

AHCIP

In Alberta, Services provided by Alberta Health Services under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP).

Provides with basic health insurance coverage for hospital and medical services.

AHCIP COVERAGE IN ALBERTA

Common services covered in Alberta:

- Doctor visits
- Psychiatrists visits
- Diagnostic services which includes laboratory, radiological procedures
- Public funded vaccinations
- In patient and outpatient surgeries
- Emergency care

Common services not covered in Alberta:

- Health services provided other than by physician. E.g.: psychologists, massage therapists, chiropractor, etc.
- Vision care for residents 19-64 years of age
- Prescription drugs provided in non-hospital setting
- Ambulance services (except inter-facility transfers)
- Non cosmetic procedures
- Routine dental services such as cleaning, fillings and extraction of wisdom tooth
- Hearing Aids, Mobility devices
- Doctor note and Medical forms

Unsure?



Call 811 - Health Link

A telephone services which provides free and reliable 24/7 information, provided by licensed healthcare professionals in 240 languages.

Common services:

- Health Advice
- Symptom based nurse triage and health information
- Covid-19 vaccine or other immunization booking.
- Finding a healthcare provider
- Addiction & Mental Health
- Referrals to Various health services

Interpretation Issues: Patients should advise AHS health care providers that they require interpretation.

Interpretation available in 240 languages.

Recommended to bring a family member who can assist in translation and interpretation, if you can to your appointments.



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Understanding Alberta Health Services

Albertan Seniors



Community Transcultural Support Services
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Coverage for Seniors Program

- Premium-free coverage for prescription drugs and other health related services not covered under the AHCIP
- **Eligibility:** Provide proof of being 65 years of age or older when AHCIP office mails a package to your mailing address, once their records indicate an Albertan will be turning 65

Benefits

Prescription drugs:

- All prescription drugs listed in the Alberta Drug Benefit List are covered.
- Co-payment is 30% to a maximum of \$25.

Diabetes Supplies

- Maximum of \$2400 per eligible person depending on methods of diabetes management

Ambulance Services:

- Seniors age 65 and over do not receive a bill for ground ambulance services.

Clinical psychological services:

- Covered up to \$60 per visit, to a maximum of \$300 per family each benefit year.

Home nursing care:

- Coverage is up to \$200 per family each benefit year for patient care in their home.

What's Not Covered

- Claims for benefit for expenses incurred prior to date of coverage or after more than 12 months the service was provided
- Services covered by AHCIP
- Drugs not listed in Alberta Drug Benefit List
- Travel insurance for medical expenses outside of the province or country

Additional resources

Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors Program

- Includes exams, X-rays, cleanings, fillings and dentures.
- Up to \$230 for every 3 years for eyeglasses

Eligibility: Albertan residents aged 65+ meeting the income criteria

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)

Provides financial assistance for medical equipment and supplies such as wheelchairs, walkers, incontinence products, etc.

Clients pay 25% of costs up to \$500 per year.

Eligibility: Alberta residents with long-term disability, chronic or terminal illness.

Alberta Seniors Benefit

- Seniors with low-income can get financial assistance to help with monthly living expenses.
- Complements federal income sources such as Old Age Security (OAS)
- **Eligibility:** Must at least be 65 years of age or older and have lived at least 3 months in Alberta immediately before applying.
- **Should be receiving federal benefits such as OAS and GIS**

Special Needs Assistance for Seniors

- Provides financial assistance to low-income seniors for essential expenses.
- Help afford the cost of appliances and specific health and personal supports.
- **Eligibility:** Albertan residents aged 65+, based on income levels.
- **Must be enrolled in Seniors Financial Assistance programs.**

Health Supports provided:

- CPAP machine and supplies and Diabetes supplies, Nutritional beverages and assistance for a portion of the co-payment amount for prescription medications only.