

## **SASKATCHEWAN AIDS TO INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL) WIDE HOSPITAL BED POLICY**

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- Electric hospital beds are 36" wide. For clients who weigh more than 500 lbs., a bariatric bed is available. Bariatric beds are 54" wide.
- Wider beds may be issued in situations where a client weight is under 500 lbs. and their medical needs are not being met in a standard 36" hospital bed. Clients' who require additional width due to girth, perform self-care in bed or need additional width due to medical necessity may request a wider bed. These requests must include a letter documenting the medical necessity for the extra width. For home care clients, confirmation that care will be provided on the wider bed is also required.