



Equipment and Modification Services - P1 Waiting Funding Update #2 8th February 2010

accessible wishes to sincerely thank all Assessors and Clinical Leaders/Supervisors for their assistance in administering the Urgent P1 process and prioritising their client's needs for access to EMS funding.

Your efforts have contributed to significant improvements in managing the 2009-2010 budget. Consequently **accessible** have begun to release funding for P1 Wait applications (equipment, housing and vehicles, including successful trials and replacements) received prior to the end of October 2009.

The decision regarding prioritisation of need rests with the clinician, so please continue to use the Urgent P1 guidelines and process when required.

Updates

- **Outstanding Trials:**
accessible requests the assistance of Assessors (all equipment including hearing aids) by completing the process from 'trial approval' to 'notification of successful trial to purchase' as promptly as possible within a 3 month timeframe to assist with managing the budget.
- **P1 Wait Housing:**
To minimise delays, **accessible** will now complete Income and Asset Testing and/or Building Consent requests for all approved P1 Wait Housing Modification applications.
This means when funding becomes available, the modification can proceed subject to availability of the Contractor/Supplier.
- **ACCESS Clinic – Wheelchair and Seating and Postural Management Advisory Service**
The impact of P1 Waiting Funding has reduced the use of Access Clinic by Assessors.
While we are unable to advise when funding will become available, we encourage the continuing use of the clinics for consultations / discussions around identifying what equipment will be suitable for trial.
By completing this first stage with Access Clinic, the trial process can then be completed without delay as funding becomes available.

Clinic Specialists will also be offering training/education sessions within the clinic timetables so watch out for these sessions. If you have any suggestions please advise Jean Ramsay, Clinic Administrator 620 1700 Ext. 831.

Please Note

All Applications including those approved for trial where no activity has occurred for 6 months will be abandoned.¹

Regards
Professional Advisory Team
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¹ EMS Equipment Manual Part 2, Section A-1.1