code	Maximum Price	Recommended Replacement Guidelines	Specifications
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheel size – 10.16 to 15.24 cm (4 to 6 inches), 15.24 to 20.32 (6 to 8 inches), 20.32 to 25.4 cm (8 to 10 inches) • Back support – Yes/No • Weight capacity 124 Kg (275 lbs) • Consider weight of O2 holder for clients with compromised respiratory system
Wheel Chair Manual (Purchase)	99200349	\$850.00	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall chair weight is 15.42 Kg (34 lbs) or less • Seat sizes up to 45.72 cm by 45.72 cm (18" by 18") • Maximum weight capacity 113 Kg (250 lbs) • 60.96 cm (24") urethane rear tires with mag rims • 20.32 cm (8") front solid casters • Standard swing-away footrests • Standard back upholstery • Adjust adjustable height flip-back or detachable armrests with fill arm pads • Push to lock brakes

In addition, maximum prices were also established for the following items that currently do not require prior approvals:

Item Description	Item Code	Prior Approval	Maximum Price
Elevated (raised) toilet seat (standard)	99400298	No	\$89.95
Grab Bar Tub (non-permanent)	99400649	No	\$85.00
Mat, tub, non-slip	99400301	No	\$24.99

The NIHB Program will require prior approval for items included in the price file if they are not within the indicated maximum price and recommended replacement guideline limits.

Please visit the Express Scripts Canada website at provider.express-scripts.ca for forms (including prior approval requests), claims submission kit, and links to NIHB Program policy information and benefit lists.

If you have any questions, please contact the Alberta regional office at 1-800-232-7301.