

Durable Medical Equipment Loan Pool

Empowering individuals with ALS and their families to live fuller lives.



What is the loan pool?

The ALS Association, MN/ND/SD Chapter provides new and used durable medical equipment for persons with ALS living in the Chapter's service area. Our equipment is housed at several sites throughout our service area and is loaned at no charge to persons with ALS.

If your physician and/or occupational/physical therapist tell you that you would benefit from medical equipment and your insurance will not cover the expense, we may be able to provide you with these items.

Some examples of items we have are:

- Mobility aids: canes, walkers, manual wheelchairs, power wheelchairs
- Bathroom items: raised toilet seats, commodes, shower chairs, bath benches
- Hospital beds and a variety of mattress overlays
- Patient lifts and a variety of slings
- Transfer boards and pivot discs
- Over-bed tables
- Threshold ramps, portable ramps (to be used for special occasions, on a temporary basis)

The Process

Your individual abilities need to be evaluated to determine the appropriate equipment for you. Consult your physician, occupational therapist and/or physical therapist when equipment needs arise. Equipment requests may only come from them once an evaluation has been completed.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Durable Medical Equipment Loan Pool, please contact us by email at equipment@alsmn.org or by calling 888/612.672.0484 and asking to speak to someone in Care Services.

Donations

Much of the equipment in our loan pool has been donated. If you would like to donate equipment to the ALS loan pool, please let us know. We also have several equipment funds to which you can make a monetary donation. The funds are used to purchase new equipment that we do not have on hand but is in high demand, as well as to maintain used equipment. If you wish to contribute to these funds, please contact the Chapter office.