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The University of Calgary Graduate Students' Association is pleased to sponsor the Extended Health and Dental Benefit Plan ("the GSA Plan"), outlined in this booklet. All benefits are covered by Equitable Life Insurance, policy number 816330, unless otherwise noted. This booklet provides you with a description of the benefits to which you are entitled, an explanation of the rules regarding eligibility, and the procedures to follow when submitting a claim. The benefits described here may be revised from time to time or discontinued.

The information contained in this booklet does not create or confer any contractual or other rights. All claims are considered, and paid, in accordance with the rules of the Plan and the insurance contracts. The Campus Trust, The PBAS Group and/or insurance companies have the full authority to resolve all questions related to the provisions of the GSA Plan. The PBAS Group has the right and opportunity to examine any person whose injury or illness is the basis of a claim, when and as often as it may reasonably require during the pendency and payment period of any such claim.

Your GSA Plan identification number, name, and date of birth are used by The PBAS Group to determine your eligibility for benefits and substantiate your claims while you are a member of the GSA Plan. Without the use of this information you are still covered for benefits - however, your claims may not be adjudicated. Your personal information is used only for this purpose; it is stored with the utmost attention to security and deployed sparingly to fulfill the requirements of the GSA Plan and the law. For further information on the use of this information or to revoke the use of this information, contact The PBAS Group.

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Register for your Plan Member portal:

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## For claims related questions, contact:

The Equitable Group Administration Team  
1-800-265-4556 or 519-886-5210  
[groupbenefitsadmin@equitable.ca](mailto:groupbenefitsadmin@equitable.ca)

## For information regarding eligibility and rates, contact the Campus Administrator:

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## Important Deadlines

Opt out or add dependants to the GSA Plan:

September start: **September 11, 2026**

January start: **January 22, 2027**

May start: **May 5, 2027**

July start: **July 2, 2027**

## Opt Out or Add Dependants:

[www.studentbenefits.ca](https://www.studentbenefits.ca)



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## Eligibility

### Am I eligible for benefits?

To be eligible for coverage you must be:

- enrolled as a graduate student at the University of Calgary;
- under the age of 70; and,
- covered under a Provincial Health Care Plan or equivalent.

Full-time students are automatically assessed health and dental fees and enrolled in the GSA Plan when they register for classes. The health and dental fee is automatically applied to your Student Fees Account. Part-time and/or distance students are eligible to opt in if you are not assessed health and dental fees.

If you have fulfilled the requirements for eligibility, you will have up to a 12 month term of coverage commencing September 1st. Students enrolling after September 1st will be eligible for the remainder of the student year.

### Did you know?

The benefit maximums listed in this booklet apply to each dependant individually, unless otherwise noted.

### Are my spouse and/or dependant children eligible for benefits?

Yes, your spouse and dependant children can be covered for benefits. In order to be eligible, your dependants must be covered under a provincial health care plan, under age 70, and you must pay the applicable fee before the deadline. Your spouse and dependant children become eligible when you become eligible.

#### Spouse

A person to whom you are legally married or whom you cohabitate with on a permanent and ongoing basis for at least one continuous year, is publicly recognized as your spouse, and is under the age of 70.

#### Dependant Children

Children either natural, legally adopted, stepchildren or other children that live with you on a full-time basis, who are under the age of 21 and depend on you for support while living in a parent-child relationship.

Unmarried dependant children who have been identified as disabled and are over the age of 21, or; children under the age of 25 who are in full-time attendance at an accredited educational institution, are eligible for coverage, with the submission of documentation yearly.

# Eligibility

## How do I add my spouse and dependant children to the plan?

Your plan allows you to add your eligible spouse and dependent children to the plan by completing a request and paying an additional fee.

Simply visit **studentbenefits.ca**, and click on "Add Dependants". This will redirect you to the form. Complete the form in full and upload any necessary proof, if applicable. You will receive a confirmation email. Please ensure to keep this for your records. You must complete this process by the applicable deadline.

The applicable fee will be charged to your Student Fees Account. Due to processing, this fee will appear on your Student Fees Account within 30 days. Your request is only confirmed once you receive an email advising you of your approval, and payment is received.

## Can I opt in to the Plan?

Yes, if you meet the definition, you can opt in to your plan by filling out the online request form, and paying an additional fee. The fee must be paid in full before you are eligible for coverage.

Simply visit **studentbenefits.ca**, and click on "Opt-In". This will redirect you to the form. Complete the form in full. You will receive a confirmation email. Please ensure to keep this for your records. You must complete this process by the applicable deadline.

The applicable fee will be charged to your Student Fees Account. Due to processing, this fee will appear on your Student Fees Account within 30 days. Your request is only confirmed once you receive an email advising you of your approval, and payment is received.

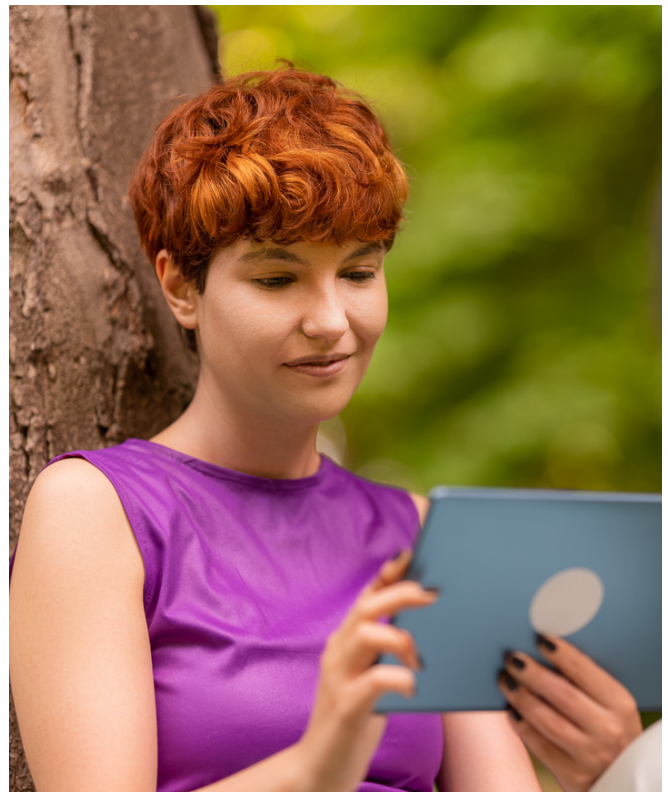
## When does my coverage end?

Coverage for you and your dependants will terminate 12 months after your start date, unless:

- You cease to be an eligible student;
- You attain the age of 70;
- Premium payments by the Calgary Graduate Students' Association cease; or,
- Your plan is discontinued.

Coverage for your dependants will terminate on the date your dependants no longer meet the definition of an eligible dependant.

Please note that if it is proven to the satisfaction of the Administrator that you have engaged in fraudulent activity with respect to claims under this Plan, your coverage may be terminated, and the matter may be referred to the Institute/University for consideration under its Code of Conduct for further action.



# Eligibility

## Can I opt out of the Extended Health and/or Dental Plan?

In order to opt out of this plan, you must be enrolled in another extended health and/or dental plan. You must submit proof of alternative coverage that is comparable and clearly identifies that you are covered. Coverage obtained through travel insurance, the Canadian Dental Care Plan, or provincial health coverage (e.g. Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan - AHCIP) does not qualify for health or dental opt-outs.

If you choose to exclude yourself from the plan, you must complete the required form each year, online at **studentbenefits.ca**. You must complete this process by the applicable deadline. Your opt-out is only confirmed once you receive an approval email.

## Can I re-enroll in the Plan if I previously opted out?

Once your opt out request has been approved, it will remain in force for the entire benefit year, unless your alternative extended health and/or dental plan terminates. You have 30 days from the loss of coverage to notify The PBAS Group, in order to be covered under this plan for the remainder of the benefit year. You must provide a copy of your notice of termination and pay the applicable fees.

## Should I keep the GSA Plan if I am covered elsewhere?

The GSA Plan has been designed by students to specifically prioritize student needs. Remaining in both this plan and another plan may enable you to maximize your total coverage by coordinating the benefits of the two plans.

Students who have more than one group benefit plan can coordinate their benefits under each plan to increase coverage up to 100% of the total eligible expense. The payments from each plan are adjusted to limit the reimbursement to the total expense paid.

## When will I receive my refund if I choose to opt out of the GSA Plan?

If you are already covered under an extended health and dental plan, and you choose to opt out of this plan, the university's Registrar's Office will adjust the health and/or dental fees on Student Fees Accounts after the opt out deadline has passed.

If you have not paid your fees in full, the health and/or dental fees will be waived on your Student Fees Account. If your Student Fees account has been paid in full, the health and/or dental fees will be waived, and the credit will be used towards your next payment to the university. If you want to request a refund, please contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies at [graduate@ucalgary.ca](mailto:graduate@ucalgary.ca)



# Health Benefits

At-a-Glance | 2026/2027



|                                 |             |                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Accidental Dental               | 100%        | up to \$1,000 per student year                                                                                    |
| AD&D                            | —           | see schedule of losses                                                                                            |
| Ambulance                       | 100%        | up to \$200 per trip                                                                                              |
| Counselling                     | 100%        | up to \$500 per student year                                                                                      |
| Eye Exam                        | 100%        | up to \$75 every 24 months                                                                                        |
| Eye Wear                        | 100%        | up to \$150 every 24 months                                                                                       |
| Health Practitioners            | 100%        | chiropractor<br>massage therapist *<br>naturopath consultations<br>podiatrist/chiropractist<br>speech therapist * |
|                                 |             | Combined maximum of \$325 per student year                                                                        |
|                                 |             | osteopath<br>physiotherapist *                                                                                    |
|                                 |             | \$60 per visit, up to \$1,000 per student year                                                                    |
| Medical Equipment *             | 100%        | up to \$10,000 per student year (restrictions apply)                                                              |
| Orthotics or Orthopedic shoes * | 100%        | up to \$250 per foot every 24 months                                                                              |
| Prescription Drugs              | 80%         | up to \$10,000 per student year                                                                                   |
| Student Assistance Program      | —           | Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week                                                                           |
| Student Wellness                | —           | Travel and Health Plan Navigator                                                                                  |
| Travel Benefit                  | \$5,000,000 | per trip                                                                                                          |
| Wellness Benefit                | 100%        | up to \$100 per student year                                                                                      |
| Virtual Care by Maple           | 100%        | up to six sessions per student year                                                                               |

This is a basic overview of your health & dental plan, created as an easy way to assist students to maximize coverage. Complete descriptions of all benefits, including specific limits, are listed in your booklet.

\* Referral required every 12 months

## Student Benefits

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St. John's, NL A1B 3X2



## Description of Health Care Benefits

This section of the booklet contains information pertaining to the health portion of your benefit plan. This coverage information can also be found online, at **studentbenefits.ca** or at your Plan Member portal **ucgsa.drawbridge.ca**. Your benefits, as described below, come into effect after any Provincial Health Care annual maximums have been exhausted. Unused benefits from a specified time frame cannot be utilized in a future period.

Covered charges are reasonable and customary expenses needed for medical care, services or supplies, and received while the person is eligible, for either an illness or injury that is non-occupational or related to pregnancy. No amount will be payable for taxes and/or shipping and handling fees for any covered service/product(s).

### Accidental Dental – 100%, up to \$1,000 per student year

Charges for dental services by a licensed dentist for the repair of sound natural teeth (healthy, non-diseased and not heavily restored) are covered when required for a non-occupational accidental injury, external to the mouth, which occurs while the person is covered. No amount will be payable for injury caused by an object placed in or on the mouth, self-inflicted injury, or damage to existing dentures, crowns, or bridgework. Work performed outside of Canada may be considered, after submitted to any Medical or Travel insurances of which you are eligible.

Benefits shall be paid in accordance with the Alberta Suggested Fee Guide for General Practitioners, in effect at the time of treatment. Treatment must commence within 90 days following the date of the accident, and the care or services must be completed within one year from such date. No amount shall be payable for charges incurred after the termination date, or after the person's coverage terminates.

When submitting a claim for accidental dental, you are required to submit a letter detailing when and how the accident happened. The attending dentist must confirm that the treatment is the result of an accident.

It is recommended that the dentist submit a predetermination outlining the course of treatment and the resulting cost. Eligible Accidental dental claims must first be submitted to the Health Care Plan. Once this benefit is exhausted, remaining expenses can then be considered under the Dental Care Plan.

### Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D)

*(This benefit is underwritten by Chubb Life Insurance Company of Canada under Policy Number SG102526)*

This coverage applies to the insured student only. The amount of the benefit is limited to the percentage shown in the Schedule of Losses. To see complete details of coverage, or to download your copy of the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy, please visit your Plan Member Portal **ucgsa.drawbridge.ca**, or **studentbenefits.ca**.

When you register an account on your Plan Member Portal, you can visit the Document Centre to fill out the form. Send a scanned copy, or the original signed copy, to The PBAS Group. If a beneficiary is not designated, any payments will be made to your estate.

### **Ambulance – 100%, up to \$200 per trip**

Charges for licensed ambulance services within Canada, in excess of the amount payable under the covered person's Provincial Health Care Plan, are covered.

The coverage includes the transport of the covered person from the place of debilitation to the nearest hospital where treatment is available, or from the first hospital to another for specialized treatment not available at the first hospital, or to a convalescent/rehabilitation hospital. No amount will be paid for air ambulance, or for expenses outside of Canada.

### **Counselling – 100%, up to \$500 per student year**

Counselling services provided by a:

- Licensed Psychologist;
- Registered Social Worker/Master of Social Work;
- Licensed Professional Counsellor;
- Licensed Counselling Therapist; or,
- Psychotherapist;

are covered, provided the counsellor is licensed under the appropriate provincial or federal organization to practice their profession, in accordance with the rules of their profession. No amount will be paid for group counselling, testing/assessments, or reports.

### **Eye Exam – 100%, up to \$75 every 24 months**

One eye examination, by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist, registered and legally practicing within the scope of their license, is covered. No amounts will be paid for contact lens fitting fees or retinal photos.

### **Eye Wear – 100%, up to \$150 every 24 months**

Lenses and frames or contact lenses are covered, when prescribed by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist. Itemized invoices are required. Laser eye surgery in lieu of lenses and frames will also be covered, up to the benefit maximum. No amount will be paid for electronic components for smart glasses or non-prescription glasses, such as safety or sunglasses,

When purchasing glasses or contact lenses online, you are required to submit a copy of your current prescription with your claim.

### **Health Practitioners – 100%, Amount varies**

Services provided by the following health practitioners are covered provided the practitioner is licensed by the appropriate provincial or federal organization to practice their profession in accordance with the rules of their profession.

The following practitioners are covered to a combined maximum of **\$325** per student year:

- Chiropractor
- Massage Therapist (referral required)
- Naturopath (consultations)
- Podiatrist/Chiropodist (consultations)
- Speech Therapist

The following practitioners are covered to a combined maximum of **\$1,000** per student year, limited to \$60 per visit:

- Osteopath
- Physiotherapist (referral required)

If a referral is required, it must be current, and will be valid for one year after the date of issue.

If an x-ray is recommended by any of the above health practitioners, an additional \$25 is covered towards this expense. No amount will be paid for any visit for which any amount is payable under the covered person's Provincial Health Care Plan, unless permitted by law.

## **Medical Equipment – 100%, up to \$10,000 per student year (referral required)**

Charges are covered for the rental or purchase of medical equipment based on the nature and severity of the covered person's medical needs, when recommended by a licensed medical doctor (M.D.). Before incurring any major expenses, it is recommended you submit details to The PBAS Group to determine to what extent benefits are payable.

Covered items include, but are not limited to:

- Wheelchairs (purchase or rental, \$1,000 per lifetime; repairs, \$250 per lifetime);
- Respiratory Equipment including oxygen, CPAP/BPAP machines and supplies (\$1,500 per lifetime);
- Contact lenses/glasses following cataract surgery (one pair per lifetime);
- Canes, crutches, walkers, casts, splints, catheters, colostomy supplies;
- Compression stockings or garments (excluding athletic or general-use apparel) (two items or pairs per benefit year);
- Insulin pump and diabetic supplies not covered under the prescription drug benefit (infusions sets, cartridges, and continuous glucose monitors) (\$1,500 per benefit year);
- Intra-uterine devices with no medicinal content (one per student year);
- Custom-made rigid or semi-rigid braces (not for athletic use) for back, neck, arm or leg (\$1,000 per lifetime, per condition);
- Non-dental prosthesis such as artificial limbs and eyes, including replacement if required because of a change in physical condition (\$1,000 per lifetime, per condition);
- Wigs for a diagnosed medical condition or medical treatment resulting in full or partial hair loss (\$1,000 per lifetime).

To qualify for reimbursement, medical equipment must be obtained through a licensed medical equipment supplier or a recognized, reputable retailer specializing in medical or healthcare products. Items purchased through third-party online marketplaces or non-verified vendors are not eligible.

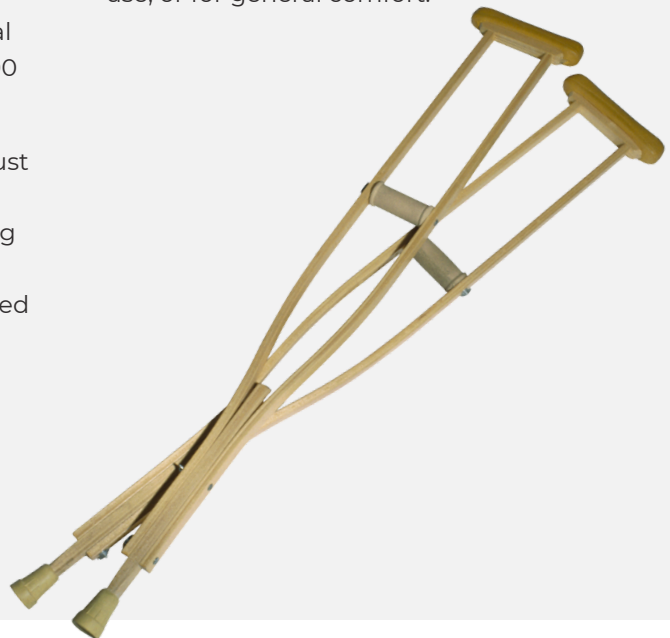
Excluded items include those intended for athletic use; personal comfort or convenience items; fitness or wellness equipment; safety or environmental modifications; cosmetic, self-care or hygiene items; self-help or environmental control items; over-the-counter or non-prescription items; experimental or non-approved devices; duplicates or upgrades. Items with both medical and non-medical uses are not covered, such as, but not limited to: heating pads or light therapy devices, communication aids, air conditioners or cleaners, and whirlpool baths or saunas. Not all exclusions are listed. Medical supplies not listed in this booklet are subject to prior approval from the administrator.

In order to submit a claim for medical equipment, a letter (referral) will be required from a licensed medical doctor (M.D.) describing the nature of the disability, the type of equipment, medical need and estimated duration required.

## **Orthotics or Orthopedic shoes - 100%, up to \$250 per foot every 24 months (referral required)**

Charges for custom-made orthopedic shoes (including repairs), arch supports, molds and orthotics, which have been specially designed and molded for the covered person, are covered when required to correct a diagnosed physical impairment and when recommended by a licensed medical doctor (M.D.) or Podiatrist/ Chiroprapist.

Coverage does not include footwear that are primarily designed for non-therapeutic purposes, including athletic, recreational, or performance enhancement use, or for general comfort.



## **Prescription Drugs - 80%, up to \$10,000 per student year**

The plan covers a list of Health Canada approved prescription drugs, professionally compiled to address the needs of students.

Eligible drugs include those approved by Health Canada, and are within the following general categories:

- Eligible drugs that, by law, require a prescription for purchase; and,
- Compound mixtures where one of the ingredients is an eligible item.

Coverage is limited to the cost of the lowest priced equivalent item in the applicable generic category that can be legally used to fill your prescription. The plan covers up to a 34-day supply of therapeutic (acute) drugs and up to a 100-day supply for maintenance drugs, unless prior approval is obtained from Equitable Life.

The plan is limited to one intra-uterine device (IUD) per student year. IUDs that do not contain medicinal content may be eligible for coverage under the Medical Equipment benefit. Other contraceptives are subject to a combined maximum of \$300 per policy year.

It should be noted that drugs are only considered eligible if they were prescribed by a licensed medical doctor (M.D.), licensed dentist, or another professional authorized by provincial legislation to prescribe drugs, and dispensed by a registered pharmacist or licensed medical doctor (M.D.).

The only drugs not legally requiring a prescription that will be reimbursed if accompanied by an official prescription receipt from the pharmacist, are:

- Vaccines/serums (Gardasil or only if course requirement, authorization by school required);
- Diabetic supplies such as insulin, syringes, needles, diagnostic reagents for the diagnosis and monitoring of diabetes, lancets, sensors and readers. Diabetic supplies not listed may be eligible for coverage under the Medical Equipment benefit.

Additionally, the Plan covers the following, without a prescription, up to the benefit maximum:

- Digital contraception apps (such as Natural Cycles);
- Rapid at-home STI testing kits (such as trusti).

Information about these providers can be found in the Plan Member Portal under Preferred Providers. A detailed invoice is required.

Specifically excluded from coverage, whether legally requiring a prescription or not, are:

- Allergy testing and all forms of allergen immunotherapy, including but not limited to allergy serums, extracts, injections, and sublingual tablets or drops;
- viscosupplementation, including all hyaluronic acid derivatives and similar intra-articular viscosupplement products;
- biologics, biosimilars, or drugs dispensed during treatment as an in-patient or an out-patient in a hospital;
- Cannabis and psychedelics;
- Dietary foods and supplements;
- Fertility drugs;
- Hair loss and hair growth agents;
- Household products such as, but not limited to, soap and toothpaste, prescription mouthwash;
- Oral drugs for the treatment of erectile dysfunction;
- Smoking cessation products;
- Anti-obesity drugs;
- Vitamins (other than injectable);
- Vaccinations, unless required for course of study.

## **Tutorial Expenses - \$10 per hour up to \$300 per disability**

*(This benefit is underwritten by Chubb Life Insurance Company of Canada under Policy Number SG102526)*

This benefit applies to the insured student only. If you become disabled while covered, and are confined at home or in a hospital for a minimum of 15 consecutive school days, you are eligible for the private tutorial services by a qualified teacher, up to the benefit maximum. The teacher must be approved in advance by the Students' Association. Disabilities due to the same or related cause will be treated as one disability.

If the disability is the result of an accident, confinement must occur no later than 100 days after the accident. Disabled means that you cannot, because of illness or injury, engage in most of the standard activities a person of the same age or demographic.

## Wellness Benefit - \$100 per benefit year

The Wellness Benefit is a flexible benefit that can be used towards approved health or dental-related expenses that are outside your plan's coverage, or when you have reached your maximum of a covered benefit.

Covered expenses include items and services that contribute to your wellness, whether through physical activity, mental health, or overall lifestyle improvement.

### Fitness & Physical Activity

- Gym and fitness memberships;
- Exercise classes (e.g., yoga, Pilates, spin, martial arts);
- Personal training services;
- Cosmetic Surgeon (medical or dental);
- Expenses from a specialist not covered by your Provincial coverage;
- Health related items such as vitamins, menstrual products, supplements, etc.

### Wellness Technology & Equipment

- Wearable fitness devices (e.g., smartwatches, activity trackers);
- Fitness and exercise equipment (e.g., weights, treadmills, bikes);
- Gaming systems and accessories that encourage movement, activity, or stress relief.

### Mental Health & Well-being

- Counseling or therapy services (where not covered elsewhere);
- Meditation or mindfulness programs and apps;
- Stress management programs.

### Recreation & Lifestyle

- Organized sports or league fees;
- Recreation programs or memberships;
- Hobby or activity-based purchases that support relaxation, creativity, or mental wellness.

A detailed receipt is required when submitting a claim. Cash or debit receipts are not accepted. The receipt must include:

- the claimants name;
- the date of service or purchase; and,
- a description of the items purchased.

### Ineligible Expenses

While this benefit is flexible, some expenses are not eligible:

- Items without a clear wellness purpose or intended use;
- Primarily cosmetic or aesthetic services (unless otherwise noted);
- General day-to-day living expenses (e.g., groceries, rent, utilities);
- Fees not tied to participation (e.g., late fees, penalties);
- Expenses that have already been covered under another benefit plan;
- Fees charged by your school (gym, benefit plan fees, etc);
- Administrative, processing, shipping, or convenience fees;
- Expenses that do not clearly indicate that they were purchased for personal use.

When using this toward expenses that are not normally covered under your plan, we recommend that you contact Equitable to ensure that the expense is an approved expense. When dependants have been added to the Plan, this benefit is limited to \$100 per family.

## Limitations to the Health Care Benefit Plan

No amount will be paid for care, services or supplies:

- if the payment is prohibited by law;
- if the benefit is covered under any government plan or law;
- where no charge would have occurred in the absence of this coverage;
- for care, supplies, or treatment which is not medically required;
- for dental work, excluding Accidental Dental;
- for testing including, but not limited to, allergies, sleep studies, learning disabilities;
- for care or treatment that exceeds the normal care or treatment that is recognized as customary and common practice for an illness or injury, in accordance with current therapeutic practice; or,
- medical supplies, services, or treatments not listed in this booklet, unless with pre-approval from the Administrator.

No amount will be paid for any charge incurred as a result of:

- war, whether declared or not;
- insurrection, rebellion or participation in a riot or civil commotion;
- purposely self-inflicted injury; or,
- the covered person's commission of, or attempt to commit, an assault or a criminal offence.



# Travel Coverage

*This benefit is provided by Orion, under group policy number SBA10001.*



## Emergency Medical Travel Insurance

|                   |                                                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Amount            | up to \$5,000,000 per insured person, per trip    |
| Coverage period   | 90 days per trip                                  |
| Extended coverage | 365 days when travelling for your course of study |

As part of the health plan, you and your eligible dependants are covered for hospital services, physicians, and other services for emergency treatment of an injury or illness while traveling outside of the province of Alberta, including international travel. The travel plan covers reasonable and customary charges, which are in excess of the provincial health-care allowance.

You're covered for up to 90 days per trip, for an unlimited number of trips taken during the time you're covered. The maximum coverage is \$5,000,000 per trip.

When travel is required to complete a course of study, coverage can be extended to 365 days, following confirmation from your academic supervisor. Please contact the Students' Association or The PBAS Group to obtain a 365-day Medical Assistance Travel Card. For complete details of coverage and/or to print your 90-day Medical Assistance Travel Card, visit [ucgsa.drawbridge.ca](http://ucgsa.drawbridge.ca).

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Webchat: **[orion.xodus.ca/assistance](http://orion.xodus.ca/assistance)**

Email: **[orionassistance@xodus.ca](mailto:orionassistance@xodus.ca)**

If you have an emergency while traveling, you must contact Orion immediately before seeking medical treatment. If you are unable to contact Orion due to the nature of your emergency, you must have someone else call on your behalf, or you must call as soon as medically possible. Orion is available to take your call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**In a life threatening emergency situation, call 911 or the local emergency number.**



Travel Navigator™ is a free web platform and mobile app designed to help you stay safe, informed, and connected while you travel.

Whether you're studying abroad, on a school trip, or travelling for an exchange program, you'll have quick access to important travel, health, and safety information—all in one place.

What you can do with Travel Navigator™

- Get important updates from your school by email, text message, or push notification.
- Quickly contact your travel insurance emergency assistance team or your school's emergency contacts.
- Receive real-time travel, safety, and security alerts for your destination.
- Find nearby hospitals and medical facilities using your current location.
- Access helpful travel tools, including:
  - Currency converter
  - Embassy and consulate locator
  - Pre-travel vaccine information
  - Travel health tips and common medication information

Travel Navigator™ helps support you before, during, and after your trip by providing tools for safe travel and emergency communication. The platform is designed to keep you informed and connected throughout your journey.



## SECURITY FEATURES

Security risk ratings, emergency numbers, dangerous neighborhoods, safety tips



## DESTINATION GUIDES

For over 250 countries and cities, including climate overviews, cultural conventions, public transit guides



## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Immediate access to medical and security assistance, 24/7



## EMBASSY INFORMATION

Location, contact info, hours of operation



## WARNINGS AND ALERTS

Real-time push notifications for everything from weather alerts to terror attacks



## CURRENCY INFORMATION

Accepted currencies, banks/ATMs, credit and debit cards



## HEALTH OVERVIEW

Health risk ratings, top concerns, tap water profile, review of health care facilities and pharmacies



# Health Plan Navigator

## Student Wellness is expanding! Check out our new services.

The **Student Wellness Platform** provides trusted tools and information to support your health and wellbeing.

Access personalized recommendations, reliable health information, self-assessments, and local care resources—all in one secure, easy-to-use platform.

With the Student Wellness Platform, managing your health has never been easier, safer, or more convenient.

### Key features include:



**Personalized Experience**  
Tailored to your unique health needs.



**Self-Assessments**  
Personalized insights and practical recommendations.



**Health Management Tools**  
Support for healthy habits and everyday wellbeing.



**Trusted Health Information**  
Reliable information on physical and mental health.

### Find trusted information about:



#### Physical and Mental Health

- Fitness
- Stress
- Anxiety
- Chronic Conditions



#### Healthy Living

- Nutrition
- Sleep
- Healthy habits
- Everyday wellness



#### Find Care

- Search providers
- Local health services
- Clinics



#### Financial Wellbeing

- Budgeting
- Saving
- Financial health

### Helping you take charge of your health with Student Wellness

Understand your health better



Build healthy habits



Make informed health decisions



Support your wellbeing

## Know Your Health Risks

Complete your **confidential assessment** in minutes. Receive personalized recommendations to help support your health and wellbeing.

Your confidential assessment evaluates nine areas that contribute to your overall wellbeing.

### Your assessment looks at:

#### Health and Lifestyle



Your physical and  
mental health



Your lifestyle



Physical activity

#### Work or School Life



Your financial  
health



School or  
workplace culture



Stress  
management

#### Healthy Habits



Diet and  
nutrition



Sleep hygiene



Alcohol and  
tobacco use



Scan to get started

**Your health. Your journey.**  
**All in one place.**

Check out your Plan Member Portal at  
[ucgsa.drawbridge.ca](https://ucgsa.drawbridge.ca) for more details.

# Student Assistance Program

*This benefit is provided by Maple*

# maple

## Student Assistance Program

### Support for life's challenges, big and small

The Student Assistance Program gives you access to mental health and wellness support directly through your Maple account.



#### Counselling

Issue-based sessions with trained counsellors to address the challenges that matter most to you, including stress, anxiety, depression.



#### Work-life resources

FamilySource — a digital resource lists for childcare, elder care, pet services, relocation, housing, and everyday life needs.



#### Legal consultations

LegalConnect — phone-based legal information, plus an optional referral to a local lawyer that includes one free 30-minute consultation and a 25% discount on standard fees where applicable.



#### Digital self-care tools

Interactive cognitive behavioural therapy programs (CCBT) for depression, anxiety, stress, chronic pain, sleep, and overall wellbeing.



#### Financial guidance

FinancialConnect — a telephonic support covering personal finance questions and planning topics.



#### Well-being coaching

Sessions focused on nutrition, sleep, weight management, stress management, burnout, and resilience.

#### Crisis support

24/7 crisis assessment and triage when you need immediate help, call **1-877-315-2276**

**Register in minutes at  
[getmaple.ca/studenttrust](https://getmaple.ca/studenttrust) or  
by scanning the QR code.**



**Please note that you must access Maple through this link to be covered. If you sign up without using this information, any fees you incur cannot be reimbursed.**

# Virtual Care Benefit

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## Quality healthcare at your fingertips

Included in your benefits, you and your eligible dependants can access virtual healthcare from the palm of your hand. Maple is a fully covered benefit for students, for up to six sessions.

Maple has Canada's largest online provider network, with 1,600+ general practitioners that you can connect with, within minutes, 24/7/365. General practitioners on Maple are able to safely and accurately diagnose and treat many common health related issues. Through your Maple visit, you can receive medical advice, prescriptions, medical notes, specialist referrals, and more. Get care when you need it, via secure instant message, video or audio call.



With your coverage, you have access to six covered visits with Canadian-licensed General Practitioners on Maple. Register your Maple account at **[getmaple.ca/studenttrust](https://getmaple.ca/studenttrust)**. You must register with your 9-digit certificate number, found on your benefits card, and date of birth to ensure that your coverage is attached.



Maple's customer support team is ready to help via live-chat from the Maple website or app. Live agents are available everyday, even on holidays, from 7am - 10pm ET, offering support in English and French.

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# Dental Benefits



At-a-Glance | 2026/2027

**Benefit Maximum is \$850 per Student Year**

**Deductible: \$20 per person or \$40 per family, every Student Year**

|                     |      |                                                                      |
|---------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diagnostic          | 100% | Exams, X-rays                                                        |
| Preventive          | 100% | Polishing, Scaling, Oral Hygiene Instruction, Space Maintainers      |
| Restorative         | 90%  | Fillings                                                             |
| Endodontic          | 80%  | Root canals, Pulpotomy                                               |
| Periodontic         | 80%  | Root Planing, Management of Oral Disease                             |
| Oral Surgery        | 90%  | Tooth and Root Removal                                               |
| Major Restorative   | 80%  | Crowns, pins, posts                                                  |
| Denture Maintenance | 70%  | Reline, Rebase                                                       |
| Anesthesia          | 80%  | Deep, Inhalation, Intravenous, when required for a covered procedure |

Payments will be based on the Alberta Suggested Fee Guide for Dental Services provided by General Practitioners in effect at the time of treatment.

This is a basic overview of your dental plan, created as an easy way to assist students to maximize dental coverage. Complete descriptions of all benefits, including specific limits, are listed in your booklet.

## Student Benefits

[ucgsa.drawbridge.ca](http://ucgsa.drawbridge.ca)

1 (888) 404-6623

[studentbenefits@pbas.ca](mailto:studentbenefits@pbas.ca)

## Address:

101-33 Pippy Place  
St. John's, NL A1B 3X2

## Description of Dental Care Benefits

There is an overall dental maximum of **\$850** per student year, per person

This section of the booklet contains information pertaining to the dental portion of your benefits plan. This coverage information can also be found online, at [studentbenefits.ca](http://studentbenefits.ca) or on your Plan Member portal [ucgsa.drawbridge.ca](http://ucgsa.drawbridge.ca). Eligible dental expenses are covered when they are incurred while the person is insured and service is provided by a licensed dentist, dental hygienist, anesthetist, or specialist. The term “dentist” in this provision intends to include all of the above. If treatment is given by a specialist, the amount paid will be limited to the amount stated for that treatment in the Alberta Suggested Fee Guide for Dental Services provided by General Practitioners in effect at the time of treatment, as described below. Treatment by a specialist will only be covered if a comparable dental code exists in the General Practitioner Fee guide of the province of the Plan.

There is an overall dental maximum of **\$850** per student year, however certain items are specifically excluded and limits exist. There is a deductible each student year of **\$20 per person or \$40 per family**. Unused benefits from a specified time frame cannot be utilized in a future period. It is recommended to submit a predetermination to ensure you are covered for your procedure.

### Diagnostic and Preventive - 100%

#### Examinations

- Initial or complete examinations (one exam per student year)
- Recall examinations (once every six months)
- Specific examinations
- Emergency examinations

#### X-rays

- Full mouth series x-rays (once every three years)
- Periapical x-rays (up to 16 films every three years)
- Bitewing x-rays (up to four films per student year)
- Panoramic x-rays (once every three years)

#### Cavity Prevention

- Polishing or cleaning teeth (two units per student year)
- Recall scaling (four units per student year, combined with root planing)
- Fluoride (once per student year for dependants age 16 or younger)
- Oral hygiene instruction (covered once only)
- Pit and fissure sealants (once every three years for dependants age 16 or younger)
- Space Maintainers (once per space in a student year)

### Restorative – 90%

#### Fillings

- Sedative, silver or white fillings
- Retentive Pins

### Major Restorative – 80%

- Crowns
- Pins
- Posts

### Endodontic – 80%

- Pulpotomy
- Root Canal (once per tooth)

### Periodontic – 80%

- Oral Disease
- Desensitization
- Gingival Curettage
- Gingivectomy
- Flap Surgery
- Tissue Graft
- Root Planing (four units per student year, combined with scaling)

### Denture Maintenance – 70%

- Relining and rebasing of existing dentures
- Tissue Conditioning (once every 36 months)
- Bridges (once per space every 36 months)

### Oral Surgery – 90%

#### Minor

- Extractions, erupted teeth
- Residual root removal

#### Major

- Extractions surgical
- Alveoloplasty, gingivoplasty, stomatoplasty, vestibuloplasty
- Surgical excision
- Surgical incision
- Fractures
- Frenectomy
- Post surgical care

### Anesthesia – 80%

- Local anesthesia
- Deep sedation
- Inhalation technique
- Intravenous sedation

### Limitations to the Dental Care Benefit Plan

No amount will be reimbursed for the following expenses:

- bite plates, bridges, major restorative (unless listed), bleaching, orthodontic services;
- any anesthesia administered in a hospital;
- dental charges that could be claimed under Workers' Compensation;
- dental charges not included in the current provincial fee guide for General Practitioners;
- cosmetic procedures, experimental treatment or testing;
- charges for appointments that are not kept;
- charges for the completion of claim forms;
- treatment to correct temporomandibular joint dysfunction of the jaw;
- endodontic treatment that started before the effective date of coverage;
- dental appliances (unless listed);
- any orthognathic surgery (remodeling or reconstruction of your jaw);
- procedures or supplies used in vertical dimension corrections (changing the height of the teeth) or to correct attrition problems (worn down teeth); or,
- implanting fabricated teeth or any major surgery resulting from implanting fabricated teeth.

### Did you know?

Your plan has a Preferred Provider program! Preferred providers offer discounts or complimentary services, and will always direct bill your plan on your behalf. Visit the Provider Search page on [ucgsa.drawbridge.ca](http://ucgsa.drawbridge.ca) to see information for providers participating in the Preferred Provider program for your plan.

## Register for Online Services

There are many services available on **ucgsa.drawbridge.ca** that will make your benefit plan easier than ever to access. You must register as a member to take advantage of all features of the site.

### Will I receive a benefit card?

After you are eligible for coverage and have registered at **ucgsa.drawbridge.ca**, you will be able to print the following personalized benefit cards.



#### Pay-Direct Card – Pharmacy

This card should be presented to your pharmacist (along with your prescription) in order to access the electronic pay-direct system. Your claim is processed immediately without the need for you to submit a claim. Your pharmacist will advise you of any amount owing.



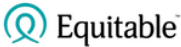
#### Pay-Direct Card – Health and Dental Practitioner

This card should be presented to the health or dental practitioner, in order to access the electronic pay-direct system. Your claim is processed immediately without the need for you to submit a claim form. Your practitioner will advise you of any amount owing.



#### Travel Card

This card gives you coverage for 90 days while you are traveling. If you are traveling on an exchange program or to complete a course of study, and you require an extended period of travel, please contact the Students' Association office or The PBAS Group for further details. If you have a medical emergency, you must contact the travel insurance provider prior to receiving services or making a travel claim. The contact numbers are on back of the card.

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| Toll free: 1 800.265.4556 Telephone: 519.886.5210 Fax: 519.883.7403                 |                         |                                                                                     |                           |
| <a href="http://equitablehealth.ca">equitablehealth.ca</a>                          |                         |  |                           |

## Remember...

When your provider submits a claim on your behalf, your claim will be processed immediately, eliminating the need for you to submit the claim. All benefits have limits, and pharmacists, health practitioners, and dental offices are not obligated to submit your claims electronically.

# Register for Online Services

## How do I register for online services?

If we have your email address on file, you will receive a welcome email from Drawbridge before you become eligible. If we do not yet have your email address, the welcome email will be sent as soon as we receive it.

To register for the Member Portal, you must first use your school-issued email address and verify it through a link sent to that email. After completing your registration, you may update your email address if desired.

Alternatively, you can simply visit **ucgsa.drawbridge.ca** and click on Register Now. After completing your enrolment, you'll have access to the online portal if we've already received your eligibility from your school. If not, you'll start with limited access, which will expand once your eligibility has been updated.

Once registered, you will be able to access the Equitable site for all your claim needs. You will receive a separate welcome email from Equitable, with a 10-digit certificate number.

It's simple and takes less than two minutes:

1. Visit EquitableHealth.ca and click Activate account.
2. Select Plan Member and enter the information requested, including your policy and certificate number found in your Equitable welcome email.
3. Accept the terms and conditions and click Activate.

If you already have an account, use your email address and current password to log in

## How do I register for direct deposit or update my banking information?

When you register as a member on **EquitableHealth.ca**, you will be able to add your direct deposit information in your profile. Your direct deposit payments will normally begin with your next submitted claim.

## What other services are available in my member portal?

Your online portal includes a wide range of features. You can print or download your benefit cards, access additional features like the Student Wellness program (Travel and Health Navigator), the Maple Student Assistance Program, important documents, directories of local and preferred providers, and access your EquitableHealth.ca portal for all your claim needs. The portal also allows you to add dependants (within the applicable deadline).

## Is there a mobile app?

There is an App that allows you access your benefit card(s), check your coverage, and much more.

Simply search for "Drawbridge" under the Google Play or App Store to download. The Drawbridge website is also mobile friendly.

Equitable also offers a mobile app for claims submission. Download the Equitable EZClaim® app from the App Store or Google Play.



## Who can I contact if I need help?

We are always happy to answer your call, email or live chat. Simply email [studentbenefits@pbas.ca](mailto:studentbenefits@pbas.ca) or call 1 (888) 404-6623, or visit **[studentbenefits.ca](https://studentbenefits.ca)** to live chat with an agent or leave a message.

For claims related questions, you can contact the Equitable Group Administration Team at 1-800-265-4556 or 519-886-5210, or by email, [groupbenefitsadmin@equitable.ca](mailto:groupbenefitsadmin@equitable.ca).



## Claim Submissions

### How can I submit a claim?

Visit [ucgsa.drawbridge.ca](https://ucgsa.drawbridge.ca) to register your account, and click Claims. This will redirect you to EquitableHealth.ca. Click Activate account. Select Plan Member and enter the information requested, including your policy number, **816330**, and your certificate number (student ID number). Click Activate. If you already have an account, use your email address and current password to log in. Otherwise, you'll need to activate your account.

Use EZClaim for fast refunds. Log in to your group benefits account and click Submit a claim on your homepage. Fill out the interactive health or dental claim form, attach a photo or digital copy of your receipt and click Submit.

You can also download the EZClaim Mobile app for iPhone or Android. Log in, complete the interactive form, attach a photo of your receipt and click Submit Claim.

Both EZClaim options will prompt you for direct deposit details so you can get claim refunds quickly.

### How long do I have to submit a claim?

Claims must be submitted within 12 months of the date of service. If the plan terminates, claims must be submitted within three months from the termination date of the plan. Legal action to recover benefits must begin within two years of the date of service.

### Are there preferred providers under this plan?

Yes, your plan has a list of preferred providers who will direct bill on your behalf, and offer discounts to you as a member of this Plan. You can visit [studentbenefits.ca](https://studentbenefits.ca), or [ucgsa.drawbridge.ca](https://ucgsa.drawbridge.ca), click on Tools, and then view them under the Preferred Provider tab. These providers are optional, and you are not limited to using the providers listed.

### Can I coordinate my benefits if I have more than one plan?

In the case of a claim for you, the student, this plan is the first payer and the dependant coverage available through your other plan is the second payer. In the case of your spouse's claim, this plan is the second payer if they have their own plan.

For dependant children, claims are submitted first to the benefit plan for the parent whose birthday (month and day) occurs earlier in the calendar year, regardless of age.

Following the reimbursement from the first payer, copies of the receipts and the explanation of benefits can then be submitted to the secondary plan so that the balance can be considered for payment.



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