

Alberta	www.health.alberta.ca
<p>Prescription Drugs</p>	<p>The Alberta government provides supplementary health benefits for eligible Albertans.</p> <p>There are 18 drug and supplementary health benefits programs offered by different government of Alberta ministries which are being consolidated and streamlined.</p> <p>Supplementary health benefit programs Administered by Alberta Blue Cross, plans are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Group Coverage – a premium-based plan available to Albertans under 65 years of age and their dependants. • Coverage for Seniors – a premium-free plan available to Albertans 65 years of age and older and their dependants. • Palliative Coverage – for people diagnosed as being palliative and receiving their treatments at home. • Diabetic supply coverage – for Albertans using insulin to treat diabetes. <p>Note: Alberta Health-sponsored supplementary health benefit plans cover pre-existing health conditions.</p> <p>Specialized prescription drug coverage: Alberta Health provides coverage for specialized prescription drugs, which includes services through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outpatient Cancer Drug Benefit Program • Specialized High Cost Drug Program • Disease Control and Prevention – for the treatment of tuberculosis and sexually transmitted disease. • Alberta Health Services – provides all medically required drugs administered in hospitals, auxiliary hospitals and nursing homes, at no direct cost to the patient. <p>Non-Group Prescription Drug Coverage: for those under 65 & their dependents w/o group coverage. Costs included a monthly premium billed quarterly and a copay up to a maximum of \$25/Rx.</p> <p>Seniors Coverage: for those over the age of 65 & their dependents. No premium --not mandatory. Registration required. Eligibility for senior coverage applies when anyone in the family is over 65 and the entire family is covered. Copay is 30% of the cost up to a maximum of \$25/Rx</p>

	<p>with drugs eligible per the Alberta Drug Benefit list. Coverage also includes some Extended Health benefits including specific maximums.</p> <p>Palliative Care Drug Coverage: is for patients who have been diagnosed by their physicians as palliative--being in the end stage of a terminal illness or disease. The program excludes those patients whose residence provides publicly funded drugs, diabetic supplies and ambulance services; these include long-term care facilities, acute care hospitals and psychiatric hospitals. Prescription medications, specific laxatives and solutions for hydration therapy are covered if listed in the Alberta Drug Benefit List and Palliative Care Drug Benefit Supplement.</p> <p>The co-payment is 30% to a maximum of \$25. For most prescriptions, \$25 is the maximum required for each prescription. The lifetime maximum co-payment amount that is the responsibility of the patient is \$1,000.</p> <p>Other Provincial Programs include: Along with supplementary health benefits and some pharmacy services, the Alberta government also provides specialized drug coverage. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outpatient Cancer Drug Benefit Program • Specialized High Cost Drug Program • Drugs for disease control and prevention • Retina Anti-Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Program for Intraocular Disease . This is a pilot program.
Lab & Diagnostic Tests	Laboratory, radiological and other diagnostic procedures (including interpretation) to maintain health, prevent disease and help diagnose/treat any injury, illness or disability done in provincially funded facilities.
Accommodation	Standard ward no charge. Daily room charge for Semi-private is \$144 and \$180 for private effective April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.
Ambulance	Ground ambulance service fees for those under age 65 are \$250.00 if patient is treated at the scene but not transported to a hospital and \$385.00 if transported to a hospital. Additional cost of \$200.00 for either service if a non-resident. Resident seniors age 65 and over do not receive a bill for ambulance services. Inter-facility transfers are covered for Albertans if recommended by the patient's physician for a higher level of care.
Eye Examinations	Residents who are under the age of 19 or 65 and over are covered if received in Alberta. Optometry benefits are limited to one complete exam, on partial exam and one diagnostic procedure per benefit year (July 1 to June 30). There are some optometry benefits for Albertans of all ages for specific medical conditions if treated by Alberta optometrists.

	Residents 19-64 years old who require an eye exam for illness or trauma may also be eligible.
Intraocular Lens (IOL)	Standard hard/rigid as well as soft/foldable IOL's are covered once per lifetime per eye. (Regional Health Authorities determines coverage in the area)
Dental	<p>Routine dental care is not covered, such as cleaning, fillings and the extraction of wisdom teeth. Some specific oral and maxillofacial surgical procedures are fully covered. The patient, or their secondary insurer (if applicable) is responsible for paying additional costs not covered under the AHCIP.</p> <p>Alberta seniors with low to moderate incomes may be eligible for some benefits under the Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors Program.</p>
Hearing Aids	Limited coverage under the Alberta Aid to Daily Living Program for disable, chronically ill or terminally ill claimants. Eligible residents pay 25% of the cost of benefits to a maximum of \$500 per family, per benefit year. (July 1 to June 30)
Nursing & Home Care	Home care and Support services funding is provided for nursing, social work, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, nutritional services and physical therapy based on medical need and income assessment. Those receiving government assistance are fully covered.
Physiotherapy	No coverage.
Chiropractic	No coverage.
Podiatry	<p>Set benefits are payable for specific services under an approved fee schedule. The maximum benefit is \$250.00 per person each benefit year. The benefit year runs from July 1st to June 30th.</p> <p>Full coverage for podiatric surgery services provided by a podiatric surgeon in an Alberta hospital or non-hospital surgical facility under contract with Alberta Health Services.</p>
Other Paramedicals	No coverage for massage, naturopath, homeopath, social worker, nutritionist, physicians' assistant and acupuncture.
Medical Supplies	AADL is a cost-share program. Clients pay 25% of the cost of their benefits up to a maximum contribution of \$500.00 per family per benefit year.
Travel	In-patient services are covered up to \$100 Canadian per day not including the day of discharge. Out-patient services up to \$50 Canadian per day with a limit of one visit per day. Physician services up to the equivalent of the provincial rate.

	AHCIP only covers insured physician and hospital services in Alberta and elsewhere in Canada. It doesn't cover treatment in a clinic, prescription drugs, ambulance services, physical therapy and more. They recommend you buy travel medical insurance before you leave the province.
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NOTES: Green Shield Canada updates this information once per year, but Provincial Health Ministries update as required. This is intended as a general overview. For detailed information, contact the appropriate provincial Ministry of Health. GSC is not responsible for the accuracy of this information. It is to be used as a guideline only.	
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