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To: Community Home Care and Nursing
OT and PT WRHA Leads
Community Therapy Services
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From: Susan Lepki

Subject: *NEW MDA HEAVY DUTY BEDS*

WRHA Home Care, in conjunction with our partners at Materials Distribution Agency (MDA), are excited to announce a new heavy-duty home care electric bed available to order for clients. This bed is intended for clients who weigh between 360-500lbs (163kgs-227kgs) or clients that may need extra width for functional needs. The current standard electric bed and bariatric beds both remain on program. The bariatric beds can be used by clients that may weigh over 500lbs (227 kgs) and the standard electric beds can be used for clients under 360 (163 kgs). For more information, see the attached flyer from MDA.

The WRHA Home Care Approved Equipment List has been updated and that along with the attached flyer have been posted on INSITE on the WHRA Home Care Equipment page <https://home.wrha.mb.ca/home-care/equipment/>

The ordering process for all home care beds and mattresses remain the same and SOPs, Operational Directives, all necessary forms plus clinical resource information can be found on the WRHA Home Care equipment page noted above. As always, when ordering hospital beds, it's advised that requestors are familiar with Health Canada information on hospital bed safety [Hospital bed safety - Canada.ca](https://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hcc/bscc/hospital-bed-safety/index-eng.php) For more information or to have staff education provided on any equipment questions, please contact Kim Baessler, Program Consultant for Home Care Equipment, Supplies & Wheelchairs. At (204) 223-3044 or kbaessler@wrha.mb.ca
