

Voice Restoration and Electrolarynx Benefits, VRE

Alberta Aids to Daily Living Information Sheet

Voice restoration and electrolarynx supplies are provided by AADL to meet your basic communication and health needs.

The type of items covered, the annual quantity and the frequency that items can be provided are listed in the VRE Approved Product List. This is available on the AADL website: https://open.alberta.ca/publications/aadl-program-manual-a.

It is your responsibility to purchase items which are not on the AADL approved product list.

Order Process

Laryngectomy supplies funded by AADL are provided through your Speech-Language Pathologist who creates an authorization based on your assessed needs during each clinic visit. The items are ordered and shipped to your home address by the vendor.

Laryngectomy supplies are authorized by a Speech-Language Pathologist to ensure that there is a valid clinical need and that the products are used in accordance with their directions.

Copies of the authorizations made on your behalf can be provided to you by the SLP Authorizer at the time the order is processed.

Client Responsibilities

You play an important part in ensuring that you receive items ordered on your behalf.

Please ensure you discuss at each clinic visit your supply needs for the coming months so that they can be provided in a timely manner. We encourage you to identify supply needs for three to six months ahead to eliminate delays in obtaining needed supplies.

If you have not received ordered items within two weeks of the authorization date, contact the vendor directly to follow up. All shipped orders are tracked by each vendor to ensure timely delivery. Delivery may be delayed if items are not in stock and are on back order.

For people who are cost share for AADL benefits, the vendor will not ship items until this amount has been paid to them. AADL then pays the balance for the order.

If you have concerns about cost share payments, discuss with the vendor options for payment of cost share.

At your next clinic visit, bring into clinic any supplies that need to be inserted by the Speech-Language Pathologist, such as lary tubes and indwelling valves. Do not open the box for valves or lary tubes in case they need to be returned to the vendor.

If you do not wish to use particular supplies being recommended, please let your Speech-Language Pathologist know.