

Alberta Child Health Benefit

The Alberta Child Health Benefit (ACHB) provides premium-free basic health benefits to children under 18 and to 18 and 19 year-old dependants who attend high school and live with their parent(s) or guardian(s). It is one of Alberta's contributions to the National Child Benefit, a federal-provincial program.

The goals of the National Child Benefit are to reduce the depth of child poverty and to promote parents' attachment to the workforce.

To qualify

The family's net income plus non-taxable child support payments from the previous year must be equal to or below these levels:

of eligible children **last year's family income**

1	\$24,397
2	\$26,397
3	\$28,397
4	\$30,397

Add \$2,000 for each additional child

Families who have high, ongoing health costs and whose income has decreased significantly from the previous year may also be eligible for AHCB.

Children of parents receiving Alberta Works Income Support as Learners are eligible for the ACHB, provided they apply.

Children of parents receiving Alberta Works Income Support as Expected-to-Work or Not Expected-to-Work receive health benefits through those programs.

Children whose parents are not permanent residents of Alberta, including Family Class Immigrants, are not eligible for the ACHB.

First Nations children registered under the *Indian Act*, and certain Innu and Inuk children receive health benefits through the federal government.

Services covered

Dental Services

- Exams, one cleaning per year, x-rays, fillings, extractions, root canals (front teeth), excluding orthodontics

Optical Services

- One new pair of eyeglasses per year or one repair to existing eyeglasses per year
- A one-year warranty against accidental breakage

Prescription Drugs

- All products listed in the Alberta Health and Wellness Drug Benefit List and the AHRE Drug Benefit Supplement

Ambulance Services

- Emergency ambulance trips to the nearest hospital, excluding motor vehicle accidents

Essential Diabetic Supplies

- Lancing and lancet devices, testing strips, syringes, and pen needles

For an application form or for more information:

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The application process takes two to three weeks. The program provides a health benefits card, which