

Equipment Loan Program

Resource Handbook



ALS in the Heartland's Equipment Loan Program

The following handbook was developed to provide information about the ALS in the Heartland Equipment Loan Program. The purpose of the Equipment Loan Program is to provide equipment to ALS patients and their families throughout the state of Nebraska and western Iowa. For any equipment loan inquiries or to request specific information, please contact the Equipment Loan Program at (402) 592-2374.

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Eligibility and Access

It is ALS in the Heartland's goal to provide needed equipment quickly to all in need.

In order to access ALS in the Heartland's Equipment Loan Program the following requirements must be met:

- The patient must have an ALS diagnosis from a qualified neurologist;
- The patient or caregiver must have completed the Equipment Loan Agreement and Waiver provided by ALS in the Heartland;
- The patient must reside in ALS in the Heartland's service area of Nebraska and western Iowa.

Equipment Loan Catalog

The following represents the many different types of equipment available through our equipment loan program. It is not an exhaustive list of the items available. Please contact ALS in the Heartland to inquire about any specific equipment needs.

Consult a Professional

Many of the devices and aids available through the Equipment Loan Program may be prescribed by a medical professional. To ensure that you are borrowing an appropriate piece of equipment, it is advised that you consult the appropriate medical professional such as your physician, a speech language pathologist or an occupation therapist. It is also recommended that a medical professional be consulted to ensure that the equipment is set up and used correctly. ALS in the Heartland's Patient Services can provide appropriate referrals to medical professionals knowledgeable about ALS if needed.

Communication Aids



Speech Generating Devices



Boogie Boards



Stands and Mounts



Communication Boards

Bathroom Aids



Shower Chairs
And Benches



Toilet Safety
Arms



Stationary
Commodes



Suction Grab Bars



Sliding Shower
Benches



Rolling Shower
Chair

Lifts



Hoyer Lifts



Sit to Stand Lifts



Voyager Two Post Lift Systems



Various Lift Slings

Aids for Daily Living



Lift Recliners



Gait Belts



Transfer Boards



Safety Poles



Pill Crushers



Pivot Discs

Bedroom and Mattresses



Gel Mattress
Overlays



Alternating Air Pressure
Mattress



Roho Mattress Overlay
Systems



Adjustable Hospital
Tables



Safety Bedrails



Wedge Pillow

Mobility



Walkers and Rollator
Walkers



Various Seat
Cushions



Canes



Transport Wheelchairs



Power Chairs



Wheelchair Trays

Respiratory



Cough Assist
Machines



Suction Machines



biPAPs



Various Accessories



Tubing and Masks

Equipment Logistics

Requesting Equipment

- Equipment requests should be made to ALS in the Heartland's Equipment Loan Program.
- Requests can be made by patients, their caregivers or attending medical professionals.

Equipment Delivery

- Equipment delivery method is in large part determined by the equipment's size, value and the delivery location. Most items can be delivered by a Patient Services team member in the Omaha and Lincoln metropolitan areas. Small equipment items appropriate to mail will be sent directly to the patient. Large items or equipment needs geographically distant areas from Omaha will be handled on a case-by case basis with oversight provided by the equipment coordinator.
- Equipment purchased from a third party is shipped directly to the patient unless otherwise arranged.
- Equipment can also be picked up at ALS in the Heartland located at 1320 S. 119th Street in Omaha.

Equipment Return

- If a piece of equipment provided by ALS in the Heartland is no longer beneficial or needed, please contact the Equipment Coordinator. All attempts to collect the item(s) will be made in a timely fashion. Please be aware geographical distance, equipment size, and staff availability may impact the duration of time for an item to be returned to the Loan Pool.

Equipment Donations

If you would like to donate medical equipment to ALS in the Heartland, please contact the Equipment Coordinator. Agency staff will be happy to discuss donations you wish to provide. Please note that while ALS in the Heartland makes every effort to accept and redistribute donated equipment, not all equipment may meet the requirements for ALS patients needs or be needed for the loan pool.

We accept most durable medical equipment including:

- Scooters
- Walkers
- Bath aides
- Lifts
- Portable ramps
- Communication aids

The equipment coordinator will also be able to discuss the pick-up options of the equipment which vary based upon size, location, and time. All donors will receive a written itemized receipt to use for their documentation needs.

Thank you for your generous consideration of sharing equipment with others impacted by ALS. We appreciate your kindness and understanding collecting these items may take 30-60 days for ALS in the Heartland.

ALS in the Heartland is a dedicated, non-profit

resource of free services and support to ALS patients, their families and caregivers throughout all of Nebraska and western Iowa. We provide tangible,

compassionate support to patients and families

affected by ALS. Some of the free services we offer include:

- Professional counseling with a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and certified grief counselor
- Respite Voucher Program
- Equipment Loan Program
- Telehealth Program



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