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## 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),
- Have submitted a completed Seniors Financial Assistance programs application form, and
- Have an income level within the limits allowed by the program.

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## To Apply

If you have not applied for Seniors Financial Assistance programs, please visit [alberta.ca/dental-optical-assistance-seniors.aspx](https://alberta.ca/dental-optical-assistance-seniors.aspx) to learn how to apply or call 1-877-644-9992 or 780-644-9992 in the Edmonton area.



### Basic Optical

Provides funding towards the purchase of prescription eyeglasses to a maximum of \$230 every three years, depending on your eligibility at the time of purchase.



### Basic Dental

Provides basic dental coverage up to a maximum of \$5,000 every five years. Dental coverage is based on the Dental Assistance for Seniors Program Fee Schedule, which establishes the dental benefits and the frequency of coverage for eligible dental services. Information related to the dental program and associated dental fee schedule can be viewed at: [alberta.ca/dental-optical-assistance-seniors.aspx](https://alberta.ca/dental-optical-assistance-seniors.aspx).

Please note the dental program does not provide full coverage of the fees charged by Alberta dental providers.

### For questions about your dental or optical claim:

#### Alberta Blue Cross

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

 [www.ab.bluecross.ca](https://www.ab.bluecross.ca)

### For questions about your eligibility:

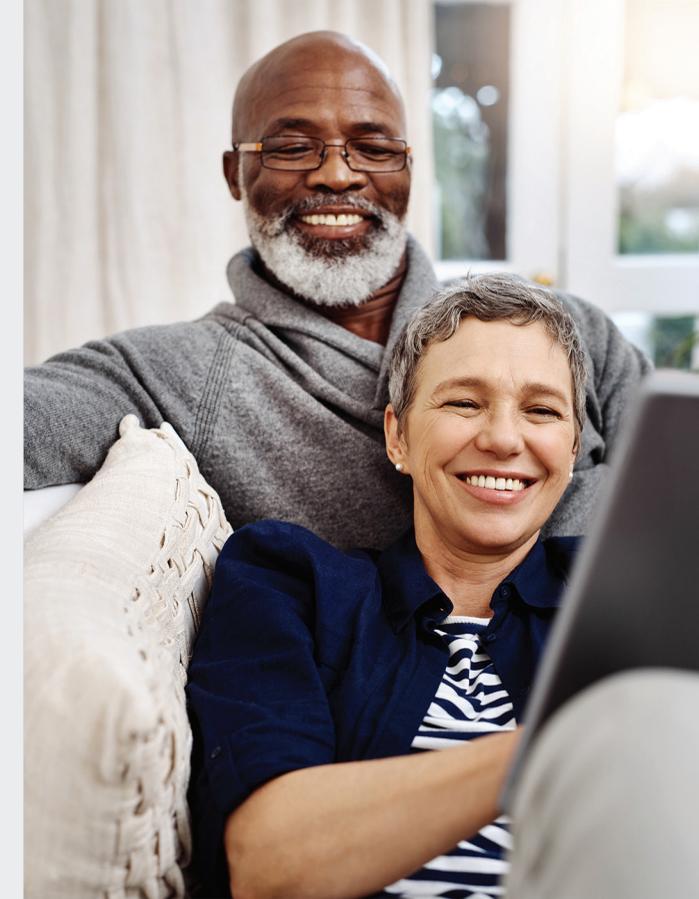
#### Alberta Supports Contact Centre

 1-877-644-9992  
780-644-9992

### Deaf or Hard of Hearing with TDD/TYY units:

 1-800-232-7215  
780-427-9999

 [alberta.ca/health.aspx](https://alberta.ca/health.aspx)



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# Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors Programs

Information about who qualifies and how to apply



	Coverage	No Coverage
<b>Single Senior</b>	\$0 - \$33,410	Over \$33,410
<b>Senior Couple</b>	\$0 - \$66,820	Over \$66,820

Eligibility for the Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors Programs is determined by a senior's Total Income (line 15000) as reported to the Canada Revenue Agency in the previous tax year. For the 2024/2025 benefit year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025), your 2023 Total Income will be used to determine your eligibility.

For information on coverage levels and eligible services, visit [alberta.ca/dental-optical-assistance-seniors.aspx](https://alberta.ca/dental-optical-assistance-seniors.aspx) or call the Alberta Supports Contact Centre toll-free at 1-877-644-9992.



## Receiving Dental and Optical Services

Before receiving dental or optical services, ask your provider to submit a pre-authorization (a cost estimate) to Alberta Blue Cross. Alberta Blue Cross will then determine how much the Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors programs will cover and how much you must pay.

Your provider's office may bill Alberta Blue Cross directly for the dental or optical services provided to you. If your provider uses direct billing, you will only be required to pay any outstanding amount not covered by the program.

If your provider does not offer direct billing, you will be required to pay your provider the full amount and request reimbursement through Alberta Blue Cross. You can submit the dental or optical claim online directly to Alberta Blue Cross after creating an online account through the Alberta Blue Cross' Member site at [www.ab.bluecross.ca/member/online-services/member-site.php](https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/member/online-services/member-site.php). The online account will track your remaining dental and optical funding, if a previous claim has been paid, and allow you to update your address or banking information.

You may get a reimbursement claim form from your dental or optical provider or from

Alberta Blue Cross for your optical claim at [www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/82551.pdf](https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/82551.pdf) or dental claim at [www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/claim-form-20041.pdf](https://www.ab.bluecross.ca/pdfs/claim-form-20041.pdf). Ensure the claim form is complete and includes your personal health number.

## Out of Province or Country Claims

All dental and optical services supported by these programs must be completed by a provider located in Alberta. Any dental or optical services completed outside of the province or country will not be reimbursed.