

The Recycling Program

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Background of the Program?

Health Services manages health benefit programs offered by the Department of Social Development (SD) to assist eligible Clients in obtaining specific benefits that are not covered by Medicare, private health insurance plans or by other agencies. The coverage provided by the Department assists Clients with meeting their basic medical and safety requirements.

The Health Services' Mobility and Adaptive Equipment Loan Program provides funding so that Clients may acquire medical equipment and have access to equipment repairs and maintenance services. Program equipment includes items such as ambulation aids, bathroom aids, manual mobility equipment, power mobility equipment, mobility related seating and positioning aids, stability aids, transfer aids, homecare beds and pressure relieving sleep surfaces and non-mobility related seating and positioning aids.

What is the recycling program?

It is a program jointly administered by Easter Seals New Brunswick (ESNB) and the Health Services Program whose goal is to provide recycled equipment to Clients of the Mobility and Adaptive Equipment Loan Program. A pool of equipment that has been deemed equipment eligible for Recycling is maintained by ESNB and accessed by SD to loan to eligible Clients.

Please refer to Appendix A called "Equipment Eligible for Recycling" to see the complete list of equipment. The equipment listed in Groups A, B and C are considered eligible for recycling, while equipment in Group D can only be returned to ESNB but cannot be re-loaned to another Client in the Mobility and Adaptive Equipment Loan Program.

General Information

- The equipment that has been provided to Clients of the Health Services' Mobility and Adaptive Equipment Loan Program is **on loan** as it still belongs to Social Development.
- ESNB has protocols in place to ensure the all recycled equipment is clean, disinfected, and in good repair before it is provided to a Client.
- ESNB maintains a database of each piece of equipment that is purchased new and or re-loaned to a Client. Clients are required to return equipment that they no longer require to ESNB as per the Equipment Loan Agreement signed at the time of the request.
- ESNB will send a letter to all Clients that have been provided new equipment with a gold sticker to put on each piece of equipment so that it can be identified as property of Social Development.
- If the equipment on loan to a Client becomes broken, lost, unusable or replaced the Client must notify ESNB by calling their Returns Coordinator at (506) 206-9542 or 1-888-280-8155. When equipment is returned to Easter Seals NB, the name and Health Card identification number of the Client who had been using it should be included.
- All equipment is inventoried and physically stored, when not in use by ESNB.

- No equipment deemed Recyclable will be approved to be purchased until Health Services receives confirmation from ESNB that they have nothing appropriate in the recycling inventory.
- Equipment on loan to Clients will be repaired and maintained by the Health Services Program, so long as the Client has a valid Health Card with the proper coverage with SD.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF RECYLING EQUIPMENT ?

- It is more cost efficient as more Clients can be assisted with their equipment needs using fewer tax payer dollars.
- Refurbishing equipment saves valuable items from going to landfills, and dramatically reduces the carbon footprint.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. What equipment is recyclable?

As indicated above for a complete list of equipment that is recyclable please refer to Appendix A.

2. Is it possible to by-pass the Recycling Program to receive new equipment more quickly?

No, this is a mandatory step to help us utilize our budget dollars as efficiently as possible. The only time the Recycling Program can be by-passed is if the equipment approved for this Client is not deemed recyclable or is custom configured, custom made or custom molded equipment.

3. Can a Client refuse equipment provided by Easter Seals?

Yes, if the Therapist can provide the department with a legitimate reason why it is not appropriate for that Client.





4. Must all equipment that is no longer in use be returned to Easter Seals?



It really depends on many factors such as the condition of the equipment and cost to return it, so it best to contact ESNB's Returns Coordinator at (506) 206-9542 or 1-888-280-8155.

Appendix A



RECYCLABLE AND NON-RECYCLABLE EQUIPMENT LISTS





EQUIPMENT ELIGIBLE FOR RECYCLING – Group A

Complex Adaptive Ambulation Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Gait trainers	Y		If less than 5 years old only
Specialized Walker			
Platform Walker			
Complex Adaptive Bathroom Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Bath lift	Y		If less than 5 years old only
Complex rehab commode			
Complex Adaptive Stability Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Standing frame-manual or hydraulic	Y		If less than 5 years old only
Complex Adaptive Transfer Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Free standing trapeze bar	Y		If less than 5 years old only
Non- powered standing transfer aid			
Power/ hydraulic patient lift w/ tracking			
Portable overhead lift w/tracking			



Manual Mobility Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Folding manual wheelchairs	Y		If less than 5 years old only
Rigid manual wheelchairs			
Specialty manual wheelchairs			
Power Mobility Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Basic power wheelchairs	Y		If less than 5 years old only
Rehab power wheelchairs			

EQUIPMENT ELIGIBLE FOR RECYCLING – Group B

Complex Adaptive Bathroom Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Complex bath Chairs	Y		If less than 5 years old only
Complex toilet support			
Toilet seat Mounted Bidet			
Complex Adaptive Transfer Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Slings	Y	Y	If less than 3 years only
Complex Adaptive ADL Positioning	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Pressure Redistributing Surfaces for toileting or bathing	Y		If less than 3 years old only
Cushion outside a wheelchair-air or gel			
Specialty chairs and inserts			

Primary Postural Supports	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Any back support which contains open cell and/or viscose foam	Y		If less than 3 years old only
Any back support with additional viscose foam added	Y	N	
Any back support with air or gel support surfaces	Y	Y	
Cushion with closed cell foam base with gel or air	Y		If less than 3 years old only
Full air cushion	Y	Y	
Full gel cushion	Y	Y	
Honeycomb cushion	Y		If less than 3 years old only
Vicair cushion	Y		If less than 3 years old only

EQUIPMENT ELIGIBLE FOR RECYCLING – Group C

Secondary Postural Supports	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition	Can be re-loaned in the following circumstances only
Upper body Supports-arm trough, trays. Trunk supports, lateral trunk supports	Y		If less than 3 years old only
Lower body supports - amputee supports, pommels, adductors/ abductors + hardware, foot box	Y		If less than 3 years old only

NON-RECYCLABLE EQUIPMENT – Group D

Basic Adaptive Ambulation Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition
Canes, crutches	N	N
Forearm crutches	Y	N
Standard, 2 wheeled walkers & hemi walkers	Y	N
4- wheeled walkers	Y	N
Basic Adaptive Bathroom Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition
Basic commodes	Y	N
Bath board	Y	N
Hand held shower	N	N
Raised toilet seats	Y	N
Reducer rings	N	N
Shower/bath chair	Y	N
Toilet risers	N	N
Toilet safety frames	Y	N
Tub grab bar	Y	N
Tub transfer bench	Y	N
Basic Adaptive Transfer Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition
Bed-assist rails	Y	N
Grab bars/ installed support bars	N	N
Wall mounted supports	N	N
Pole style supports (super pole)	Y	N
Transfer sheets, boards, belts, or discs	Y	N
Other Basic Adaptive Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition
Foam Wedges	N	N
Full hand resting splints/ palm protectors	N	N
Off-loading heel protectors	N	N
Protective headgear	N	N

Complex Adaptive Therapeutic Sleep Aids	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition
Hospital beds including rails, attached trapeze bar	N	N
Therapeutic Sleep Surfaces	N	N

Primary Postural Supports	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition
Any cushion with at least one layer of open cell or viscose foam	N	N
Any back support with at least one layer of viscose foam (viscose foam upgrade on order form)	N	N
Any cushion or back support exposed to MRSA or any other infectious agent	N	N
Any cushion or back support deemed non-recyclable by therapist	N	N

Any cushion or back support which has been modified or repaired.	N	N
Any custom configured, custom-made, or custom molded cushions or backs	N	N
Secondary Postural Supports	Can be returned to ESNB	Can be re-loaned if in good condition
Headrests	Y	*N

***Please note:**

- a. In situations where non-recyclable equipment is returned to ESNB that is brand new and has never been used by a client, this equipment shall be put into SD inventory, and not PSP.

(Ex. A cushion with at least one layer of open cell or viscose foam and a headrest are ordered from a supplier to loan to a client, but the client dies before it is delivered. The equipment is then shipped to ESNB)

- b. When recyclable equipment has aged out (3-5 years depending on the equipment OR according to the Guide/Agreement) the Therapist will determine the quality and condition of the equipment and have the final say on whether it is recyclable beyond the time frame noted in the Guide/Agreement.