

Health Benefit Coverage

Learners

How Coverage Works

While you are in full-time training and receiving Learner Income Support, you and your spouse/partner, if applicable, will receive health benefits through the Alberta Works Health Benefits Card (unless you receive coverage through the Government of Canada). These benefits include coverage for prescription drugs, eye exams and glasses, dental care, emergency ambulance services and essential diabetic supplies. You and your family will also be enrolled in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan premium-free group.

The Alberta Child Health Benefit (ACHB) program covers your children under the age of 18, and if they are under 20 years of age, living at home, and attending high school (up to grade 12). Your children will be enrolled automatically in the ACHB program.

Coverage for health benefits starts the day you begin your training. Adult coverage ends on the last day of the month your training ends. Your children's ACHB coverage will be assessed each year in September, and will continue as long as your income is below the program's [qualifying income levels](#).

You will receive your Alberta Works Health Benefits Card by mail prior to your course starting. This card must be presented 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 the remaining charges.

Health Benefits Covered

Prescription Drugs

Most prescription drugs and some over-the-counter products, such as prenatal and children's vitamins, are covered. Some drugs require special authorization and documentation from your doctor. Your doctor or pharmacist can tell you what is covered. Visit www.employment.alberta.ca/hb for more information on what is and isn't covered.

Dental Services

Dental coverage is primarily limited to relief from dental pain and oral infection. Coverage for children and pregnant women includes teeth cleaning. 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 all dental procedures is required. Details about dental coverage are available from your dentist.

Optical Services

Coverage includes a routine eye exam and basic eyeglasses for adults every two years, and once each year for children. Additional eye exams and 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 where the 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 chronic disabilities or illnesses. Visit www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/AADL for more details.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Premiums

Individuals and families are enrolled in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan premium free group. Visit www.health.alberta.ca/ahcip/AHCIP.html for more details.

Only the above benefits are covered on the Alberta Works Health Benefits Card. If you require a prescription drug, dental or optical service that is not a covered benefit, you can request a review by the [Health Benefits Review Committee](#). Call the Student Funding Contact Centre at (780) 427-3722 or toll-free at 1-800-222-6485 to discuss your options.

Visit www.employment.alberta.ca/hb for more details about your health benefit coverage.