UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
Student Experience and Support | International Student Services

Medical Insurance in Alberta

The **Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP)** is a free provincial plan that covers medically necessary health services such as visits to the doctor, laboratory tests, and hospital costs if you're admitted to the hospital.

If you're moving to Calgary from another province or country and will be living in Alberta for at least **6 months in any 12-month period**, you must apply for AHCIP coverage within **90 days (3 months)** of moving to Alberta.

How to Apply for AHCIP

1. Review your **eligibility** and complete the **AHCIP application form**. All steps to apply and the application form can be found on the **Government of Alberta's AHCIP Website**.

2. Gather the **required supporting documents** (view the full list **here**):
   - Proof of identity (such as your passport)
   - Proof of legal entitlement to remain in Canada (such as your study permit)
   - Proof of Alberta residency (such as an Alberta utility bill or rental agreement with your Canadian address).
     ***Note:** Students living on-campus can request a letter from Campus Service Centre confirming Alberta residency.

3. Bring the completed application form and your original documents to a **participating Alberta registry office** to apply in person (or you can also apply by mail). The Alberta registry closest to the UCalgary main campus would be **"Registry Express"** located inside the North Hill Shopping Centre.

4. Once your application has been processed, the AHCIP office will send your AHCIP card in the mail to your Canadian Address.

Student Wellness Services

The **Student Wellness Services** office at the university, located in MacEwan Student Centre (MSC) 370, offers medical and mental health support for UCalgary students. UCalgary students can book an appointment by calling **403.210.9355** or by **booking an appointment online**. Virtual and walk-in appointments are also offered.

Note: Medical appointments are covered by AHCIP, while counselling appointments are covered by your tuition fees and don't require a healthcare card.

UCalgary Health and Dental Plan

If you're a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, you're automatically enrolled in a **health and dental plan**. For information on coverage, claims, and family options visit the SU and GSA websites.

- **Undergraduate students** through the **Students Union (SU)**
- **Graduate students** through the **Graduate Students Association (GSA)**

Private Insurance Plans for Exchange and Visiting Students

As you will be staying for less than one year in Canada, you are **not** eligible for the free provincial plan for Alberta residents (the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan). Instead, **you must purchase a private plan** through an insurance company or agent, in your home country or upon arrival in Canada. Scan the QR code for a list of options to explore.

After Hours Support

- **Health Link 811**: 24-hour free phone line for non-emergency health questions.
- **Emergency 911**: For emergency incidents

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