

● **Do I need a referral to talk with the Drug Access Coordinator?**

No, you can call them directly. Their contact information is on this brochure.

● **Does it cost anything to see the Drug Access Coordinator?**

No, there is no cost.



● **Can a family member or friend call for me?**

Yes! As long as you give your family member or friend your consent.

No matter where you receive treatment, a Drug Access Coordinator is available to you:

Northern Alberta and Red Deer

Cross Cancer Institute
Monday to Friday
7am – 3pm
780-643-4309

Southern Alberta

Tom Baker Cancer Centre
Monday to Friday
8am – 4pm
403-355-3207
(ask for the Drug Access Coordinator)

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Cancer Care Drug Coverage:

What you need to know!



Support and Counselling

Drug Access Coordinator

● Does Alberta Health Care cover the costs for cancer treatment?

Alberta Health Care does cover some treatment, but **does not cover everything**. Patients are often surprised to find out that Alberta Health Care does not cover medications that help manage side effects, and some treatment drugs.

Even with a drug plan, these medications can be very expensive and may cost thousands of dollars.



● What are my options?

1. Check to see if you can **raise your yearly maximum amount for medications** with your current insurance plan.
2. Contact a CancerControl Alberta **Drug Access Coordinator** for help.
3. Sign up for **Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Insurance** for extra coverage.

● How can the Drug Access Coordinator help?

The Drug Access Coordinator can:

- explain the different drug funding options available to you
- talk with the drug companies to see if there are any programs that cover, or share the cost of the drug you need
- help you apply for drug funding or insurance coverage
- work with your care team to manage concerns about the cost of your medications



Funding programs are available through the drug companies!
Check with your Drug Access Coordinator

● What if my current drug plan only covers 70% and the other 30% is too much for me to pay?

There are some programs that can help with co-pay costs. Call and ask your Drug Access Coordinator.



● What is Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Insurance?

Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group is specialized insurance sponsored by the Alberta Government that offers:

- prescription medication coverage even if you have a pre-existing illness
- subsidized or lower premiums than most standard plans
- a maximum co-pay of \$25 for approved drugs that cost over \$100
- cancellation without penalty at any time
- transfers from current insurance coverage within 30 days
- premiums that start when coverage starts



Talk to your Drug Access Coordinator to get enrollment forms and more information on Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Insurance.



It takes **3 months** to activate **new coverage**, so it's important for you to sign up as soon as possible!