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# Introduction and Background

Assistive devices aim to provide individuals with tools that can support the management of their health and social needs. These devices are often used to support hospital discharge, maintain independence in the home, and to support active participation at home, work, and in the community (Mattison, Wilson, Wang & Waddell, 2017; McColl, Roberts, Miller & Smith, 2015). There are many terms and definitions used to describe assistive devices (Schrieber & Wang, 2017). For the purposes of this review the North American Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (NAO) have adopted the following definition used in the United States of America Assistive Technology Act 2004: “any item, piece of equipment, or product, whether acquired commercially, modified or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities” (Congress United States of America Government, 2004).

Given that the proportion of older adults in Canada is growing (Statistics Canada, 2014) and assistive devices usage increases with age (Statistics Canada, 2015), we can expect increased pressure for public funding and/or provision of assistive devices. Despite the acknowledged value of having access to assistive devices, the degree to which provinces and territories (P/T) publicly support such access varies. There are no national standards or approaches in Canada that set out how coverage decisions should be made, largely a consequence of assisted devices not being included as insured (hospital or medical) services under the Canada Health Act and therefore not part of universal health coverage under Canadian Medicare. As a consequence, the public funding or provision of assisted devices is set by federal, provincial and territorial governments acting alone, largely through extended health benefit programs. How decisions are made are then a result of two imperatives: the first a consequence of the democratic process where decisions are made on the basis of unique interest group pressures, politics and historical policies within individual jurisdictions; the second on the basis more technocrat recommendations through deliberate processes (e.g. health technology assessments) based on clinical and cost effectiveness analyses.

The purpose of this scan was to expand upon an existing literature review of funding models for assistive devices programs conducted by Ontario’s Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) (Hayes et al. 2017) in October, 2017. The MOHLTC identified and reviewed four programs in four jurisdictions: *Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program*, *Medical Equipment and Devices*, *BC Employment and Assistance Program*, *Saskatchewan Aids to Independent living program*, and *Ontario’s Assistive Devices Programs*.

This report had two objectives:

- to identify all Canadian jurisdictions that offer publicly supported assistive devices programs; and
- to identify program characteristics, including: program mandates, eligibility criteria, types of devices included/excluded, how decisions to include/exclude are made, the funding mechanisms used (private insurance, user fees, public insurance, a mix), and how the funding approaches are decided.

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# Methods

For this review we employed a two-phase approach:

## Phase 1

Phase one involved a broad scan to identify Canadian jurisdictions that have public programs that offer extended health benefits (access to assistive devices and related technologies) to its residents. This phase was guided by AGE-WELL's (Aging Gracefully across Environments using Technology to Support Wellness Engagement and Long-Life Network of Centres of Excellence, Incorporated) June 2017 report (Schrieber & Wang, 2017). The AGE-WELL NCE report was a scoping review of government (federal, provincial and territorial) assistive device programs and charitable organization programs. We relied on the AGE-WELL NCE report to initially identify existing P/T programs then we consulted the program's websites to confirm that these programs were still in operation. Additionally, we reviewed provincial and territorial government websites to identify whether there were any additional programs that were not reviewed in the AGE-WELL report.

## Phase 2

Phase two involved an in-depth assessment of the public programs identified in phase one. This phase aimed to expand on the MOHLTC's October, 2017 literature review. We conducted a review of programs in operation in February, 2018, which included a keywords search of grey literature, secondary literature, internet-based sources. We used the name of the program and the following terms: "assistive device" AND "assistive product" AND "assistive technology" AND "funding" AND "eligibility" AND "extended health benefits" AND "mobility devices" OR "mobility aids". The following databases/websites were searched (without date limitations):

1. Grey Literature
  - Program websites
  - Government websites
2. Secondary Literature
  - Medline
  - Google Scholar
  - CINAHL
3. Internet Search
  - Google

This review also included, where possible, brief interviews with key informants. Based on the objectives of this review we broke our analysis down into four main categories to understand how Canadian jurisdictions structure, administer, and fund publicly managed assistive device programs. Within each category, we aimed to identify specific features of the program, as detailed below.

1. **Mandate of AD programs:** what is the governing legislation; and who administers the program (e.g., provincial government, regional authorities, a combination of government and delegated third parties including charitable organizations)?

2. **Eligibility criteria:** who is eligible to benefit from these programs (e.g., age, medical conditions assessments, living arrangements, financial status, access to private funding); and where does the administrative burden fall?
3. **Devices Included:** what types of devices are covered under the program (mobility aids; household aids; respiratory aids; and audio, visual, and communication aids); and how are decisions made in terms of what devices should be included/excluded?
4. **Coverage:** is there full or partial coverage; are the ADs loaned; what is the service/product support approaches (rented devices, reimbursement strategies, deposits); and how are the coverage approaches determined?

To identify the governing legislation for the programs, we used the information found in the AGE-WELL report's (appendix 2) tables of provincial and territorial programs (Schrieber & Wang, 2017).

The coverage of devices was broken down into the four distinct categories where we expected the cost of public coverage and support to be high:

- Mobility aids include such things as wheel chairs, walkers, and crutches.
- Household aids refers to such things as hospital beds, stair lifts, bathroom devices, and transfer lifts.
- Respiratory aids refer to such things as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines and oxygen support.
- Audio, Visual, and communication aids include bone anchored hearing aids, adaptive telephones, and reading and writing devices.

## Analytic Overview

We applied the above criteria to our scan of assistive devices programs in 13 P/T jurisdictions (see appendix A). These criteria allowed us to assess the various strategies Canadian jurisdictions use to structure, administer, and fund assistive devices programs. Each jurisdiction was found to have at least one publicly supported assistive devices program (see appendix A for details).

## Mandate and Accountability

All jurisdictions have governing legislation surrounding the assistive devices programs (although our review could not determine what legislation Nunavut uses for their extended health benefits programs). It is helpful to understand which laws might impact public assistive device programming since approaches to coverage have been shaped by health and/or disability policy regimes. Most jurisdictions rely on their assistive devices programs to be administered by provincial departments. There are two exceptions. In Manitoba, regional health authorities administer the ‘Supplies and Equipment’ program offered under the auspices of Manitoba Health—Seniors and Active Living branch. Manitoba’s program falls within their home and community care services sector to offer individuals with resources to support independent living within the home—providing mostly household aids to eligible recipients (refer to table 2 and 3 for additional details). The government of Newfoundland and Labrador similarly engages its regional health authorities to deliver a provincial audiology program.

*Table 1: Mandate and Accountability*

Province	Category	Governing Legislation	Provincially Administered	Regionally Administered	Combination of Government and Charitable Organization Administered
Alberta		X	X		
British Columbia		X	X		
Manitoba		X		X	
New Brunswick		X	X		X
Newfoundland and Labrador		X	X	X	
Nova Scotia		X	X		X
Ontario		X	X		
Prince Edward Island		X	X		X
Quebec		X	X		
Saskatchewan		X	X		
Northwest Territories		X	X		X
Nunavut		**	X		
Yukon		X	X		

\*\* Based on the rapid review of secondary and grey sources this could not be unquestionably determined



Some jurisdictions rely on support from charitable organizations to administer programs: New Brunswick's recycling and rehabilitation program extensively involves Easter Seals New Brunswick where the majority of administrative burden seems to fall; in some cases Nova Scotia's Disability Support Program is administered by Easter Seals Nova Scotia; in addition, Nova Scotia's Health Equipment Loan program involves a collaborative effort between the Department of Health and Wellness and the Canadian Red Cross Nova Scotia with a similar collaboration between PEI's health department and PEI Red Cross for equipment loans; and in Northwest Territories, the health department delegates the administration of its supplementary health benefits for seniors through the Alberta Blue Cross.

Which ministries administer each of the jurisdictional programs and the legislation associated with the jurisdictional programs are presented in appendix B.

## Eligibility

The eligibility of programs varied across P/T. Based on the review it appears that all jurisdictions require a health assessment of client needs and some programs require a health professional to apply on the clients' behalf. Based on the review, five jurisdictions (British Columbia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories) explicitly highlighted that if an individual was receiving support from another benefit program that they are not eligible for additional assistive devices programs. Many jurisdictions limit eligibility around specific diseases, most commonly when a jurisdiction has a visual or hearing program outside that of a general medical devices program. In these cases, the eligibility requirements would include hearing or vision impairment to a certain degree. Other jurisdictions like Nunavut and the Yukon link eligibility to specific chronic diseases (with the lists being quite exhaustive).

Age as a requirement was common for about half of the jurisdictions although these requirements vary considerably. Nova Scotia's Wheelchair Recycling program is limited to those under 65, the Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program and Medication Dispenser Assistive Technology program are for those 65 and over. Prince Edward Island Disability Support Program provides support for those under 65. For those 65 and above, Prince Edward Island does not appear to have a government sponsored program but does have an equipment loan program run by the Red Cross. Quebec's Aides Techniques program is available for those 18 and over and the Physical Impairment Device Program appears to be open to all ages. The Northwest Territories have a Supplementary Health Benefits program for persons 60 years or over. Nunavut offers an Extended Health Benefits program for Specified Conditions which is available for those under 65 and an Extended Health Benefits Program for Seniors (65+). Interestingly, Yukon offers an Extended Care Benefits program to Seniors 65+ but also to those 60+ so long as they are married to a Yukon resident who is 65 years or older.

Income was used as an eligibility restriction for six of the 13 jurisdictions. British Columbia requires clients to be a part of the general and health supplements programs which provides supports to recipients on income assistance. Similarly, New Brunswick offers support to individuals who have special needs and qualify for family income security. Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador programs require proof of financial need. Ontario also has a financial requirement for an individual to be considered eligible for the Ontario Disability Support Program – Benefits and Extended Health Benefits program.

Only three jurisdictions specify that health conditions need to be ‘long-term’ (Nova Scotia defines this as having a need or a condition that is expected to last at minimum longer than 90 days—but Ontario and Alberta setting a minimum threshold of 6 months) before an individual is deemed eligible for the programs.

Where an individual lives affected eligibility status for programs in four jurisdictions. Most commonly individuals were required to be living in the community (not incarcerated, not hospitalized, not in facility-based long-term care) in order for them to be eligible.

*Table 2: Eligibility Criteria*

Province	Category	Medical or Health Assessment	Age	Income	Disease	Long-Term Condition	Living Arrangement	Non-enrollment in other benefit programs
Alberta		X				X		
British Columbia		X		X	X		X	X
Manitoba		X					X	
New Brunswick		X		X	X			X
Newfoundland and Labrador		X		X	X			
Nova Scotia		X	X	X		X	X	
Ontario		X		X		X		
Prince Edward Island		X	X				X	
Quebec		X	X		X			X
Saskatchewan		X			X			X
Northwest Territories		X	X		X			X
Nunavut		X	X		X			
Yukon		X	X		X			

## Devices Included

Regulatory approval must be granted at the federal level in order for assistive devices to be sold in Canada. Once approved, assistive devices vendors have to apply to each of the P/T’s assistive devices programs to have a device listed as one of the publicly funded devices (with each P/T having different application procedures). Based on this review the specifics of this process was unclear for most jurisdictions.

We placed assistive devices into 4 distinct categories where the cost of purchasing would be high (as discussed in the methods). All jurisdictions offer mobility aids. Newfoundland and Labrador’s Medical

Equipment and Supplies program offers access to incontinent supplies. However, whether it offers access to other household aids could not be identified through this review.

All jurisdictions offered access to wheelchairs – some jurisdictions specify only manual wheelchairs (Yukon) and others specify both manual and electric (Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia and Yukon).

There were four jurisdictions (British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Yukon) that clearly listed hospital beds as a funded device. Lifts to assist with transfers (ceiling mounted, bath lifts) were included as approved devices in three jurisdictions (New Brunswick, Ontario, and Saskatchewan).

*Table 3: Devices Included*

Category	Mobility Aids	Household Aids	Respiratory Aids	Audio, Visual, and Communication Aids
Province				
Alberta	X	X	X	X
British Columbia	X	X	X	X
Manitoba	X	X		X
New Brunswick	X	X		X
Newfoundland and Labrador	X		X	X
Nova Scotia	X	X	X	X
Ontario	X		X	X
Prince Edward Island	X	X		X
Quebec	X	X		X
Saskatchewan	X	X	X	X
Northwest Territories	X	X	X	X
Nunavut	X	X	X	X
Yukon	X	X	X	X

## Coverage

Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick offer fully funded assistive devices programs where devices are loaned from a pool. If devices are not available from the pool, they may be purchased and reimbursement provided. In 2017, the Canadian Red Cross Society re-evaluated its core functions which resulted in the closing of the Home Equipment Home Loan Program (HELP) recycling pool. New Brunswick and Northwest Territories clearly indicate payer of last resort – meaning that devices will only be funded if individuals are not covered by any other supplementary health benefit plan, agency, or private insurance plans. Alberta, British Columbia, and Yukon also had similar clauses stating if a client had access to other programs or private insurance they would not be eligible for the publicly supported assistive devices programs. Within jurisdictions there are differences in program coverage, whether or not a device is fully covered is program specific (and even within a program can be device specific). Each jurisdiction offers different approaches to coverage. A program may offer full support for some devices or require some form of cost sharing (e.g. co-payment) for other devices.

Table 4: Coverage

Province	Category	Full Coverage?	Partial Coverage?	Government payer of last resort?	Loaned Devices? (deposit, rental fee)	Tax Deductions?
Federally						Y (Medical expense and disability tax credits)
Alberta		X (for low-income persons)	X	X		
British Columbia		X	X	X		
Manitoba		X			X	
New Brunswick		X			X	
Newfoundland and Labrador		X	X			
Nova Scotia		X	X		X	
Ontario		X	X		X (Communications Equipment only)	
Prince Edward Island			X			
Quebec		X	X		X	
Saskatchewan		X	X		X	
Northwest Territories		X		X		
Nunavut		X				
Yukon		X	X	X		

## Conclusion

All jurisdictions appear to have governing legislation for the public support of assistive devices, principally as part of extended health benefit programs. Most jurisdictions – the exceptions are Manitoba and New Brunswick – have clear provincial roles with respect to administering the programs. Interestingly Manitoba appears to be the only jurisdiction that delegates the questions of coverage and provision for assisted devices to regional health authorities while New Brunswick in their recycling program delegates the administration of public coverage and provision of assisted devices to a private charitable organization.

Eligibility appears to be quite variable across and within jurisdictions, with different programs targeting different age categories, financial need levels, and disease categories.

In terms of which devices were selected to be included, all jurisdictions offered mobility aids (wheel chairs, walkers, crutches), all program websites, other than Manitoba, specifically noted access to

wheelchairs. Many jurisdictions provide access to either electronic or manual wheelchairs (Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick).

Coverage was relatively similar across jurisdictions. Most offered full coverage for a variety of their publicly available programs, some were based on assessed financial need. Only five jurisdictions (Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Northwest Territories, and Yukon) highlighted explicitly that the government was payer of last resort and clients were to exhaust all other options before being considered eligible for the publicly administered assistive devices programs.

## Appendix: Provincial and Territorial Programs

Table 1: Alberta

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program (AADL)</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/aids-to-daily-living.html">http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/aids-to-daily-living.html</a></p>	<p>The program was established in 1980 and is currently under the mandate of Alberta Health.</p> <p>The program offers basic medical equipment and supplies to support residents of Alberta that suffer from long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness maintain their independent living.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following acts:</p> <p><i>Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c P-37</i></p> <p><i>Alberta Aids to Daily Living and Extended</i></p>	<p>To be eligible for the program, the resident must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a valid Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan card.</li> <li>• In the need of assistance due to a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness for six months or longer.</li> <li>• Every applicant is required to obtain an assessment by an AADL authorized health care professional or an AADL preapproved vendor for assessment based on the device.</li> </ul>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amplification Devices</li> <li>• Musculoskeletal Supports (Hernia abdominal and back supports)</li> <li>• Large and small bathing and toileting equipment</li> <li>• Burn garments</li> <li>• Compression stockings</li> <li>• Custom-made footwear</li> <li>• Custom-made ocular prostheses</li> <li>• Homecare beds and accessories*</li> <li>• Incontinence supplies (diapers and catheters)</li> </ul>	<p>There are different funding methods. Some devices are fully funded by Alberta Health and others are cost-shared.</p> <p>Some equipment are also eligible for recycling.</p> <p>Residents of Alberta are responsible for paying 25% of the cost or up to \$500 annually per individual or family. Low-income residents and Albertans receiving income assistance are exempt from covering any of the cost.</p> <p>Prosthetic, orthotic, mastectomy prosthesis and eye prosthesis benefits received through</p>

	<p><i>Health Benefits Regulation, Alta Reg 236/1985</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injection supplies (not provided for insulin injections)</li> <li>• Laryngectomy equipment and supplies</li> <li>• Breast prostheses</li> <li>• Orthotic braces (not foot orthotics)</li> <li>• Ostomy supplies</li> <li>• Oxygen</li> <li>• Patient Lifters*</li> <li>• Pressure reduction overlays</li> <li>• Prosthetic devices;</li> <li>• Respiratory equipment*</li> <li>• Shoe elevations;</li> <li>• Specialized pediatric equipment*</li> <li>• Specialized seating devices</li> <li>• Therapeutic Footwear</li> <li>• Transfer Aids</li> <li>• Walkers and walking aids</li> <li>• Wheelchair cushions and accessories</li> <li>• Wheelchairs, manual and power</li> <li>• Vision aids – Administered by CNIB</li> </ul>	<p>AADL program are at no cost to senior clients.</p> <p>Residents receiving benefits from another government program are not eligible for funding under AADL.</p>
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			<p>* Equipment received may be recycled</p> <p>What's excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foot orthotics</li><li>• Eyeglasses</li><li>• Prescription drugs</li><li>• Dental care or dentures.</li></ul> <p>Alberta Health has standard contracts with the vendors that outline the scope of the benefits.</p> <p>The inclusion and exclusion criteria for the products are determined by Alberta Health based on the evaluation of the product. In certain situations, meetings are held between Alberta Health and the vendors to review the benefits of the products.</p>	
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Government of Alberta. (2018). Alberta Health, Alberta Aids to Daily Living. Retrieved February 23, 2018, from <http://www.health.alberta.ca/services/aids-to-daily-living.html>

Table 2: British Columbia

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation British Columbia (BC) - Employment and Assistance (BCEA) – Medical Equipment and Devices</b></p> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/health-supplements-and-programs/medical-equipment-and-devices">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/health-supplements-and-programs/medical-equipment-and-devices</a></p>	<p>Information about when program was established was not found.</p> <p>The program is under the mandate of the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation BC.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Regulations and Acts:</p> <p><i>the Employment and Assistance Regulation</i></p> <p><i>the Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Regulation.</i></p> <p><i>Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act, SBC 2002, c 41</i></p> <p><i>Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities</i></p>	<p>To be eligible for funding, the client must be:</p> <p>Eligible for General Health Supplements as provided by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction which provides health assistant to residents eligible and receiving: income assistance, hardship assistance, and disability assistance. Residents that are not eligible for income assistance, hardship assistance and disability assistance are also eligible for funding.</p> <p>A recipient of BC Employment and Assistance.</p> <p>The client will be considered ineligible if he or she is eligible to access medical equipment,</p>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canes</li> <li>• Crutches</li> <li>• Walkers</li> <li>• Manual and power</li> <li>• Wheelchairs</li> <li>• Wheelchair seating systems</li> <li>• Scooters</li> <li>• Toileting, transfers, and</li> <li>• positioning aids</li> <li>• Hospital beds and related</li> <li>• items</li> <li>• Pressure relief mattresses</li> <li>• Floor or ceiling lift devices</li> <li>• Positive airway pressure</li> <li>• devices</li> <li>• Apnea monitors</li> <li>• Suction units</li> <li>• Percussors</li> <li>• Nebulizers</li> <li>• Medical humidifiers</li> </ul>	<p>There are different funding methods. Some devices are fully funded by the ministry and others are cost-shared.</p> <p>The client must exhaust all options before requesting funding from the ministry.</p> <p>Cost-Shared: if the client is able to find partial funding aside from the ministry, in this situation, cost-sharing becomes an option.</p>

	<p><i>Regulation, BC Reg 265/2002 , (Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act)</i></p>	<p>medical supplies, or medical transportation. The client is also ineligible if he or she is living in a Ministry of Health funded facility which normally funds medical equipment.</p> <p>Every applicant is required to obtain an assessment by a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner as well as a relevant therapist (e.g., occupational, physical, or respiratory therapist) for confirmation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inhaler accessory devices</li> <li>• Non-conventional glucose metres.</li> </ul> <p>What's excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking poles</li> <li>• Strollers</li> <li>• High performance wheelchair for recreational or sports use</li> <li>• Scooters intended primarily for recreational or sports use</li> <li>• Automatic turning beds</li> <li>• Containment type beds</li> <li>• Ventilators</li> <li>• Lift chairs</li> </ul> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
<p><b>Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation BC - Employment and</b></p>	<p>Information about when program was established was not found.</p>	<p>To be eligible for funding, the client must be:</p>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing instruments bone anchored hearing aids</li> </ul>	<p>There are different funding methods. Some devices are fully funded by the ministry and others</p>

<p><b>Assistance (BCEA) - Medical Equipment – Hearing Instruments</b></p> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/health-supplements-and-programs/medical-equipment-hearing-instruments">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/health-supplements-and-programs/medical-equipment-hearing-instruments</a></p>	<p>The program is under the mandate of the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation BC.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Regulations and Acts:</p> <p><i>the Employment and Assistance Regulation</i></p> <p><i>the Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Regulation.</i></p> <p><i>Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act, SBC 2002, c 41</i></p> <p><i>Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Regulation, BC Reg 265/2002 , (Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act)</i></p>	<p>Eligible for General Health Supplements as provided by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction which provides health assistant to residents eligible and receiving: income assistance, hardship assistance, and disability assistance. Residents that are not eligible for income assistance, hardship assistance and disability assistance are also eligible for funding.</p> <p>A parents of a hard of hearing dependent child.</p> <p>Dependent children of families eligible to receive premium assistance through Medical Services Plan</p> <p>The client is part of a ministry-approved training and his or her disability is considered a direct barrier to employment in the opinion of the Supervisor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cochlear implants</li> <li>• Some services such as repairs and battery replacements, may be provided either through the regional health authority or through private service providers.</li> </ul> <p>What’s excluded: Information was not found.</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>are cost-shared.</p> <p>The client must exhaust all options before requesting funding from the ministry.</p>
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		<p>The client is registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and are hard of hearing.</p> <p>A client with a hearing impairment who is also a single parent of an adult with a cognitive impairment.</p>		
<p><b>Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation BC - Employment and Assistance (BCEA) - Medical Equipment – Orthoses</b></p> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/health-supplements-and-programs/medical-equipment-orthoses">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/health-supplements-and-programs/medical-equipment-orthoses</a></p>	<p>Information about when program was established was not found.</p> <p>The program is under the mandate of the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation BC.</p> <p>The client must find the least expensive equipment that provide basic needs.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Regulations and Acts:</p> <p><i>the Employment and Assistance Regulation</i></p> <p><i>the Employment and Assistance for Persons</i></p>	<p>To be eligible for funding, the client must be:</p> <p>Eligible for General Health Supplements as provided by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction which provides health assistant to residents eligible and receiving: income assistance, hardship assistance, and disability assistance. Residents that are not eligible for income assistance, hardship assistance and disability assistance are also eligible for funding.</p> <p>Living in Ministry of Health funded residential care facilities.</p>	<p>What included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Custom-made foot orthotic</li> <li>• Off-the-shelf orthopaedic footwear</li> <li>• Custom-made footwear</li> <li>• off-the-shelf</li> <li>• Off-the-shelf footwear</li> <li>• Permanent modification to footwear</li> <li>• Ankle brace</li> <li>• Ankle-foot orthosis</li> <li>• Knee-ankle-foot orthosis</li> <li>• Knee brace</li> <li>• Hip brace</li> <li>• Upper extremity brace</li> <li>• Cranial helmet</li> <li>• Torso or spine brace</li> </ul>	<p>There are different funding methods. Some devices are fully funded by the ministry and others are cost-shared.</p> <p>The client must exhaust all options before requesting funding from the ministry.</p> <p>Co-funding may be considered when other resources do not cover the full cost.</p>

	<p><i>with Disabilities Regulation.</i></p> <p><i>Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act, SBC 2002, c 41</i></p> <p><i>Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Regulation, BC Reg 265/2002, (Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act)</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foot abduction orthosis</li> <li>• Toe orthosis</li> <li>• Orthosis accessories and supplies</li> </ul> <p>What's excluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prosthetic and related supplies</li> <li>• Plaster or fibreglass cast</li> <li>• Hernia support</li> <li>• Abdominal support</li> <li>• Walking boot for a fracture</li> </ul> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
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Table 3: Manitoba

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Home Care Services - Supplies and Equipment (under the umbrella of Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living)</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/homecare/">https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/homecare/</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found.</p> <p>The program is under the mandate of the Regional Health Authorities.</p> <p>The main purpose of the program is to provide the necessary support to help individuals that require health assistance continue to live at their homes as safely as possible</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>The Health Services Insurance Act, CCSM c. H35</i></p> <p><i>Prosthetic, Orthotic and other Medical Devices Insurance Regulation, Man Reg 53/93, (Health Services Insurance Act)</i></p>	<p>To be eligible for funding, a Manitoba resident must be:</p> <p>Registered with Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors.</p> <p>In need of health services or support to maintain daily living and in need of assistance to continue living at home.</p> <p>The services required by the client must not be covered existing supports and community resources.</p> <p>The client must receive assessment by home care case co-ordinators</p>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital beds and mattresses</li> <li>• Hospital bed accessories</li> <li>• Pressure relief mattresses and cushions</li> <li>• Commodes</li> <li>• Transfer devices and aids</li> <li>• Wheelchair cushions and back supports</li> <li>• Aids to daily living – e.g. cooking aids, eating and bathing aids, bathroom safety equipment, grab bars, dressing aids, hearing aid batteries, cane, crutches, walkers</li> </ul> <p>What's excluded: Information not found.</p> <p>There is currently no standard process to include, exclude or modify the list of equipment.</p>	<p>Devices are fully funded by the program. There is a pool available to allow loaning of devices.</p> <p>All devices must be loaned or purchased from Manitoba's Materials Distribution Agency Medical Products Catalogue.</p> <p>If the device is not available in the loaning pool, the government will assist in purchasing the device.</p>



	<p><i>The Excluded Services Regulation, Man Reg 46/9 , (Health Services Insurance Act)</i></p>		<p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
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Table 4: New Brunswick

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Department of Social Development – Health Services (The Recycling Program)</b>  <a href="http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/sd- ds/pdf/HealthServices/Recycling-e.pdf">http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/sd- ds/pdf/HealthServices/Recycling-e.pdf</a>  <b>Convalescent / Rehabilitation Program</b>  <a href="http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.8015.Health_Services_Convalescent_Rehabilitation_Program_.html">http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.8015.Health_Services_Convalescent_Rehabilitation_Program_.html</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found.</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Easter Seals New Brunswick and the Health Services Program of the Department of Social Development.</p> <p>The main purpose of the program is to support eligible clients purchase and maintain necessary rehabilitation items and services that cannot otherwise be funded by other agencies or private health insurance plans.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Health Services Act, SNB 2014, c 112</i></p>	<p>To be eligible for funding, the client must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A client of this ministry.</li> <li>• An Individual with special health needs and eligible for health assistance under Section 4.4 of the Family Income Security Act and Regulations.</li> </ul> <p>And must have one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid white Health Services Card that contains the word “SUPPLEMENTARY” under the BASIC HEALTH ELIGIBILITY section, or “HA.” (Hearing Aid) in the ADDITIONAL HEALTH ELIGIBILITY section.</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid yellow Health Services card with a “Y”</li> </ul>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkers, gait trainers</li> <li>• Raised toilet seats, reducer rings, toilet risers, toilet safety frame, commodes, tub transfer bench, bath benches and chairs, hand held showers, bath lifts, shower commodes</li> <li>• Arco rail, M-rail, Smart rail, trapeze bar, grab bars, wall mounted supports, super poles, supine stander, prone stander, hydraulic standing frame</li> <li>• Transfer boards, disc and belts, standing transfer aid, portable manual lift, power patient lifts, ceiling mounted lifts, slings</li> <li>• Medical helmets, pressure relief cushions outside a wheelchair</li> <li>• Hospital/Home care beds</li> </ul>	<p>Devices are fully funded by the program. There is a pool available to allow loaning of devices. If the device is not available in the loaning pool, the government will assist in purchasing the device.</p> <p>The government is the sole owner of the devices. Easter Seals recycle and provide devices to the clients.</p> <p>Devices funded under this program must not be funded under any other agency, or insurance plan.</p> <p>Eligibility of equipment under this program is once every 5 years and maintenance is monthly.</p>

	<p><i>General Regulation, NB Reg 84-115</i></p> <p><i>Family Income Security Act, SNB 1994, c F-2.01 General Regulation, NB Reg 95-61, (Family Income Security Act)</i></p>	<p>under the OTH in the VALID ONLY FOR box, or an “X” under SUPP in the VALID ONLY FOR box.</p> <p>Must receive assessment and determine the need with the help of a physiotherapist or occupational therapist.</p> <p>Must not be receiving coverage from other programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reactive and active support surfaces (for pressure reduction)</li> </ul> <p>What’s excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lift chairs</li> <li>• Stair lifts</li> <li>• Exercise equipment</li> <li>• Adaptive aids</li> <li>• Communication equipment</li> <li>• Wigs</li> <li>• Equipment required for short term use</li> <li>• Equipment that is not patient specific for clients in adult residential facilities</li> </ul> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
<p><b>Department of Social Development – Health Services Hearing Aid Program</b></p> <p><a href="http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.8035.html">http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.8035.html</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found.</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Health Services Program of the</p>	<p>To be eligible for funding, the client must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A client of this ministry.</li> <li>• An Individual with special health needs and eligible for health</li> </ul>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behind the Ear (BTE), In the Ear (ITE) and In the Canal (ITC) hearing aids</li> <li>• Repairs &amp; ear molds</li> </ul> <p>What’s excluded:</p>	<p>Devices are fully funded by the program.</p> <p>Devices funded under this program must not be funded under any other agency, or insurance plan.</p>

	<p>Department of Social Development.</p> <p>The main purpose of the program is to support eligible clients purchase and maintain necessary hearing aids and services that cannot otherwise be funded by other agencies or private health insurance plans.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Health Services Act, SNB 2014, c 112</i></p> <p><i>General Regulation, NB Reg 84-115</i></p> <p><i>Family Income Security Act, SNB 1994, c F-2.01</i>  <i>General Regulation, NB Reg 95-61, (Family Income Security Act)</i></p>	<p>assistance under Section 4.4 of the Family Income Security Act and Regulations.</p> <p>And must have one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid white Health Services Card that contains the word “SUPPLEMENTARY” under the BASIC HEALTH ELIGIBILITY section, or “HA.” (Hearing Aid) in the ADDITIONAL HEALTH ELIGIBILITY section.</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid yellow Health Services card with a “Y” under the OTH in the VALID ONLY FOR box, or an “X” under SUPP in the VALID ONLY FOR box.</li> </ul> <p>Must receive assessment and determine the need with the help of a physiotherapist or occupational therapist.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIC, BAHA or BI-CROS hearing aids</li> <li>• Personal FM systems</li> <li>• Cochlear implants</li> <li>• Hearing aids for cochlear implants</li> <li>• Batteries for hearing aids or cochlear implants</li> <li>• Hooks, filters or tubing</li> <li>• Convenience options such as T-coil, directional microphone, etc.</li> <li>• Cleaning/drying</li> <li>• Pocket Talkers</li> <li>• Hearing tests or evaluations</li> </ul> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>Hearing Aids are eligible once every 5 years.</p> <p>Repairs are eligible as required once the manufacturer’s warranty expires.</p> <p>Ear molds are eligible for funding once a year for adults and twice a year for children.</p> <p>Hearing aid services are at no cost to clients.</p> <p>Government funding should always be the last resort for clients.</p>
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		<p>Must not be receiving coverage from other programs.</p>		
<p><b>Department of Social Development – Health Services</b></p> <p><b>Orthopedic Program</b></p> <p><a href="http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.8155.html">http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.8155.html</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Administered by the Department of Social Development</p> <p>This program assists clients of this department with the coverage of orthopedic items which are not covered by other agencies or private health insurance plans.</p> <p><i>Health Services Act, SNB 2014, c 112</i></p> <p><i>General Regulation, NB Reg 84-115</i></p> <p><i>Family Income Security Act, SNB 1994, c F-2.01 General Regulation, NB Reg 95-61, (Family Income Security Act)</i></p> <p>Information about when the program was established was not found.</p>	<p>To be eligible for funding, the client must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A client of this ministry.</li> <li>• An Individual with special health needs and eligible for health assistance under Section 4.4 of the Family Income Security Act and Regulations.</li> </ul> <p>And must have one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid white Health Services Card that contains the word “SUPPLEMENTARY” under the BASIC HEALTH ELIGIBILITY section, or “Orthopedic” in the ADDITIONAL HEALTH ELIGIBILITY section.</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid yellow Health Services card with a “Y” under the OTH in the VALID ONLY FOR box, or</li> </ul>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific custom fitted braces and supports</li> <li>• Custom made braces</li> <li>• Therapeutic and Orthopedic design footwear</li> <li>• Custom made shoes and insoles</li> <li>• Modifications &amp; Repairs</li> </ul> <p>What’s excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support bras</li> <li>• Cervical pillows</li> <li>• Soft or unfitted supports and braces</li> <li>• Non-custom insoles</li> <li>• Non-custom wrist braces and splints braces and supports for short term use</li> <li>• Braces and supports for sports purposes</li> </ul> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>Devices are fully funded by the program.</p> <p>There is a limit on the maximum payable amount for prescribed orthosis.</p> <p>Devices funded under this program must not be funded under any other agency, or insurance plan.</p> <p>Most items are eligible for funding once every 2 years for adults and once a year for children.</p> <p>Modifications and repairs are paid as required</p> <p>Orthopedic services are at no cost to clients.</p>

	<p>Falls under the mandate of the Easter Seals New Brunswick and the Health Services Program of the Department of Social Development.</p> <p>The main purpose of the program is to support eligible clients purchase and maintain necessary orthopedic items that cannot otherwise be funded by other agencies or private health insurance plans.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Health Services Act, SNB 2014, c 112</i></p> <p><i>General Regulation, NB Reg 84-115</i></p> <p><i>Family Income Security Act, SNB 1994, c F-2.01</i>  <i>General Regulation, NB Reg 95-61, (Family Income Security Act)</i></p>	<p>an "X" under SUPP in the VALID ONLY FOR box.</p> <p>Must receive assessment and determine the need with the help of a physiotherapist or occupational therapist.</p> <p>Must not be receiving coverage from other programs.</p>		
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Table 5: Newfoundland and Labrador

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Department of Health and Community Services - Special Assistance Program – Medical equipment and supplies</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/personsdisabilities/fundingprograms_hcs.html-sap">http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/personsdisabilities/fundingprograms_hcs.html-sap</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>The program falls under the mandate of the Department of Health and Community Services and the Department of Advanced Education and Skills (AES)</p> <p>The program assist individuals obtain the necessary equipment to help them continue their daily activities.</p> <p>Program is not under a legislative framework.</p>	<p>To be eligible for funding, the client must demonstrate a financial need and demonstrate the need for the device for a period of at least 3 months.</p>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• medical supplies (such as dressings, catheters and incontinent supplies),</li> <li>• oxygen and related equipment and supplies,</li> <li>• Orthotics such as braces and burn garments</li> <li>• Equipment such as wheelchairs, commodes or walkers</li> </ul> <p>What excluded: information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>Devices are either fully funded or cost-shared depending on the financial need of the client.</p>
<p><b>Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (AES) – Income</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p>	<p>Eligible beneficiaries are: - Children age 17 and under.</p>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hearing aids</li> </ul> <p>What excluded:</p>	<p>Funding/coverage not clear.</p> <p>Applicants with private</p>



<p><b>Support – Hearing Aid program</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.aesl.gov.nl.ca/policymanual/pdf/is/health_hearing_aids.pdf">http://www.aesl.gov.nl.ca/policymanual/pdf/is/health_hearing_aids.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Joint with the Department of Health and Community Services</b></p>	<p>The program falls under the mandate of the Department of Advanced Education Skills and Labour and the Department of Health and Community Services and the Janeway Child Health Centre of the Eastern Regional Health Authority</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Income and Employment Support Act, SNL 2002, c I-0.1</i></p> <p><i>Income and Employment Support Regulations, NLR 144/04</i></p>	<p>- Post-secondary students over the age of 17.</p> <p>- Adults classified by the Department of Advanced Education and Skills as unable to pay</p> <p>Eligibility determined by Client Services Officer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing aid batteries and routine maintenance</li> </ul> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>insurance plans may be eligible for funding under this program.</p>
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Table 6: Nova Scotia

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Department of Community Services – Disability Support Program (DSP)</b></p> <p><a href="https://novascotia.ca/co/ms/disabilities/">https://novascotia.ca/co/ms/disabilities/</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of Community Services and in certain cases it might be operated by the Easter Seals Nova Scotia (e.g. assessment and eligibility for funding if under 65 for certain medical devices)</p> <p>The program is geared towards providing support to children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities, long-term mental illness and physical disabilities in a range of community-based, residential and vocational/day programs.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p>	<p>The program is geared towards providing support to children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities, long-term mental illness and physical disabilities in a range of community-based, residential and vocational/day programs. (Glossary of Terms is located within the DSP Policy <a href="https://novascotia.ca/co/ms/disabilities/document/s/Disability_Support_Program_Policies.pdf">https://novascotia.ca/co/ms/disabilities/document/s/Disability_Support_Program_Policies.pdf</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intellectual disability</li> <li>- Long-term mental illness</li> <li>- Physical disability</li> <li>- Medical assessment/physician report; financial assessment (see DSP Financial Eligibility Policy)</li> </ul>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foot care and Podiatry: approval is based on recommendation by a Health Care provider demonstrating absolute need for an economically sound equipment.</li> <li>• Hearing Aids and Hearing Aid Batteries: approval is based on recommendation by an audiologist and a supervisor demonstrating absolute need for an economically sound equipment.</li> <li>• Medical Equipment:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requests for wheelchairs and repairs for DSP participants under 65 are referred directly to Easter Seals Nova Scotia for assessment and eligibility for funding.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Foot care: the program funds actual cost given the most economically sound option (approved by Care Coordinator)</p> <p>Guide dog allowance: \$90/month; routine vet care is \$300 annually</p> <p>Orthotics: based on DSP approval levels</p>

	<p><i>Social Assistance Act, RSNS 1989, c 432</i></p> <p><i>Municipal Assistance Regulations, NS Reg 76/81 (Social Assistance Act)</i></p>		<p>- Purchase of wheelchairs, inserts, and repairs for DSP participants 65 and over and the purchase, rental and repair of other types of medical equipment for all DSP participants, such as prosthetics, CPAP machines, walkers and crutches may be approached as a special need when: approval is based on recommendation by a Health Care provider demonstrating absolute need for an economically sound equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthotics (customized orthotic shoes and orthotic meds/inserts): approval is based on recommendation by a Health Care provider demonstrating absolute need for an economically sound equipment.</li> <li>• Guide dog allowance:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monthly allowance for a guide dog, and annual</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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			<p>allowance for routine vet costs, when all other available resources have been exhausted, if the dog is: provided to the participant through the support of a certified guide dog organization or school, with documentation outlining the provision of supports; and required by the participant due to their disability.</p> <p>- Non-routine expenses (e.g. surgeries, treatment for infections, special diets, euthanasia, and travel (room and board)) , maintenance of a retired guide dog are not covered.</p> <p>What's excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
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<p><b>Department of Community Services – Disability Support Program (DSP)—Direct + Enhanced Family Support for Children Program (DFSC/EFSC)</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of Community Services</p> <p>The programs provide funding to families of children with disabilities to assist them with providing home support for the children.</p> <p>The funding covers services such as: services to assist with scheduled breaks for family care givers.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Social Assistance Act, RSNS 1989, c 432</i></p> <p><i>Municipal Assistance Regulations, NS Reg 76/81 (Social Assistance Act)</i></p>	<p>Eligibility for the DFSC is based on a family’s finances. The guideline table is found here: <a href="https://novascotia.ca/comm/disabilities/DFSCIncomeGuidelines.html">https://novascotia.ca/comm/disabilities/DFSCIncomeGuidelines.html</a></p> <p>Financial assessment is conducted by the Care coordinator to determine eligibility.</p> <p>An eligible child and their family whose funding needs exceed the maximum \$2200 per month through DFSC may be eligible for funding under EFSC if they meet additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>What’s included: Prosthetic appliance and other types of equipment (e.g., walkers, crutches recommended by a health care practitioner)</p> <p>What’s excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>Fully funded</p>
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<p><b>Department of Community Services – Disability Support Program – Wheelchair Recycling Program</b></p> <p><a href="https://novascotia.ca/comm/disabilities/WheelchairRecycling.html">https://novascotia.ca/comm/disabilities/WheelchairRecycling.html</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of Community Services and the Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia at Easter Seals Nova Scotia</p> <p>The program provides wheelchairs to first time children users or to children who have outgrown their current chair.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Social Assistance Act, RSNS 1989, c 432</i></p> <p><i>Municipal Assistance Regulations, NS Reg 76/81 (Social Assistance Act)</i></p>	<p>Wheelchairs for children and adults with a net family income that falls within program guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Under 65</li> <li>- Not have additional coverage through public programs or private insurance</li> <li>- Permanent resident of Nova Scotia</li> <li>- Valid Nova Scotian health insurance number</li> <li>- Prescription from an OT or attending HCP</li> <li>- Provide co-payment amount (where applicable) to the retail supplier before receiving the wheelchair</li> </ul>	<p>What’s included: Wheelchairs and seating equipment.</p> <p>What’s excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>Wheelchairs are loaned for as long as needed.</p> <p>Assessment, equipment repair (through Easter Seals Nova Scotia) covered.</p> <p>Co-payment depends on family income and number of immediate family members living in the household. Co-pay depends on age (under 18, vs 18-65) with an annual income of less than \$21,000. See table on page 5: <a href="http://www.easterseals.ns.ca/uploads/539067894058cWheelchairs_form.pdf">http://www.easterseals.ns.ca/uploads/539067894058cWheelchairs_form.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Department of Health and Wellness - Continuing Care – Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>The program falls under the mandate of the Department of Health and</p>	<p>To qualify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resident of NS with a valid NS health care number</li> <li>- 65+ at time of application</li> </ul>	<p>What’s included: Wheelchairs - new and recycled wheelchairs (manual and/or electric) and seated equipment</p> <p>What’s excluded:</p>	<p>Recycled wheelchairs are loaned for as long as needed, or new wheelchair is funded.</p> <p>Assessment, maintenance costs, and general repairs</p>

<p><a href="https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/wheelchair-loan-program.asp">https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/wheelchair-loan-program.asp</a></p>	<p>Wellness—Continuing Care.</p> <p>Provides new and recycled wheelchairs (manual and/or electric) to eligible residents of Nova Scotia.</p> <p>The program is governed by:</p> <p>Legislative framework is potentially: <i>Health Authorities Act, SNS 2014, c 32 and SNS 1990, c 6</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have been assessed by an authorized health care provider (OT or PT)</li> <li>- Require assistance because of a long-term disability, chronic illness, or terminal illness;</li> <li>- Agree to sign a consent form for the safe and proper use of your wheelchair;</li> <li>- have a net annual income of \$22,125 or less if single or \$37,209 or less if married), and</li> <li>- Are not covered by other programs such as private insurance or other publicly funded organizations.</li> </ul> <p>Can retain wheelchair if transferred to long-term care, but a referral for reassessment will be initiated and service will be transferred to Specialized Equipment Program in long term care</p>	<p>Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>are covered. No fees.</p>
<p><b>Department of Health and Wellness - Continuing Care – Personal Alert Service</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p>	<p>To receive funding for personal alert services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be 65 years or older.</li> </ul>	<p>What’s included: Personal Alert Assistance: 24-hour personal support and emergency response system that when</p>	<p>Rental fees are cost-shared. The program provides up to \$480/year to reimburse for the purchase of a personal</p>

<p><a href="https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/personal-alert-service.asp">https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/personal-alert-service.asp</a></p>	<p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of Health and Wellness— Continuing Care.</p> <p>The purpose of the program is to provide funding assistance to low-income seniors to help them stay independent at their homes and provide access to emergency help when required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be a Nova Scotia resident with valid Health Card.</li> <li>- Live alone and have an annual net income of less than \$22,125.</li> <li>- Have a history of recent falls.</li> <li>- Use a cane, wheelchair or walker.</li> <li>- Have a requirement for Home Care Services that will extend beyond 90 days.</li> <li>- Sign an agreement with the Department of Health and Wellness.</li> </ul> <p>Access to financial assistance for PAAP is based on availability of resources.</p> <p>Eligibility is determined by Continuing Care Coordinators (employee of District Health Authority)</p>	<p>activated can directly connect individuals to a Response Centre which can contact the appropriate help. Personal Support Systems include two-way communicator devices (e.g. wrist band/pendant and unit connected by phone line).</p> <p>What’s excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>alert assistance service.</p> <p>Assessment, 24-hour emergency support and alarm system covered. Approved cost includes start-up fees and monthly maintenance</p>
<p><b>Department of Health and Wellness - Continuing Care and Canadian Red Cross Nova Scotia - Health Equipment Loan Program</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of</p>	<p>This policy applies to individuals living in the community, who have demonstrated a need for a hospital type bed system and who meet the</p>	<p>What’s included: The bed system provided through the HELP-Bed Loan Program consists of: - fully electronic hospital type bed</p>	<p>No fees charged to Continuing Care clients for equipment provided through HELP-Bed Loan Program. Devices are loaned until no longer</p>



<p><b>(HELP) - Bed Loan Program</b></p> <p><a href="https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/policies/HELP_Program_Policy.pdf">https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/policies/HELP_Program_Policy.pdf</a></p>	<p>Health and Wellness— Continuing Care and the Canadian Red Cross Nova Scotia.</p> <p>The purpose of the program is to provide access to a bed loan program for clients of Continuing Care residing in the community.</p>	<p>criteria of the HELP-Bed Loan Program.</p> <p>Applicants eligible when following criteria have been met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resident of Nova Scotia, with a valid Nova Scotia health card;</li> <li>- Has a need for the equipment provided through the HELP-Bed Loan Program;</li> <li>- Is determined by Continuing Care to meet the requirements of the HELP-Bed Loan Program;</li> <li>- Be willing to take responsibility for the equipment in the home, or have an individual who is willing to do so.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- foam pressure reduction mattress</li> <li>- full bed rail</li> </ul> <p>What’s excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>needed at no cost.</p> <p>Delivery, pick up and installation/assembly covered.</p>
<p><b>Department of Health and Wellness - Continuing Care and Canadian Red Cross Nova Scotia - Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) - Specialized Equipment Program</b></p> <p><a href="https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/policies/policyManual/Guidelines_Specialize">https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ccs/policies/policyManual/Guidelines_Specialize</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of Health and Wellness— Continuing Care and the Canadian Red Cross Nova Scotia</p>	<p>To access equipment through the HELP-Specialized Equipment Program an individual must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- is a regular bed resident of a DoH licensed or approved long term care facility; and</li> </ul>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- specialized mattresses and accessories;</li> <li>- resident specific, specialized bariatric beds;</li> <li>- power and manual wheelchairs, plus accessories;</li> <li>- resident specific specialized transfer aids (i.e.: sliding sheets, trapeze bars);</li> </ul>	<p>Devices are loaned, may need to pay monthly fee, depending on income.</p> <p>Residents choosing alternate or upgraded items are responsible for the full cost of the equipment, including labour/maintenance to install upgraded items.</p>

<p><a href="#">d Equipment Program.pdf</a></p>	<p>The programs assists residents of long term care (LTC) facilities licensed or approved by the Department of Health (funder) access necessary equipment.</p> <p>The Program has a similar premise to the HELP program and the Bed Loan Program administered by the Canadian Red Cross, Nova Scotia Region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- requires equipment which is on the Covered Equipment list; and</li> <li>- is assessed by an OT or PT as requiring the specified equipment; and</li> <li>- have the request reviewed and approved by Continuing Care.</li> </ul> <p>Specialized equipment is not available through the program for Home Care clients or other individuals not meeting eligibility criteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- basic positioning chairs; and</li> <li>- customized 2 wheeled walkers with glide tips/skis and rollator walkers, plus accessories;</li> <li>- resident specific slings; and</li> <li>- bariatric commodes.</li> </ul> <p>What's excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>Approved applicants may be required to pay a monthly income based fee for the equipment being provided through the HELP-Specialized Equipment Program. Red Cross will invoice the recipient for these applicable fees on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Applicants who are publicly assisted residents of Department of Health licensed or approved long term care are exempt from payment of fees.</p>
<p><b>Department of Health and Wellness - Continuing Care – Medication Dispenser Assistive Technology Program</b></p> <p><a href="http://0-nsleg-edeposit.gov.ns.ca.legcat.gov.ns.ca/deposit/b1065981x.pdf">http://0-nsleg-edeposit.gov.ns.ca.legcat.gov.ns.ca/deposit/b1065981x.pdf</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of Health and Wellness— Continuing Care</p> <p>The main purpose of the program is to help clients manage their medication at home.</p>	<p>To receive funding for an automated medication dispenser, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be 65 years of age or older.</li> <li>- Be a Nova Scotia resident with a valid Health Card.</li> <li>- Have a net annual income of \$22,003 or less if single / \$37,004 or less if married).</li> </ul>	<p>What's included: In-home Medication Dispenser Assistive Technology</p> <p>What's excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded</p>	<p>Partially funded. The ministry provides \$499/year to help with the purchase of an in-home automated medication dispenser.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Require prescription medication for more than 90 days.</li> <li>- Require reminders and/or active monitoring for your medication.</li> <li>- Agree to take your medication.</li> <li>- Have a medication review or be able to obtain one before getting a medication dispenser.</li> <li>- Explore other medication management options before applying for this program.</li> </ul>	from the program was not found.	
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Table 7: Ontario

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Ministry of Health and Long Term Care - Assistive Devices Program (ADP)</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/adp/">http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/adp/</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care</p> <p>The purpose of the program is to enable individuals with permanent physical disability maintain their independence (Ontario Ministry of Health, 2016)</p> <p>The program is governed under the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997, SO 1997, c 25, Sch B, General, O Reg 222/98, (Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997)</i></p> <p><i>Employment Supports, O Reg 223/98, (Ontario</i></p>	<p>To be eligible, an Ontario resident must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A valid Ontario Health card issued in their name</li> <li>• A physical disability of six months or longer.</li> <li>• Equipment cannot be required exclusively for sports, work or school.</li> <li>• The program does not cover feeds for equipment available under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board or to Group “A” veterans for their pensioned benefits. There are specific eligibility criteria which apply to each device category.</li> </ul> <p>Medical assessment is required and devices must be purchased from an authorized vendor.</p>	<p>What included: ADP covers well over 8,000 separate pieces of equipment or supplies in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prostheses; wheelchairs/mobility aids and specialized seating systems;</li> <li>• monitors and test strips for insulin-dependent diabetics (through an agreement with the Canadian Diabetes Association);</li> <li>• Hearing aids and other devices</li> <li>• insulin pumps and supplies;</li> <li>• respiratory equipment; orthotic devices (braces),</li> <li>• pressure modification devices for burns and lymphedema (garments and pumps);</li> </ul>	<p>Cost shared</p> <p>75% of the total cost of equipment for equipment such as: artificial limbs, orthopedic braces, wheelchairs and breathing aids. For other equipment such as hearing aids, the ADP contributes a fixed amount.</p> <p>With regard to ostomy supplies, breast prostheses and needles and syringes for seniors, the ADP pays a grant directly to the person.</p> <p>The Home Oxygen Program under ADP, pays 100 per cent of the ADP price for oxygen and related equipment for seniors 65 years of age or older and for individuals 64 years of age or younger who are on social</p>

	<p><i>Disability Support Program Act, 1997)</i></p> <p><i>Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Act, RSO 1990, c M.26</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• diabetes equipment and supplies</li> <li>• replacement masks, headgear, etc. for continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines</li> <li>• Artificial eyes and facial prosthetics</li> <li>• Orthotic braces, compression garments and lymphedema pumps</li> <li>• Prosthetic breasts or limbs</li> <li>• respiratory equipment and supplies</li> <li>• visual and communication aids;</li> <li>• home oxygen therapy.</li> </ul> <p>Grants are provided for ostomy supplies, enteral feeding supplies, breast prostheses and for needles and syringes for insulin-dependent seniors.</p> <p>What's excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• repair costs for mobility aids</li> <li>• all-terrain vehicles</li> <li>• commodes or commode chairs</li> </ul>	<p>assistance, residing in a long-term care facility or who are receiving professional services through a Community Care and Access Centre, and 75 per cent of the ADP price for all others.</p> <p>Program will only help pay for equipment that is purchased from registered vendors. With the exception of communication devices where on page 8 of the ADP form users are able to select 'non registered vendor' for desktop or laptop devices.</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• non-wheeled walkers</li> <li>• positioning devices not required for use with a wheelchair</li> <li>• most rental of equipment (see respiratory category for apnea-monitor rental)</li> <li>• recliner chairs</li> <li>• standard walking canes</li> <li>• transport chair</li> <li>• adaptive tricycles</li> <li>• wheelchair lifts</li> <li>• wheelchair ramps</li> <li>• closed caption television system</li> <li>• anti-stuttering devices</li> <li>• call bells</li> <li>• environmental control units</li> <li>• telephones (regular and adaptive)</li> <li>• braille watches</li> <li>• GPS systems</li> <li>• regular eyeglasses</li> <li>• scleral contact lenses</li> <li>• talking clocks and calculators</li> <li>• continuous glucose monitors (CGM) and related supplies</li> </ul>	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dental/oral appliances for treatment of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)</li><li>• high-frequency chest wall oscillation airway clearance device</li><li>• humidifier (standalone)</li><li>• peak flow metre</li><li>• servo adaptive ventilators</li><li>• spirometres (including micro-spirometre)</li><li>• stethoscopes</li><li>• valve-holding chambers or spacer devices</li><li>• dentures</li><li>• oral splints for temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ)</li><li>• arch supports</li><li>• carbon-fibre braces</li><li>• centrally fabricated and pre-fabricated (off the shelf) braces</li><li>• DonJoy brace</li><li>• fracture braces</li><li>• nighttime-use-only orthoses</li><li>• orthopaedic shoes (even those custom-</li></ul>	
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			<p>made) and modifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• post-operative support braces</li> <li>• shoe inserts</li> <li>• SpineCor braces</li> <li>• stockings for varicose veins or venous insufficiency</li> <li>• treatment machines, such as transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) or continuous passive motion (CPM)</li> <li>• bras</li> <li>• silicone nipples or breast implants</li> <li>• swim prosthesis</li> <li>• temporary breast prostheses</li> <li>• Enteral-feeding pumps and ostomy supplies</li> <li>• supplies for temporary ostomies</li> <li>• total parenteral nutrition (TPN) pumps and supplies</li> <li>• Miscellaneous</li> <li>• air conditioner</li> <li>• air purifier</li> </ul>	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• automobile modifications</li><li>• bath and shower aids (e.g. benches, chairs, bath lifts)</li><li>• batteries (even for devices originally purchased through ADP)</li><li>• blood-pressure monitoring/measuring devices</li><li>• cellphones, including smartphones</li><li>• chair lift, or any lifting devices</li><li>• dialysis equipment</li><li>• diapers</li><li>• smoke detectors and fire alarms</li><li>• grab-bars</li><li>• home renovations (including ramps, porch lifts, etc.)</li><li>• hospital beds and mattresses</li><li>• implants</li><li>• incontinence supplies</li><li>• life-alert systems</li><li>• light-therapy equipment</li><li>• medication pumps</li><li>• raised toilet seat</li></ul>	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stair lift, urinary catheter</li> <li>• wigs</li> </ul> <p>The Program will only list and provide funding assistance for Devices that meet the requirements set out in the Manuals and are approved for listing by the Program.</p> <p>The ADP may consider listing a new type of product that is not currently represented in one of the Device categories listed in the ADP Manual if: The product:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the mandate of the program to increase the Client's independence through access to assistive Devices responsive to their individual needs;</li> <li>• Where applicable, has been tested for safety, has undergone manufacturer clinical trials with clear</li> </ul>	
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			<p>durability specifications, has user manuals and pricing details;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can be personalized and recommended based on an assessment by a healthcare professional;</li><li>• Is customized to address a disability;</li><li>• Is approved by Health Canada-F Funding is not available from other government programs;</li><li>• Evidence-based supportive documentation are available showing that it is a breakthrough product that provides substantial improvement over comparable products and the proposed price of the product is comparable with prices in other provincial or federal jurisdictions; and</li><li>• Funding of the product is aligned</li></ul>	
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			<p>with current government priorities. Funding is not available from other government programs;</p> <p>The ADP will not consider listing a product if the product:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is not deemed to be cost-effective</li> <li>• Is a common/mainstream product used by the general population;</li> <li>• Will be exclusively used for therapy or treatment purposes;</li> <li>• Will be exclusively used for a diagnostic or monitoring procedure;</li> <li>• Is a home or vehicle improvement and/or modification;</li> <li>• Will be exclusively used for work, education or recreation purposes;</li> <li>• Will be used for cosmetic purposes only;</li> </ul>	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be implanted within the body;</li> <li>• Is required for daily self-care activities (e.g., transferring, dressing, toileting or bathing); Is to be used exclusively to address a safety need; or</li> <li>• Is for short-term use.</li> </ul> <p>The Program will remove a Listed Device where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is not cost-effective, not safe or reliable,</li> <li>• It is not utilized by Clients,</li> <li>• the manufacturer/distributor is not abiding by the Policies and Procedures of the Program.</li> <li>• It is not supported by the manufacturer/distributor,</li> <li>• It has been discontinued or voluntarily recalled, or Health Canada or the United States Food and Drug Administration has</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Ministry of Community and Social Services - Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) – Disability Related-Benefits and Extended Health Benefits</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/income_support/odsp_device.aspx">https://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/odsp/income_support/odsp_device.aspx</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Ministry of Community and Social Services</p> <p>Provides funding to individuals with permanent disabilities to assist them in obtaining basic assistive devices.</p> <p>The program also provides funding to ODSP benefit unit members for assessment fees and the consumer co-payment for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Assistive Devices Program (ADP).</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997, SO 1997, c 25, Sch B. General, O Reg 222/98, (Ontario</i></p>	<p>Financial need based on e.g. family composition, housing/shelter costs, expenses, household income and assets</p> <p>Person with disability: Substantial mental or physical impairment that is continuous or recurrent, and is expected to last one year or more Impairment directly results in substantial restriction in ability to work, care for yourself, or take part in community life impairment, its duration and restrictions have been verified by approved health care professional</p> <p>Benefit can be for person with disability, spouse and dependents</p>	<p>recalled the Listed Device.</p> <p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• medical - diabetic supplies, enteral feeding equipment and supplies, ostomy supplies, ventilators, respiratory equipment and supplies;</li> <li>• mobility - prosthetics, orthotics, and pressure modification devices,</li> <li>• wheelchairs, positioning and ambulation aids; and</li> <li>• sensory - communication aids, visual aids (includes optical aids, reading and writing devices and orientation aids such as laser canes) and hearing aids.</li> </ul> <p>Medical assessment is required and devices must be purchased from an authorized vendor.</p>	<p>This program supports the clients by funding some of the costs not covered by ADP as well as Physician's assessment of the client's needs.</p> <p>Direct Payments (grants) for Supplies (ostomy supplies and insulin syringes) (Government of Ontario, 2005)</p> <p>Flat Rate Maximum Contributions for respiratory aids, prosthetics, wheelchairs and ambulation aids, communication aids, hearing aids and visual aids</p> <p>75% / 25% Funding Formula for enteral feeding, orthotics, pressure modification devices, and positioning devices. (Government of Ontario, 2005)</p> <p>Lease Payments for High Technology</p>
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	<p><i>Disability Support Program Act, 1997)</i></p> <p><i>Employment Supports, O Reg 223/98, (Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997)</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 225/98 - Administration and Cost Sharing</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 562/05 - Prescribed Policy Statements</i></p>			<p>Communication Devices</p> <p>MCSS will cover the consumer contribution for the annual lease payments for ADP approved high technology communication devices up to the amount permitted under ADP for recipients of ODSP</p>
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Table 8: Prince Edward Island

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Department of Family and Human Services – Disability Support Program (DSP)</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/services-a-famille-et-a-personne/disability-support-program">https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/services-a-famille-et-a-personne/disability-support-program</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>It falls under the mandate of the Department of Family and Human Services</p> <p>The main purpose of the program is to assist individuals with permanent disabilities with their daily needs.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act, RSPEI 1988, c R-12</i></p> <p><i>Social Assistance Act, RSPEI 1988, c S-4.3</i></p> <p><i>General Regulations, PEI Reg EC396/03 , (Social Assistance Act)</i></p>	<p>A person is eligible for the Disability Support Program if the person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is a person with a disability;</li> <li>• is a resident of Prince Edward Island; and</li> <li>• is under 65 years of age on the day an application for disability supports for the person is submitted</li> </ul> <p>A person is not eligible for the Disability Support Program if the person is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A child in the legal custody and guardianship of the Director of Child Protection,</li> <li>• pursuant to the Child Protection Act, is not eligible to receive disability supports.</li> <li>• A person who has been admitted to or resides in a nursing</li> </ul>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bathroom Aids;</li> <li>• Bedroom Aids;</li> <li>• Household Aids;</li> <li>• Ostomy Supplies; Communication Devices;</li> <li>• Feeding Equipment Supplies;</li> <li>• Hearing Aids;</li> <li>• Orthotic Devices;</li> <li>• Prosthetic Devices;</li> <li>• Visual Aids; and</li> <li>• Wheelchair,</li> <li>• Positioning and Ambulatory Aids.</li> </ul> <p>All devices must be approved by Health Canada and authorized for sale in Canada (for medical devices) or have the related certified endorsement through a professional designation i.e. customized splints, braces etc. constructed by occupational therapists in hospitals.</p>	<p>Co-paid based on level of income and level of functioning</p> <p>Recycled devices considered before new devices are funded. If a recycled device is not available, then two quotes are needed.</p> <p>There are limits to the frequency of purchases of the devices.</p>

		<p>home or community care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• facility is not eligible for disability supports.</li> <li>• A person who is sentenced to a correctional facility for more than 30 consecutive days.</li> <li>• A person who is admitted to a hospital for more than 30.</li> </ul>	<p>Medical assessment is required.</p> <p>What's excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
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Table 9: Quebec

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	SUB-PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Ministère de la Santé et Services sociaux (MSSS) – Aides techniques</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of MSSS</p> <p>Governed by: <i>An Act Respecting Health Services and Social Services, CQLR c S-4.2</i></p>	<p><b>Program for the attribution of walkers</b></p> <p><a href="http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/personne-handicapee/Pages/programme-attribution-ambulateurs.aspx">http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/personne-handicapee/Pages/programme-attribution-ambulateurs.aspx</a></p> <p>The program helps individuals with disabilities obtain devices to assist them with mobility.</p>	<p>To be eligible, the individual must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• over 18 years of age</li> <li>• Suffering from an organic deficiency leading to disabilities to move.</li> <li>• Must not be receiving benefits from another program including those administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, the Commission de la santé et of Workplace Safety, the Victims of Crime</li> </ul>	<p>What's included: Walking aid consists of a frame made of metal tubes and 4 wheels, a seat, a back support, brakes, handles and a basket</p> <p>What's excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>Walkers are loaned to the individual suffering from a disability at not cost.</p>

			<p>Compensation Branchany other organization or resource that fully funds the cost of equipment covered by this program, such as private insurance.</p> <p>Medical assessment is required. The assessment must be submitted to a worker from one of the following institutions: Integrated Center for Health and Social Services (CISSS) of the Capitale- Nationale - Quebec Institute of Rehabilitation in Physical Disability (Wilfrid-Hamel point of service); Integrated Center for Health and Social Services (CIUSSS) Center-Sud-de-l'Île- de-Montréal -</p>		
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			Gingras-Lindsay-de-Montréal Rehabilitation Institute (Lindsay Pavilion).		
		<p><b>Program for the attribution of orthotic footwear and footwear gear</b></p> <p><a href="http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/personne-handicapee/Pages/attribution-chaussures-orthetiques-appareillage.aspx">http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/personne-handicapee/Pages/attribution-chaussures-orthetiques-appareillage.aspx</a></p> <p>This program assist clients in need of mobility aide.</p>	<p>Medical assessment is required. The assessment must be submitted to a worker from one of the following institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an integrated health and social services center (CISSS);</li> <li>an integrated university health and social services center (CIUSSS).</li> </ul>	<p>What's included: either the molded or fitted shoe, or the apparatus at the shoe or an amalgam of the two</p> <p>What's excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>The person must pay a deductible of \$ 75.</p> <p>The person is eligible for two pairs of shoes at the time of the first request, replaceable every two years</p>
		<p><b>Program for aids of daily living</b></p> <p><a href="http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/FR/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/per">http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/FR/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/per</a></p>	<p>Medical assessment is required. The assessment must be submitted to a worker from one of the following</p>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aids used in the bedroom Bed</li> <li>• Adapted order</li> <li>• Bed side</li> </ul>	<p>Devices are loaned to the person at no cost.</p>

		<p><a href="http://sonne-handicapee/Pages/ai-des-vie-quotidienne-domestique.aspx">sonne-handicapee/Pages/ai-des-vie-quotidienne-domestique.aspx</a></p> <p>This program assist clients with motor, organic or intellectual disability live a more independent life..</p>	<p>institutions:  a local community service center (CLSC);  an integrated health and social services center (CISSS);  an integrated university health and social services center (CIUSSS).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bed Protective Borders</li> <li>• Crib with front opening</li> <li>• Child's bed adaptation</li> <li>• Mattress and mattress topper</li> <li>• Comfortable</li> <li>• Cover lifter</li> <li>• Aids to the posture in bed</li> <li>• Head or foot lifter</li> <li>• Protection device</li> <li>• Restraint apparatus</li> <li>• Bed table</li> <li>• Trapeze of bed</li> <li>• aids used in the bathroom bath or cabin seat shower, shower cabin seat, shower phone; posture aid for siege bath or cabin shower; help with the toilet; grab bar; help for personal care</li> <li>• helpers used in the kitchen (eg</li> </ul>	
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				<p>help with meal preparation, help with food; stool and walker, wheelchair table);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aids used in different rooms (eg, transfer aid, patient lift on wheels);</li> <li>• personal aids (eg, safety helmet, protective glove, hair prosthesis)</li> </ul> <p>What's excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
		<p><b>Program for the attribution of three and four wheeled scooters</b></p> <p><a href="http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/citoye">http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/citoye</a></p>	<p>A Medical assessment is required. The assessment must be obtained at one of the following facilities:</p>	<p>What's included: Scooter individual motor vehicle, provided with wheels 3 or 4 wheels, to assist with mobility.</p>	<p>Fully funded</p>

		<p><a href="https://www4.gouv.qc.ca/FR/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/programme-service/Pages/Info.aspx?sqtype=sujet&amp;sqcid=3061">ns/programme-service/Pages/Info.aspx?sqtype=sujet&amp;sqcid=3061</a></p> <p>This program assists clients in obtaining a scooter if a manual wheelchair is not the best option for them.</p>	<p>a local community service center (CLSC); an integrated health and social services center (CISSS); an integrated university health and social services center (CIUSSS); a rehabilitation center</p>	<p>What's excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
<p><b>Régie de l'assurance maladie Québec-Aid Programs (RAMQ)</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of RAMQ</p> <p>Governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>An Act Respecting Health Services and Social Services, CQLR c S-4.2</i></p> <p><i>An Act Respecting Health Services and Social Services for Cree Native Persons, CQLR c S-5</i></p>	<p><b>The Physical Impairment Device Program</b></p> <p><a href="http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/FR/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/programme-service/Pages/appareils-suppléant-deficience-physique.aspx">http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/FR/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/programme-service/Pages/appareils-suppléant-deficience-physique.aspx</a></p> <p>It funds individuals with physical disabilities to assist them in purchasing, adjusting or repairing and replacing the devices that assist them with their disability.</p>	<p>To be eligible, the client must: Have a physical disability and be covered by the Quebec health insurance plan.</p> <p>The equipment must be prescribed by: an orthopedist, a physiatrist, a neurologist, a neurosurgeon, a rheumatologist, a geriatrician, a pediatrician, a general practitioner, a specialist in general surgery or plastic surgery, a</p>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• orthoses;</li> <li>• prostheses;</li> <li>• walking aids</li> <li>• verticalization aids;</li> <li>• locomotion aids;</li> <li>• posture aids</li> </ul> <p>What's excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• orthotic shoes;</li> <li>• cloth corsets;</li> <li>• elastic stockings;</li> <li>• orthotics worn only for the practice of a sport;</li> <li>• scooters and scooters</li> </ul> <p>Information about the decision making</p>	<p>Fully funded or rental price is paid</p> <p>There are maximum coverage amounts listed for each device or service.</p>



	<p><i>Articles du Règlement d'application de la Loi sur les services de santé et les services sociaux pour les autochtones cris (R.R.Q., c. S-5, r.1)</i></p> <p><i>Individual and Family Assistance Act, CQLR c A-13.1.1</i></p> <p><i>Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, CQLR c A-13.1.1, r 1, (Individual and Family Assistance Act)</i></p>		<p>cardiologist or a pulmonologist</p> <p>Walking Aids to be covered by the Program must be prescribed as part of a rehabilitation process and for daily use for at least 1 year.</p> <p>Conditions for Orthotics: must be prescribed for daily use for at least 6 months, if it is an orthosis of a lower limb; 3 months, if it is a trunk orthosis; 1 month, if it is an orthosis of a superior limb.</p> <p>Note: The orthosis is covered if it is prescribed to a person under 19 years of age in need of a deformity correction and for daily use, regardless of the duration.</p>	<p>process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
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		<p><b>Visual Aids Program</b></p> <p><a href="http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/personne-handicapee/Pages/programme-aides-visuelles.aspx">http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/fr/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/personne-handicapee/Pages/programme-aides-visuelles.aspx</a></p> <p>This program provides funding for visually impaired individuals.</p>	<p>To be eligible for the program, the client must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• permanently unable to do one or more of the following activities: read; write; circulate in an unfamiliar environment; practice activities related to lifestyle or social roles.</li> <li>• For each eye, visual impairment, after correction with ophthalmic lenses, shall be characterized by visual acuity less than 6/21; visual acuity equal to or less than 6/18, if the person has a degenerative vision problem, visual impairment, physical disability (motor, hearing or language) or</li> </ul>	<p>What included: visual aids--reading aids: digital player, television, optical system, calculator, etc.; help with writing: Braille typewriter; mobility aids: white cane, electronic obstacle detector and night vision goggles; aids to activities of daily and domestic life: magnifying mirror, sound level, adapted measuring tape, etc.</p> <p>Funding of \$ 210 can be granted for the acquisition of a guide dog. In this case, assistance of \$ 1,028 per year is also granted for its maintenance.</p> <p>computer aids: computer, display and braille printer; reading aids: hearing apparatus,</p>	<p>Devices are made available on loan.</p>
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			<p>intellectual disability; a continuous field of view of less than 60 °, including the center point of measurement measured horizontally or vertically; a hemianopia (reduction or loss of vision in one half of the visual field) complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The above conditions do not apply to people who use special optical systems and additions greater than 4 diopters.</li> </ul>	<p>telemicroscopic optical system and compatible television set; writing aid: electric braille writing machine; mobility aids: electronic obstacle detector and satellite navigation system. Reading aids, such as digital readers, closed-circuit television systems, optical systems and calculators; writing aids such as brailers; mobility aids such as white canes, electronic obstacle detectors, night vision goggles. Students and workers may also qualify for computer-compatible closed-circuit television systems, computers, braille displays and printers, satellite GPS.</p> <p>What's excluded:</p>	
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		<p><b>Hearing Aid Program</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.ramq.gov.qc.ca/en/citizens/aid-programs/hearing-aids/Pages/hearing-aids.aspx">http://www.ramq.gov.qc.ca/en/citizens/aid-programs/hearing-aids/Pages/hearing-aids.aspx</a></p> <p>This program funds clients with hear disability obtain necessary equipment.</p>	<p>To be eligible for the program the client must:</p> <p>Have a hearing loss.</p> <p>Be insured by the Quebec health insurance plan</p> <p>Be under 12 years of age and have a hearing impairment that may compromise speech and language development;</p> <p>Be 12 to 18 years of age and have an average hearing loss of at least 25 decibels affecting an ear;</p>	<p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p> <p>What's included: The hearing aids covered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• analog (in-ear type, earloop, body and glasses);</li> <li>• digitally controlled analogue (in-ear and ear-type);</li> <li>• digital (intra-auricular type and earloop).</li> <li>• The assistive listening aids covered include: decoders; teletypewriters; telephone amplifiers; adapted alarm clocks; the ring detectors.</li> </ul>	<p>Devices are fully funded.</p>

			<p>Be 19 years of age or older, have an average hearing loss of at least 25 decibels in one ear, and pursue a diploma, certificate or recognized academic certificate by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education;</p> <p>Have an average hearing loss of at least 35 decibels affecting the ear with the greatest hearing ability</p>	<p>What's excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the cost of repairing a hearing aid due to negligent or abusive use;</li> <li>• the cost of replacing the batteries;</li> <li>• the cost of cleaning, analyzing or checking a hearing aid.</li> </ul> <p>The program also covers:</p> <p>The cost of replacing a hearing device in the following situations:  the person's degree of hearing loss or physical condition has changed sufficiently to render the device ineffective;  the person's ability to operate the controls has diminished to the point where it is</p>	
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				<p>impossible for the person to use the device;</p> <p>The device has worn out prematurely because of excess perspiration acidity, excess toxic vapours or excess dust pollution;</p> <p>the device is damaged accidentally; during the first 6 years of use, the cost of a single repair exceeds 70% of the original purchase cost; after 6 years of use, the sum of the repair costs incurred from the seventh year exceeds 60% of the original purchase cost;</p> <p>the device no longer operates in normal conditions. The cost of replacing a hearing device that</p>	
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				<p>has been lost, stolen, destroyed or used negligently must be paid by the user. This cost may be covered by private supplemental insurance. For information, contact your insurer.</p> <p>Schedule of devices and prices:  <a href="https://www.prod.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/DPI/PO/Commun/PDF/Listes_AT/Listes_AT/liste_at_aides_aud_mod_2016_07_01_en.pdf">https://www.prod.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/DPI/PO/Commun/PDF/Listes_AT/Listes_AT/liste_at_aides_aud_mod_2016_07_01_en.pdf</a></p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
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Table 10: Saskatchewan

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF THE PROGRAM	SUB-PROGRAM	ELIGABILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Ministry of Health - Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL)—The Special Benefits Programs</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail</a></p>	<p>The program was established in 1975 under the mandate of the Ministry of Health</p> <p>The Programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paraplegia Program</li> <li>• Cystic Fibrosis Program</li> <li>• Chronic End-Stage Renal Disease Program</li> <li>• Ostomy Program</li> <li>• Haemophilia Program</li> <li>• Aids to the Blind</li> <li>• Saskatchewan Insulin Pump Program</li> </ul> <p>The programs are governed under the following Act:</p> <p><i>The Saskatchewan Aids to Independent</i></p>	<p><b>Aids to the Blind Program</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail</a></p> <p>The program assist visually impaired individuals access necessary equipment.</p> <p>The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) is responsible for registering and receiving referrals for qualified clients.</p>	<p>Eligibility criteria include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a vision assessment that shows their vision to be 20/150 worse in the better eye with corrected lenses or with visual fields no greater than 20 degrees;</li> <li>• Referred by a physician specializing in ophthalmology or by a Low Vision Clinic; and</li> <li>• Require low vision aids or devices that are not exclusively for educational and/or employment purposes.</li> </ul>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low vision eyewear;</li> <li>• The loan of brailers, white canes (identification, mobility and/or support), magnifiers and book playback machines;</li> <li>• Assistance with the purchase of talking or braille watches, talking scales, large button or talking phones, talking labellers, digital playback units and multifunctional electronic devices; and</li> <li>• Low vision rehabilitation services from the Canadian</li> </ul>	<p>Fully funded.</p>

	<p><i>Living Regulations, 1976, Sask Reg 292/76, (Health Administration Act)</i></p> <p><i>The Saskatchewan Assistance Plan Supplementary Health Benefits Regulations, Sask Reg 65/66, (Health Administration Act)</i></p> <p><i>The Rehabilitation Act, RSS 1978, c R-17</i></p> <p><i>The Rehabilitation Regulations, Sask Reg 265/72, (Rehabilitation Act)</i></p> <p><i>Saskatchewan Assistance Act, The, RSS 1978, c S-8</i></p> <p><i>The Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability Regulations, 2012, RRS c S-8 Reg 11, (Saskatchewan Assistance Act)</i></p>			<p>National Institute for the Blind (CNIB).</p> <p>Clients are limited to one device for each functional purpose.</p> <p>The program only funds basic equipment that provide the necessary needs for the client.</p> <p>What's excluded: information was not found Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
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	<p><i>The Saskatchewan Assistance Regulations, 2014, RRS c S-8 Reg 12, (Saskatchewan Assistance Act)</i></p> <p><i>Public Health Act, 1994, SS 1994, c P-37.1</i></p> <p><i>Paraplegia, Sask Reg 786/68 (Public Health Act)</i></p>				
<p><b>Ministry of Health - Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL)—The Universal Benefits Programs</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail-universal-benefits-programs">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail-universal-benefits-programs</a></p>	<p>The program was established in 1975 under the mandate of the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>The programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prosthetics and Orthotics Program</li> <li>• Mobility and Assistive Devices (Special Needs Equipment) Program</li> <li>• Therapeutic Nutritional</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prosthetics and orthotics</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/health-services-for-people-with-disabilities/sail</a></p> <p>The program funds the cost of a range of prosthetic and orthotic devices. It also funds the cost of adaptive and specialized seating, standing frames and limited rehabilitation</p>	<p>Eligibility criteria: Medical assessment is required</p> <p>Must not be eligible to receive devices from any other government program</p>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthotics: AFOs, ankle braces, knee ankle orthotics, knee braces*, splints and fracture braces; high cost knee braces are cost shared; SAIL will cover a high cost knee brace required as a result of an injury max: \$400 and of osteoarthritis max: \$450</li> <li>• Prosthetics: lower extremity prostheses,</li> </ul>	<p>Full funding and cost sharing depending on device</p>

	<p>Products Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respiratory Equipment Program</li> <li>• Home Oxygen Program</li> <li>• Children’s Enteral Feeding Pump Program</li> <li>• Compression Garment Program</li> </ul> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>The Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living Regulations, 1976, Sask Reg 292/76, (Health Administration Act)</i></p> <p><i>The Saskatchewan Assistance Plan Supplementary Health Benefits Regulations, Sask Reg 65/66, (Health Administration Act)</i></p>	<p>equipment such as rolls, wedges and therapy balls</p>		<p>upper extremity prostheses, consumables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myoelectric prosthesis: request determined on a case-by-case basis</li> <li>• C-Leg (microprocessor knee)--requests determined on a case-by-case basis; cost shared, SAIL cover max: \$15,000</li> <li>• Adaptive and specialized seating</li> <li>• Adaptive and rehabilitation equipment</li> <li>• Standing frames</li> <li>• Functional electrical stimulation (FES) for Foot Drop: max \$3500 once every 5 years</li> <li>• External craniofacial prosthetics: max</li> </ul>	
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	<p><i>The Rehabilitation Act, RSS 1978, c R-17</i></p> <p><i>The Rehabilitation Regulations, Sask Reg 265/72, (Rehabilitation Act)</i></p> <p><i>Saskatchewan Assistance Act, The, RSS 1978, c S-8</i></p> <p><i>The Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability Regulations, 2012, RRS c S-8 Reg 11, (Saskatchewan Assistance Act)</i></p>			<p>\$11,000 once every three years</p> <p>What's excluded: information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
	<p><i>The Saskatchewan Assistance Regulations, 2014, RRS c S-8 Reg 12, (Saskatchewan Assistance Act)</i></p> <p><i>Public Health Act, 1994, SS 1994, c P-37.1 Paraplegia, Sask Reg 786/68 (Public Health Act)</i></p>	<p><b>Mobility and assistive devices program (Special Needs Equipment)</b></p> <p>The program provides at no cost loan and repair of equipment to eligible clients. The program loans equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs and hospital beds.</p> <p>The Saskatchewan Abilities Council operates this program on behalf of the ministry.</p>	<p>Eligibility criteria: -Medical assessment</p> <p>The client resides in the community.</p> <p>Personal Care Home and Special Care Home residents are eligible only for walkers, wheelchairs and cushions.</p> <p>Patients in an acute care facility are not eligible for Special Needs Equipment benefits except as part of a definitive discharge plan.</p>	<p>What's included: Clients have access to the free loan of equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, cushions, paediatric mobility aids, bathroom accessories, hospital beds and transfer lifts.</p> <p>The equipment is owned by the program and clients must return the equipment to a Special Needs Equipment Depot</p>	<p>Free loan of equipment from a pool</p>

			<p>The client must not be eligible to receive service from any other government agency</p>	<p>when they no longer require it.</p> <p>The program also funds repairs and maintenance of loaned equipment.</p> <p>Loan restrictions vary by type of equipment</p> <p>What's excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• medical alarm systems;</li> <li>• four wheeled walkers with seats and scooters.</li> </ul> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
		<p><b>The SAIL Respiratory Equipment Program (SAIL Respiratory Benefits Program)</b></p> <p>This Program provides free of charge loaned</p>	<p>Eligibility varies based on type of equipment needed.</p>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilators: intermittent, continuous and ventilator supplies</li> <li>• CPAP and b-level flow: load of flow</li> </ul>	<p>Fully funded, cost-shared, loaded: varies by type of equipment</p>

		<p>respiratory equipment and provides financial assistance towards the purchase of aerosol therapy compressors (nebulizers) to clients.</p>		<p>generator Tracheostomy humidification compressor: load of a compressor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable or stationary suctioning equipment: load of suction machine</li> <li>• aerosol therapy compressor (nebulizers): 50% reimbursement to a maximum of \$125 or, if eligible for the Supplementary Health Program or children with Family Health Benefits coverage, the full cost of a compressor to a maximum of \$160</li> </ul> <p>What's excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pulse oximeters</li> <li>• Reimbursement of privately purchased</li> </ul>	
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				<p>respiratory equipment that is available through the program on a loan basis</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
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Table 11: Northwest Territories

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Health and Social Services - Supplementary Health Benefits</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/supplementary-health-benefits/extended-health-benefits-seniors-program">http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/supplementary-health-benefits/extended-health-benefits-seniors-program</a></p> <p><b>Extended Health Benefits Seniors' Program</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and administered by Alberta Blue Cross.</p> <p>The program provides additional medical benefits to non-aboriginal metis residents over the age of 60.</p> <p>The programs is governed by the follow Act:</p> <p><i>Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act.</i> <i>R.S.N.W.T. 1998, C T-3</i></p>	<p>To be eligible, the client must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- non-Aboriginal or non-Indigenous Métis</li> <li>- 60 years of age or over</li> <li>- a permanent resident of the NWT</li> <li>- registered with the NWT Health Care Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audiology equipment (e.g. hearing aids)</li> <li>• Diabetic supplies and equipment (e.g. blood testing strips and injection supplies)</li> <li>• Incontinence products</li> <li>• Medical equipment (e.g. wheelchairs and walkers)</li> <li>• Medical supplies (e.g. bandages and dressings)</li> <li>• Orthotics and custom-made footwear</li> <li>• Oxygen and respiratory supplies and equipment</li> <li>• Pressure garments</li> <li>• Prosthetics</li> </ul> <p>What excluded: information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are</p>	<p>Devices are fully funded. However, the program should be the last option considered by clients.</p>

			<p>included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
<p><b>Health and Social Services - Supplementary Health Benefits</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/supplementary-health-benefits/extended-health-benefits-specified-disease-conditions">http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/supplementary-health-benefits/extended-health-benefits-specified-disease-conditions</a></p> <p><b>Extended Health Benefits for Specified Disease Conditions</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and administered by Alberta Blue Cross.</p> <p>The program provides additional medical benefits to non-aboriginal metis residents over the age of 60.</p> <p>The programs is governed by the follow Act:</p> <p><i>Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act. R.S.N.W.T. 1998, C T-3</i></p>	<p>To be eligible, the client must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-Aboriginal or Métis</li> <li>- A permanent resident of the NWT</li> <li>- Registered with the NWT Health Care Plan</li> <li>- Under the care of a physician or nurse practitioner for one of the disease conditions listed on the program’s website: <a href="http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/supplementary-health-benefits/extended-health-benefits-specified-disease-conditions">http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/supplementary-health-benefits/extended-health-benefits-specified-disease-conditions</a></li> </ul>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diabetic supplies and equipment (e.g. blood testing strips and injection supplies)</li> <li>• Incontinence products for adults and disabled children only</li> <li>• Medical equipment (e.g. wheelchairs and walkers)</li> <li>• Medical supplies (e.g. bandages and dressings)</li> <li>• Orthotics and custom-made footwear</li> <li>• Oxygen and respiratory supplies and equipment</li> <li>• Pressure garments</li> <li>• Prosthetics</li> </ul> <p>What excluded: Information was not found.</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded</p>	<p>Devices are fully funded. However, the program should be the last option considered by clients.</p>

<p><b>Health and Social Services - Supplementary Health Benefits</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/supplementary-health-benefits/metis-health-benefits">http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/en/services/supplementary-health-benefits/metis-health-benefits</a></p> <p><b>Metis Health Benefits</b></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and administered by Alberta Blue Cross.</p> <p>The program provides additional medical benefits to non-aboriginal metis residents over the age of 60.</p> <p>The programs are governed by the follow Act:</p> <p><i>Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act. R.S.N.W.T. 1998, C T-3</i></p>	<p>To be eligible, the client must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A registered Indigenous Métis</li> <li>- A permanent resident of the NWT</li> <li>- Registered with the NWT Health Care Plan.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants must apply for the Metis Health Benefits program to be eligible for benefits.</p>	<p>from the program was not found.</p> <p>What included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audiology equipment (e.g. hearing aids)</li> <li>• Diabetic supplies and equipment (e.g. blood testing strips and injection supplies)</li> <li>• Incontinence products for adults and disabled children only</li> <li>• Medical equipment (e.g. wheelchairs and walkers)</li> <li>• Medical supplies (e.g. bandages and dressings)</li> <li>• Orthotics and custom-made footwear</li> <li>• Oxygen and respiratory supplies and equipment</li> <li>• Pressure garments and</li> <li>• Prosthetics</li> </ul> <p>What's excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are</p>	<p>Devices are fully funded. However, the program should be the last option considered by clients.</p>
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Table 12: Nunavut

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Department of Health – Extended Health Benefits- Specified Conditions</b></p> <p><a href="https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/extended-health-benefits-ehb-specified-conditions">https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/extended-health-benefits-ehb-specified-conditions</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Ministry of Health, Department of Health; Department of Family Services</p> <p>The program provides funding for non-indigenous residents requiring prescription drugs and assistive technologies.</p> <p>Information about legislative framework governing the program was not found.</p>	<p>To be eligible, the client must be:</p> <p>Enrolled in the Nunavut Health Care Plan</p> <p>non-indigenous resident with one of specified conditions listed on website</p> <p>Under the age of 65.</p> <p>List of condition eligible for coverage listed here: <a href="https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/extended-health-benefits-ehb-eligible-specified-conditions">https://gov.nu.ca/health/information/extended-health-benefits-ehb-eligible-specified-conditions</a></p> <p>Medical assessment required.</p>	<p>Devices under the "Non-Insured Health Benefits – Medical Supplies and Equipment Benefits" here: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/first-nations-inuit-health/reports-publications/non-insured-health-benefits/guide-medical-supplies-equipment-benefits-non-insured-health-benefits-2017.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/first-nations-inuit-health/reports-publications/non-insured-health-benefits/guide-medical-supplies-equipment-benefits-non-insured-health-benefits-2017.html</a></p> <p>Examples include walkers, wheelchairs, orthotics, prosthetics, and hearing aids</p> <p>What’s excluded: Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded</p>	<p>Fully funded, including: shipping and fitting.</p>

			from the program was not found.	
<p><b>Department of Health – Extended Health Benefits- Seniors Coverage</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/extended-health-benefits-ehb-seniors-coverage">https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/extended-health-benefits-ehb-seniors-coverage</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Ministry of Health, Department of Health; Department of Family Services</p> <p>The program provides funding for non-indigenous residents over the age of 65.</p> <p>Information about legislative framework governing the program was not found.</p>	<p>To be eligible, the client must be:</p> <p>Enrolled in the Nunavut Health Care Plan</p> <p>Non-indigenous resident of the province.</p> <p>Over the age of 65.</p>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cost of ambulatory charges for transportation within Nunavut</li> <li>- \$1,000 combined cost of dental care per calendar year</li> <li>- Medically required audiology services and products</li> <li>- Full cost of prescribed medical supplies and appliances, their fitting and shipping</li> <li>- Vision care services and products</li> </ul> <p>What’s excluded:</p> <p>Information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>Fully funded, including: shipping and fitting.</p>

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Table 13: Yukon

PROGRAM	MANDATE OF PROGRAM	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	ASSISTIVE DEVICES INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED	FUNDING MIX
<p><b>Health and Social Services - Extended Health Care Benefits to Seniors</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/extendedcare.php">http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/extendedcare.php</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of Health and Social Services</p> <p>The program offers funding to seniors requiring assistance with prescription drugs, eye and dental care and assistive technologies.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Health Care Insurance Plan Act, RSY 2002, c 107</i></p> <p><i>Social Assistance Regulation, YOIC 2012/83 , (Social Assistance Act RSY 2002, c 205)</i></p>	<p>To qualify for funding, the client must be:</p> <p>Registered with the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan (YHCIP).</p> <p>Yukon resident</p> <p>Over the age of 65 years or aged 60 and married to a living Yukon resident who is at least 65 years of age.</p>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical surgical supplies/equipment: The plan may provide walking aids, hand inhalers, artificial eyes and limbs, respiratory equipment, commodes and manual wheelchairs.</li> <li>• Hearing aids: One hearing aid is allowed in a four-year period. Repair and adjustment of one hearing aid with a 12-month warranty. No charge for adjustments. Batteries are not covered.</li> <li>• Dental care: The plan pays for dentures or rebases once in a five-year period. Coverage is limited to \$1,400 in any two-year period.</li> <li>• Eye examinations and glasses: The plan may</li> </ul>	<p>Devices are funded fully or cost shared</p> <p>The program should be the last option if the client receives benefits from other sources.</p>



			<p>pay for one eye examination, new lenses and a maximum of \$100.00 toward the purchase of frames once every two years. Benefits do not include the repair of glasses. The purchase of tinted or contact lenses is not covered.</p> <p>What's excluded: information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	
<p><b>Health and Social Services - Chronic Disease Program</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/chronicdisease.php">http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/chronicdisease.php</a></p>	<p>Information about when the program was established was not found</p> <p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of Health and Social Services</p> <p>The program provides assistance to residents</p>	<p>To qualify, the client must:</p> <p>Have a chronic disease or serious functional disability. Chronic disease and conditions covered include:</p> <p>ADHD Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder</p>	<p>What's included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescription drugs</li> <li>• Medical surgical supplies include body supports, prosthetic garments, ostomy supplies, hand inhalers and nebulizers, syringes and glucose test kits, oxygen supply,</li> </ul>	<p>The client is responsible for paying the first \$250 of eligible costs per year, to a maximum of \$500 per family.</p> <p>This program should be the last option to be considered by the client.</p> <p>If an equipment can be</p>

	<p>who have a chronic disease or a serious functional disability</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Health Act, RSY 2002, c 106</i></p> <p><i>Chronic Disease and Disability Benefits Regulation, YOIC 1994/168 , (Health Act)</i></p>	<p>Adrenal Disease Affective Disorders HIV/AIDS Alzheimer's Disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Ankylosing Spondylitis Appendicular Arthritis Asthma Barrett's Esophagus Cancer Celiac Disease Cerebral Palsy Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease Cardiac Disorders Crohn's Disease Cystic Fibrosis Cystinuria Diabetes Down Syndrome Epilepsy Galactosemia Glaucoma Heart Valve Problems Hemophilia Hirschprung's Disease Huntington's Disease Hypercholesteremia Hypertension Hypogammaglobulinaemia Hypogonadism Multiple Sclerosis</p>	<p>dressings, and bandages for chronic and recurrent conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical equipment includes respiratory equipment, manually operated hospital beds, manually operated wheelchairs, walking aids, grab bars and support rails, commodes and glucometers.</li> <li>• Other equipment or devices that are medically necessary may be covered at the discretion of the Director and subject to prior approval.</li> </ul> <p>What's excluded: information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>borrowed from a hospital or the Canadian Red Cross, the equipment will not be considered eligible for funding under the program.</p> <p>Items not covered include: the cost of installation or set up of medical equipment, fitting prostheses and appliances and any other professional service charges related to the provision of goods, except dispensing fees for prescription drugs.</p>
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		<p>                     Muscular Dystrophy                      Myasthenia Gravis                      Narcolepsy                      Organ Transplants                      Osteoporosis                      Pancreatitis                      Parkinson's Disease                      Phenylketonuria                      Pernicious Anemia                      Pituitary Disease                      Pseudoxanthoma                      Elasticum                      Psoriasis                      Psychoses                      Restless Leg Syndrome                      Sarcoidosis                      Schizophrenia                      Smith-Lemli-Opitz                      Syndrome                      Spina Bifida                      Systemic Lupus                      Erythematosus                      Thrombophlebitis                      Tourette's Syndrome                      Tuberculosis                      Turner's Syndrome                      Ulcerative Colitis                      Williams' Elf Syndrome                 </p> <p>The request for funding should come from a medical provider.</p>		
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<p><b>Health and Social Services – Hearing Services</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/hearingservices.php">http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/hearingservices.php</a></p>	<p>Falls under the mandate of the Department of Health and Social Services</p> <p>Provides assistance to clients in need of diagnostic audiological evaluations, hearing screenings, hearing aid evaluation and dispensing, hearing aid repairs, and assistive listening devices.</p> <p>The program is governed by the following Acts:</p> <p><i>Health Act, RSY 2002, c 106</i></p> <p><i>Chronic Disease and Disability Benefits Regulation, YOIC 1994/168, (Health Act)</i></p>	<p>People can self-refer to the program</p>	<p>What’s included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistive listening devices</li> <li>• Hearing assessments;</li> <li>• Hearing aid consultations and fitting;</li> <li>• Hearing aid repairs;</li> <li>• Drop-in for basic hearing aid clean and check</li> </ul> <p>What’s excluded: information was not found</p> <p>Information about the decision making process on how devices are included and excluded from the program was not found.</p>	<p>Devices are fully funded</p>
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## Appendix B: Mandate, Accountability, Laws, and Regulations

	Ministry	Program	Laws and Regulations
Alberta <sup>2</sup>	Alberta Health	Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program	<i>Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c P-37</i> <i>Alberta Aids to Daily Living and Extended Health Benefits Regulation, Alta Reg 236/1985</i>
British Columbia <sup>3,4</sup>	Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation BC	Medical Equipment and Devices	<i>Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act, SBC 2002, c 41</i>
	Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation and Ministry of Children and Family Development	Medical Equipment—Hearing Instruments	<i>Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Regulation, BC Reg 265/2002, (Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act)</i>
		Medical Equipment—Orthoses	<i>Employment and Assistance Act, SBC 2002, c 40</i> <i>Employment and Assistance Regulations, BC Reg 263/2002</i>
Manitoba <sup>5,6</sup>	Regional Health Authorities	Home Care Services - Supplies and Equipment (under the umbrella of Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living)	<i>The Health Services Insurance Act, CCSM c. H35</i> <i>Prosthetic, Orthotic and other Medical Devices Insurance Regulation, Man Reg 53/93, (Health Services Insurance Act)</i> <i>The Excluded Services Regulation, Man Reg 46/9, (Health Services Insurance Act)</i>
New Brunswick <sup>7,8,9,10,11</sup>	Department of Social Development – Health Services	The Recycling Program	<i>Health Services Act, SNB 2014, c 112</i>
		Convalescent / Rehabilitation Program	<i>General Regulation, NB Reg 84-115</i>
	Easter Seals	Hearing Aid Program	<i>Family Income Security Act, SNB 1994, c F-2.01</i>
		Orthopedic Program	<i>General Regulation, NB Reg 95-61, (Family Income Security Act)</i>

<p><b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b><sup>12,13</sup></p>	<p>Department of Health and Community Services</p> <p>Department of Advanced Education and Skills (AES)</p>	<p>Special Assistance Program – Medical equipment and supplies</p> <p>Income Support – Hearing Aid program</p>	<p>Income and Employment Support Act, SNL 2002, c I-0.1</p> <p>Income and Employment Support Regulations, NLR 144/04</p>
<p><b>Nova Scotia</b><sup>14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21</sup></p>	<p>Department of Community Services</p> <p>Easter Seals Nova Scotia</p> <p>Department of Health and Wellness - Continuing Care</p> <p>the Canadian Red Cross Nova Scotia</p>	<p>Disability Support Program (DSP)</p> <p>Direct + Enhanced Family Support for Children Program (DFSC/EFSC)</p> <p>Wheelchair Recycling Program</p> <p>Seniors Community Wheelchair Loan Program</p> <p>Personal Alert Service</p> <p>Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) - Bed Loan Program</p> <p>Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) - Specialized Equipment Program</p> <p>Medication Dispenser Assistive Technology Program</p>	<p>Social Assistance Act, RSNS 1989, c 432</p> <p>Municipal Assistance Regulations, NS Reg 76/81 (Social Assistance Act)</p> <p>Health Authorities Act, SNS 2014, c 32 and SNS 1990, c 6</p>
<p><b>Ontario</b><sup>22,23</sup></p>	<p>Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care</p> <p>Ministry of Community and Social Services</p>	<p>Assistive Devices Program</p> <p>Ontario Disability Support Program</p>	<p><i>Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997, SO 1997, c 25, Sch B, General, O Reg 222/98, (Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997)</i></p> <p><i>Employment Supports, O Reg 223/98, (Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997)</i></p>

			<p><i>Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Act, RSO 1990, c M.26 – which according to the manual of the Assistive Devices Program, this act governs the program</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 225/98 - Administration and Cost Sharing</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 562/05 - Prescribed Policy Statements</i></p>
<p><b>Prince Edward Island</b><sup>24,25,26</sup></p>	<p>Department of Family and Human Services</p>	<p>Disability Support Program (DSP)</p>	<p><i>Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act, RSPEI 1988, c R-12</i></p> <p><i>Social Assistance Act, RSPEI 1988, c S-4.3</i></p> <p><i>General Regulations, PEI Reg EC396/03, (Social Assistance Act)</i></p>
<p><b>Quebec</b><sup>27,28,29,30,31,32,33</sup></p>	<p>Ministère de la Santé et Services sociaux (MSSS)</p> <p>Régie de l'assurance maladie Québec (RAMQ)</p>	<p><b>Aides Technique Subprograms:</b></p> <p>Program for the attribution of walkers</p> <p>Program for the attribution of orthotic footwear and footwear gear</p> <p>Program for aids of daily living</p> <p>Program for the attribution of three and four wheeled scooters</p> <p><b>Aid Programs Subprograms:</b></p> <p>The Physical Impairment Device Program</p> <p>Visual Aids Program</p> <p>Hearing Aid Program</p>	<p><i>An Act Respecting Health Services and Social Services, CQLR c S-4.2</i></p> <p><i>An Act Respecting Health Services and Social Services, CQLR c S-4.2</i></p> <p><i>An Act Respecting Health Services and Social Services for Cree Native Persons, CQLR c S-5</i></p> <p><i>Articles du Règlement d'application de la Loi sur les services de santé et les services sociaux pour les autochtones cris (R.R.Q., c. S-5, r.1)</i></p> <p><i>Individual and Family Assistance Act, CQLR c A-13.1.1</i></p> <p><i>Individual and Family Assistance Regulation, CQLR c A-13.1.1, r 1, (Individual and Family Assistance Act)</i></p>

<p>Saskatchewan<sup>34</sup></p>	<p>Ministry of Health</p>	<p>Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living</p> <p>The Universal Benefits Program</p>	<p><i>The Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living Regulations, 1976, Sask Reg 292/76, (Health Administration Act)</i></p> <p><i>The Saskatchewan Assistance Plan Supplementary Health Benefits Regulations, Sask Reg 65/66, (Health Administration Act)</i></p> <p><i>The Rehabilitation Act, RSS 1978, c R-17</i></p> <p><i>The Rehabilitation Regulations, Sask Reg 265/72, (Rehabilitation Act)</i></p> <p><i>Saskatchewan Assistance Act, The, RSS 1978, c S-8</i></p> <p><i>The Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability Regulations, 2012, RRS c S-8 Reg 11, (Saskatchewan Assistance Act)</i></p> <p><i>The Saskatchewan Assistance Regulations, 2014, RRS c S-8 Reg 12, (Saskatchewan Assistance Act)</i></p> <p><i>Public Health Act, 1994, SS 1994, c P-37.1</i></p> <p><i>Paraplegia, Sask Reg 786/68 (Public Health Act)</i></p>
<p>Northwest Territories<sup>35,36</sup></p>	<p>Alberta Blue Cross</p> <p>Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)</p>	<p>Health and Social Services - Supplementary Health Benefits</p> <p>Extended Health Benefits Seniors' Program</p> <p>Extended Health Benefits for Specified Disease Conditions</p>	<p><i>Hospital Insurance and Health and Social Services Administration Act. R.S.N.W.T. 1998, C T-3</i></p>



Nunavut <sup>37</sup>	Ministry of Health, Department of Health	Metis Health Benefits Extended Health Benefits- Specified Conditions	<i>Not found</i>
	Department of Family Services	Extended Health Benefits- Seniors Coverage	
Yukon <sup>39,40,41</sup>	Department of Health and Social Services	Extended Health Care Benefits to Seniors	<i>Health Care Insurance Plan Act, RSY 2002, c 107</i> <i>Social Assistance Regulation, YOIC 2012/83, (Social Assistance Act RSY 2002, c 205)</i>
		Chronic Disease Program	<i>Health Act, RSY 2002, c 106</i>
		Hearing Services	<i>Chronic Disease and Disability Benefits Regulation, YOIC 1994/168, (Health Act)</i>

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