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PAEDIATRIC WOODEN EQUIPMENT

Select adaptive and rehabilitation equipment is available through the Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL) Prosthetics and Orthotics Program for in-home rehabilitation and therapy. Wooden equipment, including height adjustable tables, chairs and therapy benches, is now available on a loan basis through the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. This equipment will be provided to children 17 years of age or younger when requisitioned by an occupational or physical therapist for in-home use. A private purchase option is offered for use outside of the home environment. (Please contact the Council for private purchase pricing information.) Included with this bulletin is the new *Paediatric Wooden* Equipment Order Form. Completed forms should be sent directly to the Council (see page two of the form for contact information). An equipment pick up option is available in Saskatoon. Loaned equipment can be returned to any Special Needs Equipment depot in Saskatchewan when no longer required. Detailed wooden equipment specifications can be found in the equipment manual posted at www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca (follow the links starting on the left hand side with "Daily Living and Rehabilitation Services"). For more information, please call the Council at (306) 374-4448.

EXTERNAL CRANIOFACIAL PROSTHESES

The SAIL Prosthetics and Orthotics Program provides assistance with the cost of a range of prosthetic and orthotic devices. In July 2014, external craniofacial prostheses were added to the list of program benefits. To be eligible, clients must require the device to restore functionality in daily living. Benefits include craniofacial prostheses that are required as an external substitute for a partially or totally absent facial part (custom made nasal and orbital prostheses). Further details about this new benefit can be found in the Prosthetics and Orthotics Program policy at www.health.gov.sk.ca/sail.

PARAPLEGIA PROGRAM

SAIL Paraplegia Program recipients are eligible for a number of benefits, including medical supplies. SAIL recently converted from a paper invoice process to on-line, electronic submission of invoices for medical supplies. As part of the new billing process, SAIL clarified policies for shipping, pricing and approved quantities. The Ministry introduced approved quantities for medical supplies based on advice from health professionals. Amounts higher than approved quantities are considered when supporting medical rationale is received from physicians or nurse practitioners. Please instruct clients who have questions about these new policies to contact SAIL directly for assistance.

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