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Alberta Provincial Health Insurance Plan: Fact Sheet

Services Provided by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP):

Prescription Drugs

- Seniors (65+): 30% co-pay per prescription, with the maximum co-pay rising from $25 to $35 (July 2025–April 2026; $28 as of Sept 2025).
- Diabetes supplies: Coverage up to $2,400 per person, plus continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) now covered for eligible Albertans of all ages.
- Non-Group plan (under 65): Same co-pay structure plus a monthly premium (table below).

Monthly Rates	Single	Family
Full Premium	$63.50	$118.00
Subsidized Premiums	$44.45	$82.60

Ambulance

- Only a small portion of the actual cost of the emergency health services (EHS) provided is charged to the patient, if they receive a bill at all.
- Seniors, age 65 and over, enrolled in the Coverage for Seniors Program do not receive a bill for ambulance services. AHCIP pays the complete cost of ambulance services.

Dental Benefits

- No coverage for routine dental care.
- Coverage for oral and maxillofacial surgery.
- The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) is covered by the federal government.

Eye Care Services

- No routine vision care coverage such as routine eye exams, refractive laser eye surgery, eyeglasses, and contact lenses for residents 19 to 64 years of age.
- Children 18 years old and under, and seniors 65 years and older, are eligible for one complete eye exam and one diagnostic procedure per benefit year (July 1 to June 30). Partial exams are no longer covered as of February 1, 2025.
- Full coverage is provided for some specific medical conditions treated by optometrists.
- Optometrists cannot charge you for services covered by AHCIP, but you are responsible for any additional costs incurred at the time of treatment.
- For residents 19 to 64 years old, AHCIP provides coverage for an eye exam your optometrist deems medically necessary due to trauma, a medical condition, or an episode of illness.

Hospitals

- Coverage for standard ward rooms only.

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Hearing Aids	• Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program: must require assistance because of a long-term disability, chronic illness, or terminal illness (long-term and chronic are defined as being 6 months or longer).
Medical Supplies	• No coverage.
Nursing and Home Care Benefits	• To be eligible for Coverage for Seniors, you must provide proof of being 65 years of age or older. • Coverage for home nursing care is up to $200 per family each benefit year by written order of a physician. • Home nursing care must be provided by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who is not a relative of the patient.
Paramedical	• Partial coverage for some podiatry services under the basic podiatry program, to a maximum of $250 per benefit year (July 1 to June 30). • Podiatrists can charge additional fees for these services. • No coverage for services provided by an acupuncturist, massage therapist, psychologist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, homeopath, chiropractor, or nutritionist.
Out of Country	• The AHCIP covers only limited physician and hospital costs outside of Canada. • Maximum amount paid for in-patient hospital care provided outside Canada is $100 per day, not including the day of discharge. • Maximum benefit of $50 is payable for one out-patient hospital visit per day, with a limit of one visit per day

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