

Discontinuation of the Alberta Health Benefit for Ukrainian Evacuees Program

The Alberta Health Benefit for Ukrainian Evacuees Program was established in 2022 to provide Ukrainian evacuees with supplementary health benefits, such as prescription drugs, dental care, optical care and other benefits, without premiums or co-payments. This program ended on **March 31, 2025**. Ukrainian evacuees were notified these benefits would be ending and were provided with information about their options.

This benefact provides guidance to dental providers regarding questions that Ukrainian evacuees may raise about the end of the Alberta Health Benefit for Ukrainian Evacuees Program and options for health benefits coverage going forward.

Dental benefit plan options for Ukrainian evacuees

Ukrainian evacuees without a health benefit plan may want to consider options such as an employer-sponsored plan or other private coverage. Alberta's government also has drug and health benefit programs available to ensure all Albertans have access to economical health benefits.

- Low-income Albertans who are under 65 years of age may qualify for one of Alberta's government-sponsored low-income health benefit plans, such as the **Alberta Adult Health Benefit**, **Alberta Child Health Benefit**, **Income Support** and **the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped** (AISH) programs. However, all family members must be permanent residents of Canada or Canadian citizens to qualify for these programs.
- Ukrainian evacuees who are 65 years of age or older may qualify for the **Dental and Optical Assistance for Seniors Program**. However, individuals must be permanent residents of Canada or Canadian citizens and have an annual income within the limits allowed by the program.

For information regarding enrollment in DASP, Ukrainian evacuees can visit <https://www.alberta.ca/dental-optical-assistance-seniors> or contact the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992.

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Dental Services call centre representative at: **780-498-8977** (Edmonton and area) • **403-294-4042** (Calgary and area) • **1-800-567-8104** (toll free)

Support is available Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

