

Are you turning 65? AB Blue Cross for Seniors

The Government of Alberta provides premium-free Alberta Blue Cross Coverage for seniors for health-related services not covered by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP). This coverage is available to all Albertans 65 years of age and older and all recipients of the Alberta Widows' Pension, and their dependents. Alberta Blue Cross administers coverage for seniors on behalf of Alberta Health.

When an Alberta resident reaches 65 years of age, the resident and all eligible dependents automatically qualify for premium-free Alberta Blue Cross Coverage for seniors, sponsored by Alberta Health. In order to be registered, seniors must provide proof of being 65 years of age or older such as a birth certificate, old age pension entitlement, passport, immigration record, or naturalization or citizenship certificate. **It is recommended that you register for this program a few months before you turn 65. Your group benefits drug card will not work if you are not registered on your 65th birthday.**

Alberta Health-sponsored supplementary plans cover pre-existing health conditions – no medical review is required. This program does not provide travel coverage. If you are planning to travel outside of the province or country, it is strongly recommended you purchase travel insurance to cover emergency hospital and medical expenses. Benefits covered under this plan include: Prescription drugs, Ambulance services, Clinical psychological services, Home nursing care, Chiropractic services, and Diabetic Supplies

For more information please visit www.health.alberta.ca

Fair Pharmacare in BC

What is Fair PharmaCare and why do I need to register for Fair PharmaCare?

Registering for Fair PharmaCare allows for the coordination of coverage for prescription drugs between BC's provincial plan (MSP) and your Group Benefits insurance carriers extended health plan.

To ensure proper coordination of claims, please confirm proof of registration in Fair PharmaCare with your Group Benefits carrier. When using the pay direct drug card, the Fair PharmaCare registration is checked at the pharmacy. If drug claims of a certain amount (\$100-\$200) have been reached and you are not registered for Fair PharmaCare, the pharmacy will not be able to electronically process the drug claim.

How do I register with Fair PharmaCare?

Step 1: Verify your registration or register with Fair PharmaCare by contacting Fair PharmaCare:

- Phone call 1-800-663-7100 (M-F), 8 am – 8 pm PST
- Register online by visiting: <https://pharmacare.moh.hnet.bc.ca/>

Step 2: Notify your Group Benefits insurance carrier of your Fair PharmaCare Registration

When you register for Fair PharmaCare, you will receive a letter with your registration number. If you have a spouse or dependent children under your Fair PharmaCare coverage, their registration number will be the same as yours. If you have registered but have misplaced your letter, you can also provide your insurance carrier with your Personal Health Number on your BC Care Card. When contacting your Group Benefits insurance carrier, you will need to provide your group number and your member ID which is listed on your pay direct drug card