

## Eligible Dependants under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan

Effective June 1, 2003 couples who are not married may register together under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) as adult interdependent partners. Couples already registered together prior to June 1, 2003 are not affected. Married spouses are not affected. Our forms and brochures are being updated to reflect the new legislation.

Effective June 1, 2003, eligible dependants that may be registered under one AHCIP account are:

- a married spouse (husband or wife).
- an adult interdependent partner
- single dependant children under 21 years of age.
- single dependant children under 25 years of age, who are full time students.
- single children over 21 years of age, who are wholly dependent due to physical/mental disability.

**An adult interdependent partner is** a person who lives together with another person in a relationship of interdependence:

- for a continuous period of not less than 3 years, or
- of some permanence, if there is a child of the relationship by birth or adoption, or
- if the registrant and partner have entered into an adult interdependent partner agreement.

**An adult interdependent partner agreement is** a written agreement between two persons who are living together or intend to live together in a relationship of interdependence, as provided for in the *Adult Interdependent Relationships Act*. A person may not enter into an adult interdependent partner agreement if the person:

- is a party to an existing adult interdependent partner agreement,
- is married, or
- is a minor, unless the minor is at least 16 years of age, and the minor's guardian(s) gave prior written consent.

To view the law in its entirety, visit the Queen's Printer website at [www.qp.gov.ab.ca](http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca). Copies of the Act may be purchased through the Queen's Printer website or by calling the Queen's Printer Bookstore at 427-4952 within Edmonton or 297-6251 within Calgary. For all other areas of the province, call toll free to 310-0000 and then either (780) 427-4952 or (403) 297-6251.

Additional information on the act is available on the Alberta Justice website at [www.gov.ab.ca/just](http://www.gov.ab.ca/just) or by contacting Alberta Justice at 427-2745 within Edmonton. For all other areas of the province, call toll free to 310-0000 and then (780) 427-2745.

By law, Alberta Justice cannot provide legal advice on personal legal matters. You may wish to consult a lawyer for more information about how this law may apply to your relationship.