



The Program of Appliances for Disabled People (PADP)

The NSW Department of Health runs this program. The program can provide equipment and aids to people with disabilities. It is important to note that there is often a waiting list for bigger items like hoists or wheelchairs but don't let this put you off because equipment is offered based on need and financial situation. Some examples of items available through the PADP include wheel chairs, walking frames, oxygen cylinders (but not the oxygen), surgical shoes, special beds and sleeping equipment for example; pressure relief mattresses.

Am I entitled to this program?

You are entitled to the Program if the person you care for

- *has a long term disability*
- *lives in the area of the local PADP Centre*
- *has not received compensation or damages for the disability*
- *has been discharged from hospital for at least 4 weeks and is not eligible for the equipment the hospital or health service provides*
- *holds a current Medicare card*
- *also has either the Centrelink Pension Concession Card or Health Care Card*

What does it cost?

Once you get help through PADP you have to pay \$100 towards the cost of the item. You only have to make one payment of \$100 a year.

(Some people on higher incomes are asked to pay 20% of the cost of the item.)

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Where are PADPS?

Have a yarn with the Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO) at you local Hospital to find out more about the local PADP Service. The Centres are often located at Area Health Services or the District or Base Hospital. You can only apply to one place for equipment. You need to go to the same place each time you want to re-apply for equipment.

Continence Aids Assistance Scheme

If the person you care for has a problem with bladder control and this is a long-term problem, they may be eligible for help from this Scheme.

The person must be between 16 and 65. The cause of the bladder problem (or incontinence) must be due to severe intellectual disability or a neurological (nervous system) problem.

If this is the case, the person may be entitled to \$470 a financial year to help pay for the costs of bladder control aids (or continence aids) such as pads and nappies.

Ask your local ALO about the scheme or phone The Department of Health and Ageing on **1800 807 487** (free call).

You can also ring the **Commonwealth Carer Resource Centre on 1800 242 636*** for further information or help.

**1800 242 636 Free call except from mobile phones. Mobile calls at mobile rates.*