

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.

To Apply

- If you have already applied for 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 Seniors Financial Assistance programs, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/financial-assistance-for-seniors.aspx> to obtain a Seniors Financial Assistance application form or call 1-877-644-9992 or 780-644-9992 in the Edmonton area.

Basic Optical

Includes: 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 Program 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 questions about your dental claim:

Alberta Dental Service Corporation

☎ 1-800-232-1997
780-426-7526

🌐 www.adsc.org

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

For questions about your optical claim:

Alberta Blue Cross

☎ 1-800-661-6995
780-498-8000
403-234-9666

🌐 www.ab.bluecross.ca

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

For questions about your eligibility:

Alberta Supports Contact Centre

☎ 1-877-644-9992
780-644-9992

Deaf or Hard of Hearing with TDD/TYY units:

☎ 1-800-232-7215
780-427-9999

🌐 <https://www.alberta.ca/health.aspx>



Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors Programs

Information about who qualifies and how to apply





The amount of coverage is based on your annual income:

| Marital Status | Annual Income | Dental | Optical |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Single Senior | \$0 to \$28,785 | Maximum Coverage (100%) | Up to \$230 |
| | \$28,786 to \$31,675 | Partial Coverage ^{**} (99 to 10%) | Up to \$115 |
| | Over \$31,675 | Not Eligible | Not Eligible |
| Senior Couple | \$0 to \$57,570 | Maximum Coverage* (100%) | Up to \$230 |
| | \$57,571 to \$63,350 | Partial coverage 99 to 10% | Up to \$115 |
| | Over \$63,350 | Not Eligible | Not Eligible |

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 up to a maximum of \$230 every three years.

How it Works

It is important to ask your service provider to submit a cost estimate to the Alberta Dental Service Corporation or Alberta Blue Cross before you receive your dental or optical service. Your service provider can check how much your coverage will pay and how much,

you will have to pay, if anything. Your plan may not cover the full cost, or your provider may charge more than the maximum fee allowed by your plan.

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

Albertans are encouraged to consult the Alberta Dental Association & College dental fee guide, compare rates, and discuss treatment plans with their dental providers.

For more information and helpful tips on starting a conversation with your dental provider about fees, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/dental-fees.aspx>

Direct Billing

If your service provider bills the 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).

Reimbursement

If you have paid the full bill, you can submit a claim to the Alberta Dental Service Corporation or Alberta Blue Cross by mail or by completing an online claim submission. To access a claim form or to create an account, visit www.adsc.org for dental claims or www.ab.bluecross.ca for optical claims.

* Maximum coverage means your plan will pay 100% of the fee as listed within the Dental Assistance for Seniors Program Fee Schedule. Please ask your provider how much is covered and what you may be required to pay.

** Partial coverage means your plan will pay 10% to 99% of the fee as listed within the Dental Assistance for Seniors Program Fee Schedule. Please ask your provider how much is covered and what you may be required to pay.

