

Support for Medications

Options if you cannot afford medications and/or diabetic supplies:

Emergency Drug Coverage with Alberta Supports (see next page for details)

Covers the full cost of medication for a calendar month, short term emergency coverage.

Eligibility:

- Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, or Refugee Status
- Low finances/ inability to afford medication costs

See attached handout for further information and how to apply

Alberta Adult Health Benefit (AAHB)

No cost health coverage for low-income Albertans including medication, dental, vision, and ambulance services.

Eligibility:

- Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident (Copy of citizenship/immigration documents if not born in Canada is required when submitting application)
- Must meet financial requirements and considered low income (Taxes need to be completed for most recent tax year)
- High prescription costs (Need to include a copy of prescription list with cost from your pharmacy)

Application: www.alberta.ca/alberta-adult-health-benefit

Alberta Blue Cross Non- Group Benefits

Private health insurance that covers the cost of medications, ambulance services, psychological services, home care, prosthetic/orthotic, and hospital accommodations

- Eligibility: Alberta Resident
- Three month waiting period unless leaving other health insurance within 30 days
- 70% coverage for medications, co pay limit is \$25 per prescription
- Covers all pre-existing conditions, no cap for medication costs
- Monthly premium ranges from \$63.80 for an individual to \$118.00 for a family

Application: www.alberta.ca/non-group-coverage

Please contact 211 to gain access to a broad network of community, social, health, and government services if needing further assistance

Emergency Prescription(s) / Drug Coverage

To qualify, you need to show:

- Your situation is beyond your control and due to unforeseen circumstances
- You are in a situation that presents a serious health and/or safety risk, and
- You do not have access to other resources (ie: savings, friends/family support) and cannot wait until your next payment date to pay for the prescription

The crisis line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please contact the crisis line.

Call 1.866.644.5135

Extension 4, then extension 1

As part of the assessment process, some of the questions you will be asked are:

- Your name and situation
- Your spouse/partner's name
- Names and DOB of dependents
- You and your spouse/partner's Social Insurance Number
- How much money you and/or your partner have on hand or in the bank/savings?
- Pharmacy name
- Pharmacy address with postal code
- Pharmacy telephone and fax number
- Prescription information

If approved:

- If approved, you will have medication coverage for the calendar month that you're in. (i.e. if you are approved on January 3rd, you are covered until January 31st. If you are approved on January 29th, you are covered until January 31st).
- You will have access to a 30-day supply of your medications, unless they are prescribed differently (e.g. prescribed daily).
- You must always return to the same pharmacy. The authorization cannot be switched between pharmacies so ensure the pharmacy you choose, is the one you want to use and can access.

