

21. Glossary (Revised)

Account holder - a resident who is registered with the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan. The account holder is responsible for paying premiums.

Accredited educational institution- includes elementary, junior high, high school, correspondence, college, university, technical, vocational.

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

- For a continuous period of not less than 3 years, or
- Of some permanence, if as a result of the relationship the partners have a child by birth or adoption, or
- Where the partners have entered into an adult interdependent partner agreement, as provided for in the *Adult Interdependent Relationship Act*.

Note: The term 'spouse' refers to a legally married husband or wife. Common law relationships must meet one of the three conditions listed above in order to be considered an adult interdependent partnership.

Alberta Health and Wellness does not require proof of Adult Interdependent Relationship status or marriage.

Billing Advice Notice (BAN) - a letter which provides advance warning of changes which were not initiated by the group, but which will have a financial impact on the group premium statement.

Canada entry document - the immigration document provided by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Eligible employees - employees who are not excluded from group coverage (listed on 5.1 to 5.3).

Invoice Change Summary (ICS) - a premium statement which details only the employees whose status has changed since the last premium statement was produced.

Opt out - exclusion from the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan making the resident personally responsible for paying all health and hospital services.

Resident - A resident of Alberta is a person who:

- Is legally entitled to be or to remain in Canada and makes his/her permanent home in Alberta.
- Is committed to being physically present in Alberta for at least 183 days in a 12-month period. (Note: Alberta Health and Wellness considers temporary absences as periods of physical presence).
- Is not claiming residency or obtaining benefits under a claim of residency in another province, territory or country.
- Any other person deemed by the regulations to be a resident. A tourist, transient or visitor to Alberta is not a resident.

Subsidy year – the period of April 1st of one year to March 31st of the following year.