

Does AISH provide health benefits? _____

Yes. AISH provides health benefits to assist clients, their cohabiting partners and dependent children with expenses related to their medical needs.

All other available health benefit plans should be accessed first. When a health benefit from another program or source is not equal to a health benefit AISH provides, AISH **may** cover the difference. A cohabiting partner or dependent child who is living in an institution or does not meet certain citizenship criteria will not be eligible for a health benefit.

What health benefits are provided by AISH? _____

- Prescription drugs and some over-the-counter drugs and nutritional products
- Dental
- Optical
- Essential diabetic supplies
- Emergency ambulance services
- Exemption from the Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) co-pay fees

For additional information on these benefits, please see the reverse side of this sheet.

How do I access health benefits? _____

Health benefits are provided through the Health Benefits Card (HBC). The HBC must be presented to pharmacists, dentists, and other health service providers every time health benefits are required.

Can I access AISH program health benefits while outside the province? _____

Your AISH Health Benefits Card is only valid in Alberta. This means that you will continue to be covered by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for insured services like doctor or emergency room visits within Canada. However, you will not be covered or reimbursed for any of the health benefits AISH provides, as listed above, while traveling outside of Alberta. If required, you can talk with your worker at least a week before you leave the province to arrange for an extra supply of prescription drugs for an extended trip.

Can you tell me more about the health benefits provided by AiSH? _____

Prescription Drugs

Many but not all prescription drugs are covered by AiSH; they are limited to those included in the Government of Alberta Drug Benefit list. Some of these drugs require special authorization and documentation from your doctor. Your doctor or pharmacist can advise you on this. Some over-the-counter items and nutritional products may also be available.

Dental

Basic dental includes full coverage for examinations, teeth cleaning, x-rays, fillings, extractions, dentures and other dental services. Further details about dental coverage can be obtained through your local dentist, denturist or dental hygienist.

Optical

Routine eye examinations, and a new pair of glasses, are covered every two years if needed for adults and dependent children 18 or 19 years of age, who are attending high school and residing with you. A new pair of glasses is covered every year for dependent children less than 18 years of age. Eye examinations for children less than 18 years of age are covered by Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

Essential Diabetic Supplies

Includes diabetic supplies essential to managing diabetes.

Emergency Ambulance

Ambulance trips are covered in an emergency situation to the nearest medical facility with an emergency department.

Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL)

AiSH clients do not pay the cost share portion of items approved by AADL. AiSH does not supplement or upgrade what is provided by AADL.

What if I need more Health Benefits? _____

When health benefits are denied or a request is outside what is normally provided, you may request a review through the AiSH Health Benefits Exception Process. Contact your AiSH worker for more information about this process.