



Trustees' Report

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Highlights of the December 16, 2016, Trustees' Meeting

1. CEO's Report

- ◆ The customary overview of claims statistics was presented.

2. Dental Benefit List Fees

- ◆ The ASEBP Trustees have completed their annual review of dental fees and increases within Alberta and across Canada. As previously reported, and recently confirmed by the provincial government, fees in Alberta are the highest in Canada.
- ◆ From 2010 to 2016, the average annual increase to fees in Alberta was 3.7 per cent, the second highest rate in Canada. Compared to Alberta Consumer Price Index (CPI) changes over the same period, dental fees have increased by 165 per cent more than the CPI.
- ◆ ASEBP paid \$64 million for dental claims from September 2015 through August 2016 (\$59 million in the prior year).
- ◆ Last year, the ASEBP Trustees decided to keep the ASEBP Dental Benefit List fees at the 2015 values. The freeze will continue through 2017 as ASEBP awaits the release of a public dental fee guide by the Alberta government (announced December 8). Examination of dental plan design and fees will continue with the ASEBP Health Benefits Advisory Panel. The panel brings together a number of individuals with expertise in prescription medication and dental services. The panel will continue the theme begun while reviewing prescription medication, examining health outcomes and focusing on prevention and services which have high therapeutic value.

3. Reminder: Changes in Effect January 1, 2017

- ◆ Changes that primarily affect Extended Health Care, Vision Care and Extended Disability Benefits come into effect January 1. Please refer to the [June 2016 ASEBP Trustees' Report](#) for details.



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