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## New Pricing schedule for adult wheeled walkers funded through the Assistive Devices Program

The Ministry of Health conducted a review of the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) approved prices for adult wheeled walkers in response to the recommendations in the 2018 Annual Report from the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario.

In order to make adult wheeled walkers more affordable for Ontarians, the government is implementing a price change for these devices, which will result in lower co-payment costs for patients, starting April 1, 2020.

All Ontarians currently eligible for full coverage for the adult wheeled walker cost will continue to be fully covered. Ontarians who are required to pay the 25% co-payment will see their cost decrease.

The ADP Approved Prices will decrease for the following adult wheeled walker types, effective April 1, 2020:

- Type 1 price will decrease from \$82 to \$64, resulting in a \$5 decrease in a client's co-payment;
- Type 2 price will decrease from \$324 to \$254, resulting in an \$18 decrease in a client's co-payment; and,
- Type 3 price will decrease from \$417 to 328, resulting in a \$22 decrease in a client's co-payment.

Ontarians using the Assistive Devices Program will continue to access the care they need and the providers they trust. The health services will remain uninterrupted. The government will work with health care partners and mobility vendors to manage the transition without affecting patient care.

This is consistent with our position that every part of our government's plan to build a modern, sustainable and integrated health care system must start and ends with the patient.

If you have any questions regarding the change in prices for adult wheeled walkers, you can call the program directly at (416) 327-8804 or toll-free at 1-800-268-6021. You can also contact the program at <u>adp@ontario.ca.</u>

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