



**Richmond VAMC
Assistive Technology
Electronic Aids to Daily Living**

Reviewed by: _____

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QUALIFICATIONS: Electronic Aids to Daily Living (EADL)

EADLs may be considered for issuance to any veteran who exhibits the loss or loss of use of a body part or function which limits their ability to perform activities of daily living independently or decreases their personal safety. The prescribed equipment must be of a nature that specifically compensates for their loss of use, meets their goals for independence and increases their safety.

All of the following additional specific indications must be met:

- A. Comprehensive EADL evaluation by the Assistive Technology (AT) Program including the following,
 1. Education on the EADL evaluation and ordering process,
 2. Definition of goals of the Veteran that EADLs can help meet,
 3. Demonstrate EADL options that could help meet the Veteran's goals.
- B. Complete equipment trials for EADL devices defined during the initial AT evaluation.
- C. Evidence the selected device meets Veteran's goals is documented.
- D. Veteran demonstrates safety and effectiveness when using the selected device.

PROCESS:

1. Veteran identifies interest in requesting EADL.
2. Veteran's primary care physician places assistive technology consult.
3. Veteran attends initial AT evaluation and receives education regarding the program.
4. Veteran trials various equipment to determine most appropriate option.
5. Occupational Therapist and/or Rehab Engineer and Veteran determine the final recommendations for EADL equipment.
6. Equipment approval process:
 1. Occupational Therapist or AT rehabilitation engineer completes necessary paperwork including assessment and if applicable a quote from an appropriate vender.
 2. Paperwork is turned in to the Prosthetics Service.
 3. Prosthetics has 7 days to complete the consult.
7. Prosthetics normally takes from 2 weeks to 1 month to collect 3 competitive bids for the EADL installation.
8. Vendor installs the EADL in the Veteran's home, provides training to Veteran and caregiver(s), and provides ongoing support.

