

Benefits Report for 2024 UVRA AGM

Health, Dental and Travel Insurance

Johnson is “gradually rebranding as Belairdirect.” The transition in branding is so far only affecting home and auto insurance, but will eventually be reflected in other plans. No changes to current services, contacts or other aspects of the UVRA Johnson Plan are anticipated.

In 2023, the UVRA-Johnson and RTO/ERO Extended Health added a new benefit, at no extra charge in premiums, an online pharmacy option available through Express Scripts Canada (<https://expressscripts.ca>). As an additional option, not a replacement for clients’ current arrangements, this online service could be used for some (say, recurring) needs and a local pharmacy and their consultation services for others. Effective May 1, 2024 ESC now also includes a Drug Optimization Program, which is designed to “ensure that drug plans are not unnecessarily impacted by costly new drugs that hit the market in short, it is a cost containment program similar to provincial and other insurance plan formularies. Members who require expensive new drugs might wish to consider this (DOP) option.

The new option has been adopted by similar organizations to UVRA, including UBC Emeritus College

Respective enrolments in the 3 plans available to members and UVic retirees:

Pacific Blue Cross UVic Retiree Plan

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