



INTRODUCTION

Extended Health Benefits Information Bulletins are distributed to provide program updates or to address specific issues. This bulletin is being distributed to clarify the Compression Garment Program policies and announce that the Special Needs Equipment Manual is now available on-line.

COMPRESSION GARMENT PROGRAM

The Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL) Compression Garment Program covers the cost of compression garments and other supplies for clients with serious conditions that require moderate to high pressure (20 mmHg or higher) that cannot be managed by other means such as elevation or medication and would become more severe without compression. This includes stage one to four lymphedema. The program does not provide coverage for pre-lymphedema or stage zero lymphedema.

Fashion garments will not be covered unless they are the same or lower cost as a comparable non-fashion garment.

In addition to garments, the program also covers bandaging and wrapping supplies for use during manual lymphatic drainage (MLD). These supplies must be the most basic/cost effective products that meet the client's need and must be for short term use (i.e. during the period of MLD). Items covered include, but are not limited to, short stretch bandages, pit pads, swell spots and foam.

Eligible requisitioners for the program are Occupational Therapists (OT), Physical Therapists (PT), Enterostomal Therapy Nurses (ET), Diabetes Nurses (DNS) or Wound Care Nurses (IIWCC).

For more information on the Compression Garment Program and other SAIL programs, please visit <http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/sail>.

SPECIAL NEEDS EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

The Special Needs Equipment Program has posted an equipment manual on-line at www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca (follow the links starting on the left hand side with "Daily Living and Rehabilitation Services"). In addition to equipment specifications and eligibility information, this manual includes several documents explaining the care and safe use of the equipment available through the program. Please share this information with clients, as appropriate.

If you have any questions about the manual or additional information you would like to see incorporated, please call Carrie McComber at 306-385-7205.

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