

Health Benefit Coverage for Learners for 2004/2005

How Your Coverage Works

While you are in full-time training funded through Alberta Works Income Support you and the dependants named on your Alberta Works Health Benefits Card will receive health benefits. These benefits include premium-free Alberta Health Care Insurance and coverage for prescription drugs, eye exams and glasses, dental care, emergency ambulance services and essential diabetic supplies, unless you receive coverage through the Government of Canada. Coverage for health benefits starts the day you begin your training and stops the last day of the month your training ends.

You will receive your Alberta Works Health Benefits Card by mail once your application for funding to attend training has been approved. You or your covered dependant must present this card each time you require a health benefit. If you have private insurance, your private insurance is billed first and your Alberta Works Health Benefits Card may cover remaining charges for eligible services.

The Alberta Child Health Benefit (ACHB) program covers your children under the age of 18, provided you apply. Application forms are available from your training provider, on-line at www.gov.ab.ca/hre/achb or by calling 1-877-4MY-KIDS (1-877-469-5437).

People who abuse health benefits may be required to repay the costs of these benefits. Decisions about what health benefits are covered cannot be appealed. If you are denied a benefit you can call the Student Funding Contact Centre at (780) 427-3722 or toll-free at 1-800-222-6485 to discuss your options.

Visit www.gov.ab.ca/hre/hb/index.asp for more details about your health benefit coverage.

Health Benefits Covered for You and the Dependants Named on Your Card

Alberta Health Care Insurance Premiums

The Alberta Health Care premium is covered. Visit www.health.gov.ab.ca/ahcip (click on Health Care Insurance Plan) for more details.

Prescription Drugs

Most prescription drugs and some over-the-counter products are covered. All people named on your health benefits card will have to pay \$2 on their first three prescriptions per month. This is called a 'co-payment'.

Not all drugs are covered and some require special authorization and documentation from your doctor. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist. Visit www.gov.ab.ca/hre/prescriptiondrugs for more details.

Dental Services

Dental coverage is primarily limited to relief from dental pain and oral infection. Coverage can include the first pair of dentures. Replacement dentures are covered every five years. Repairs and relines are covered with limits on their frequency. Pre-authorization of some dental procedures is required. Details about dental coverage are available from your dentist.

Optical Services

Coverage includes a routine eye exam and glasses every two years up to a maximum amount. Eyewear other than basic glasses and lenses may be covered when special medical conditions exist. Ask for information where you buy your glasses.

Emergency Ambulance Services

Emergency ambulance transportation is covered from the place a medical emergency occurs to the nearest medical facility.

Essential Diabetic Supplies

Essential diabetic supplies, including blood glucose test strips, lancets, penlets and injection supplies, are covered. Ask your pharmacist for details.

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)

AADL provides authorized medical equipment and supplies to people with a chronic disability or illness. There is no co-payment fee required on AADL supplies. There are no upgrades to what is supplied by AADL. Visit www.health.gov.ab.ca (and click on Health Care Insurance Plan) for more details.