

Assistive Devices Program
Adult Wheeled Walkers New Pricing
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ADP-Registered Vendors of Mobility Devices

This document includes questions and answers to help ADP-registered vendors of Mobility Devices understand the changes being made to the pricing for adult wheeled walkers under the Assistive Devices Program.

If you have additional questions not covered in this document, please send your questions to adp@ontario.ca

Q1 What are the new device prices for adult wheeled walkers?

A1 The new device prices for adult wheeled walkers are:

- \$64 for Type 1 adult wheeled walkers;
- \$254 for Type 2 adult wheeled walkers; and,
- \$328 for Type 3 adult wheeled walkers.

Q2 What is the effective date for the new device price for adult wheeled walkers?

A2 The new pricing takes effect on October 1, 2021.

Q3 Why did the Ministry of Health delay implementation of the new device prices for adult wheeled walkers from April 1, 2020 to October 1, 2021?

A3 The Ministry delayed implementation of the new prices for adult wheeled walkers due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the Ontario health care system.

Q4 Has the ADP made any changes to who is eligible to receive 100% funding for adult wheeled walkers?

A4 No, the ADP has not made any changes to the current ADP eligibility criteria. Ontarians who meet the eligibility criteria for 100% funding will continue to be covered for 100% of the new device price for adult wheeled walkers.

Q5 Has the ADP made any other changes to the policies and procedures for adult wheeled walkers?

A5 The ADP has not made any other changes to the policies and procedures for adult wheeled walkers regarding the ADP-registered vendor's roles and responsibilities or the medical eligibility criteria.

Q6 Are there any changes to the policies concerning how the ADP-registered vendor invoices the ADP for adult wheeled walkers?

A6 No, the ADP has not made any changes to the current policies or procedures for invoicing the ADP for adult wheeled walkers.

The new prices will take effect October 1, 2021. Therefore, any applications with a delivery date of October 1, 2021 or after will be subject to the new prices.

Q6 What information was used to arrive at the new price?

A6 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 October 1, 2021.

Price changes were informed by extensive market and trend analysis, other jurisdictions, targeted margin analysis, expert advice, and the size of Ontario and its program.

Reducing the price Ontarians will have to pay for adult wheeled walkers is one of the ways that the government is making ageing in Ontario more affordable. This also closely follows the recommendations included in the 2018 Annual Report from the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario.