

To qualify

To be eligible you must:

- be 65 years of age or older,
- reside in Alberta for at least three months before applying,
- be a Canadian citizen or admitted to Canada for permanent residence (landed immigrant), and
- have an income level within the limits allowed by the program.

Basic Optical

Includes: only prescription eyeglasses, including lenses and frames, dispensed by a recognized optical provider.

The program will pay up to and including the maximum amount, which is based on your eligibility at the time of purchase.

Basic Dental

Includes: checkups, cleanings, fillings, extractions, root canals and basic dentures

It is important to understand the Dental Assistance for Seniors plan pays dental expenses according to the plan's fee schedule. To maximize your dental benefits, you may wish to compare the fees of two or more dental providers.

For more information

For questions about your dental claim:

Alberta Dental Service Corporation

Toll-free: 1-800-232-1997

Edmonton: 780-426-7526

Web: www.albertadentalservicecorp.com

Mail: Alberta Dental Service Corporation
17010 103 Avenue NW
200 Quikcard Centre
Edmonton, AB T5S 1K7

For questions about your optical claim:

Alberta Blue Cross

Toll-free: 1-800-661-6995

Edmonton: 780-498-8000

Calgary: 403-234-9666

Web: www.ab.bluecross.ca

Mail: Alberta Blue Cross
Box 26000 Station Main
Edmonton, AB T5J 2P4

For questions about your eligibility:

Alberta Supports Contact Centre

Toll-free: 1-877-644-9992

Edmonton: 780-644-9992

Deaf or Hard of Hearing with TDD/TYY units:

Toll-free: 1-800-232-7215

Edmonton: 780-427-9999

Web: www.health.alberta.ca



Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors Programs

Information about who qualifies and how to apply

Amount of benefit

The Dental Assistance for Seniors program provides basic dental coverage up to a maximum of \$5,000 every five years.

The Optical Assistance for Seniors program provides financial assistance for the purchase of prescription eyeglasses every three years.



The amount of coverage is based on your annual income:

	Income	Dental	Optical
Single Senior	\$0 to \$27,690	Maximum Coverage	Up to \$230
	\$27,691 to \$31,675	Partial Coverage	Up to \$115
	Over \$31,675	Not Eligible	Not Eligible
Senior Couple	\$0 to \$55,380	Maximum Coverage	Up to \$230
	\$55,381 to \$63,350	Partial Coverage	Up to \$115
	Over \$63,350	Not Eligible	Not Eligible

To apply

If you have already applied for the Seniors Financial Assistance programs, you are automatically enrolled in the Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors programs and do not need to apply again.

If you have not applied for the Seniors Financial Assistance programs: please visit www.seniors-housing.alberta.ca to obtain a Seniors Financial Assistance application form or call 1-877-644-9992 or 780-644-9992 in the Edmonton area.

Processing Your Dental and Optical Claims

Alberta Health has contracted the Alberta Dental Service Corporation to process dental claims and Alberta Blue Cross to process optical claims. Alberta Dental Service Corporation and Alberta Blue Cross issue payments to the service provider (dental provider or optical provider) or directly to you, depending on how the claim is submitted.

How it works

Your claim will be paid in one of two ways:

If your service provider bills Alberta Dental Service Corporation or Alberta Blue Cross directly:

The program will pay the service provider for the amount that you are eligible for under the program. If there is a difference between the amount you are eligible for and your bill, you need to pay the difference. For example, if your bill is \$280 and the program covers \$230, you pay \$50 ($\$280 - \$230 = \$50$).

If your service provider does not bill directly:

You pay the full bill. Then, you can submit a Claim Form (available from your service provider or online at www.albertadentalservicecorp.com for dental claims or www.ab.bluecross.ca for optical claims) to get reimbursed for the eligible amount.

