



SASKATCHEWAN AIDS TO INDEPENDENT LIVING

- Benefits include specialized assistive devices, formulary and some non-formulary drugs, medical and incontinence supplies, the loan of outdoor wheelchair lifts and grants towards home and vehicle lifts.

Aids to the Blind Program

- Persons who are legally blind are eligible for benefits.
- Services are provided on behalf of SAIL by the Canadian National Institute For the Blind (CNIB) – Saskatchewan Division in Regina and Saskatoon and through low vision clinics jointly provided by the CNIB and the Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists.
- Benefits include the loan of magnification aids, specialized low-vision glasses, braille, talking book machines and talking calculators.

Cystic Fibrosis Program

- Only designated specialist physicians may refer patients.
- Benefits are Drug Plan Formulary and non-Formulary drugs and certain nutritional supplements.

End-Stage Renal Disease Program

- Only designated specialist physicians may refer patients.
- Benefits are Drug Plan Formulary and non-Formulary drugs.

Ostomy Program

- Only Enterostomal Therapy Clinics at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina and the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon may refer patients.

- SAIL provides a 50 per cent reimbursement of the cost of the prescribed ostomy supplies such as appliances, adhesives and adhesive removers.

Hemophilia Program

- Only designated specialist physicians may refer patients.
- Coverage includes disease-related supplies.

COVERAGE LIMITATIONS

- Prosthetic and orthotic services voluntarily obtained out-of-province are covered only at Saskatchewan rates.
- Mastectomy prostheses are not covered.
- Specialized seating for wheelchairs; myoelectric prostheses; “ultra light” and electric wheelchairs are subject to approval by screening committees.
- The SAIL program does not provide or financially assist with the purchase of technical/communication aids.

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SASKATCHEWAN AIDS TO INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL)

The Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL) Program facilitates the independence of persons with permanent physical disabilities. Benefits include the provision of medical equipment, supplies, and services to help recipients achieve a more independent and active lifestyle.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of Saskatchewan;
- Have a valid Saskatchewan Health Services card;
- Be referred for service by an authorized health care professional;
- Obtain the service in Saskatchewan, unless pre-authorized by Saskatchewan Health; and
- Not be eligible to receive the service from any other government agency such as: First Nations and Inuit Health (Health Canada), Workers Compensation Board, Saskatchewan Government Insurance or Department of Veteran's Affairs.

PROGRAM SERVICES

UNIVERSAL BENEFITS

Mobility and Assistive Devices

- Free loan and repair of a range of aids including wheelchairs, walkers, toileting and bathing equipment. Eligibility is based on long-term need.

- The Saskatchewan Abilities Council or "SAC" (Special Needs Equipment Program), which operates depots in Regina, Saskatoon, Yorkton, Swift Current and Prince Albert, provides services on behalf of SAIL. Please call:

Saskatoon	374-4448
Prince Albert	922-0225
Swift Current	773-2071
Regina	569-1262
Yorkton	786-9255

- SAIL does not provide lower-cost items such as grab bars, raised toilets seats, canes and standard crutches. These items may be purchased from SAC or from a private supplier.

Respiratory Equipment

- Coverage of home oxygen therapy systems, subject to medical criteria; and
- Loans and repairs of respiratory aids (suction machines, tracheostomy packs, ventilators and CPAP machines) are subject to medical criteria and guidelines.

Prosthetic and Orthotic Appliances

- Provision and repair of prosthetic and orthotic appliances (including specialized seating for wheelchairs);
- Prosthetic/orthotic appliances are provided on behalf of SAIL through the provincial workshops situated at the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre (Regina) and the Saskatchewan Abilities Council (Saskatoon);
- Burn garments and pressure garments (≥ 20 mm Hg compression);

- Artificial limbs and accessories are supplied, fitted, adjusted and repaired without charge; and
- Higher-cost back and knee braces and splints are supplied, fitted, adjusted and repaired without charge.

Children's Enteral Feeding Pumps and Supplies

- Loan and maintenance of feeding pumps (bags, etc. supplied).
- Requests for coverage are limited to a specialist physician.

RETURN OF EQUIPMENT

SAIL-owned equipment must be returned when:

- The equipment is replaced.
- The equipment is no longer required.
- The beneficiary moves out of the province.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

In addition to regular SAIL Program benefits, beneficiaries with certain disabling conditions receive extended coverage.

Paraplegia Program

- Paraplegia is defined (in the regulations) as a disease or lesion affecting the spinal cord with resultant paralysis of all or most of the lower limbs and trunk.
- Only specialists in physical and rehabilitation medicine may refer their patients to the program.