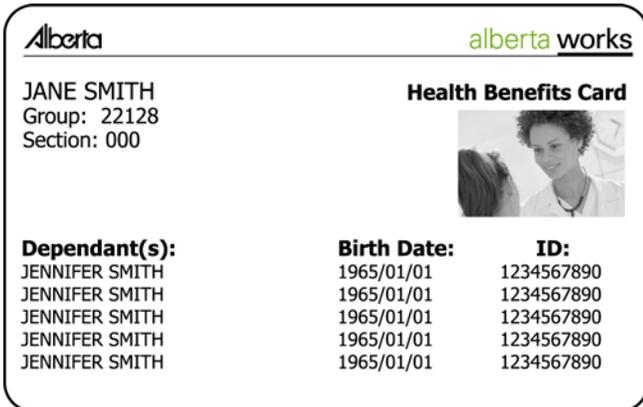


Health Benefits

Full-Time Learners, Non-EI

Your Health Benefits Card

If you are in full-time training funded through Alberta Works, you, your spouse/partner, and any 18 and 19-year old dependants attending high school will receive coverage for health benefits, unless you receive coverage through the Government of Canada. In addition, you do not have to pay Alberta Health Care premiums.



You and any dependants named on your Health Benefits Card (HBC) will receive coverage for prescription drugs, eye exams and glasses, dental care, emergency ambulance services and essential diabetic supplies. You may begin using your HBC the day you begin your training.

How coverage works

Coverage starts the first day of your training and stops the last day of the month your training ends. If you withdraw from or terminate your training, your coverage will end that month.

You must present your HBC to your pharmacist, dentist or other health services provider every time you need health benefits. If you have private insurance, such as Alberta Blue Cross through an employer, you must present that card as well. Your private insurance is billed first and your HBC may cover remaining charges.

Your health service provider can advise you on which benefits are covered. Decisions about what health benefits are covered cannot be appealed.

If you are denied a benefit because it is not covered, you can call the Student Funding Contact Centre at (780) 427-3722 or toll-free at 1-800-222-6485 to discuss your options, including a review by the Health Benefits Review Committee. If your circumstances change, such as if a dependant is added to your family, call the Student Funding Contact Centre.

Coverage for your children

The Alberta Child Health Benefit program covers your children under age 18.

If you start training on or after August 1, 2005, your children will automatically receive this benefit. If you start before August 1, 2005, you will have to apply. Application forms are available from your training provider online at www.gov.ab.ca/hre/achb or by calling 1-877-4MY-KIDS (1-877-469-5437).



Specific Health Benefits Covered

These are the health benefits available to you and any dependant named on your card. If the Alberta Child Health Benefit covers your children, they may receive additional health benefits.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Premiums

The Alberta Health Care premium is covered, which includes doctor visits and hospital care.

Prescription Drugs

Most prescription drugs and some over-the-counter products are covered. Not all drugs are covered and some require special authorization and documentation from your doctor. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist. Visit www.health.gov.ba.ca/ahcip/prescription for more details.

Dental Services

Dental coverage is primarily limited to relief from dental pain and infection. Pre-authorization of most dental procedures is required. Details about dental coverage are available from your dentist.

Optical Services

You are covered for a routine eye exam and glasses every two years to a maximum amount. Eyewear other than basic glasses and lenses may be covered when special medical conditions exist. Ask for more 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 more information.

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)

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

For More Information

If you need more information please contact the Student Funding Contact Centre.

- **Call:** in Edmonton – (780) 427-3722, or toll-free at 1-800-222-6485. Student funding advisors are available 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.
- **E-mail:** use the secure e-Contact e-mail service available at <https://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/studentsfinance/econtact.asp>.