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#### **ALBERTA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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# **Emergency Travel with Beneva**

As a reminder to all ARTA members, as of November 1, 2023, Beneva is now ARTA's official travel insurance provider. The contact information remains the same — 1 (844) 996-9003 in the US and Canada, 1 (516) 342-0142 in all other countries. These phone numbers can be found on the back of your ARTA Membership ID card.

Claims can be made online at

**americas.claims.axa.travel**, using the ARTA-specific policy number which can also be found on your ARTA Membership ID card: **1TN25**.

Any travel claims being made for an incident that occurred on November 1 or later must be filed through Beneva, while any lingering claims for travel incidents that occurred on October 31 or earlier must be filed through ARTA's previous travel provider, Allianz.



# **RSV Vaccination Update**

Please note that claims incurred for the RSV vaccine made between September 6 and November 1 can now be submitted through the MyARTA Claims Portal. Claims made on November 2, 2023 or later can be direct billed by your pharmacist or submitted online through the **MyARTA claims portal**.



## **CPP Webinar**

Did you miss ARTA's Pension and Financial Wellness Webinar earlier this month? You're in luck, the entire presentation can be viewed on ARTA's YouTube channel. Tune in for a discussion, lead by Jeffrey Hodgeson of CPP Investments, all about the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), with time dedicated to answering questions about the proposed Alberta Pension Plan (APP). You can access the whole presentation by using the link below.

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# **Digital Wellness Agenda**

Missed out on getting a 2023-24 ARTA Wellness Agenda? You can still grab a digital version! Once downloaded, you can print a copy or fill in your schedule directly on the PDF!

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## **Vaccine Final Call**

Thank you to everyone who has already been vaccinated against the Flu and the latest COVID-19 variant. You're making your homes and communities safer places for everyone — especially for those with compromised immune systems. ARTARx has already administered over 600 Flu and COVID-19 vaccines to visitors to the pharmacy location in Edmonton! If you haven't gotten vaccinated yet, it's not too late to benefit! The team at ARTARx are still available to administer flu shots, COVID-19 vaccines, RSV vaccines, pneumonia vaccines, and any travel vaccinations you might need this winter.

ARTA**Rx** Pharmacy 15505 137 Avenue NW Edmonton AB T5V 1R9

Open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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### **LACE Call for Volunteers**

Catholic Social Services is looking for volunteers to assist English language learners in enhancing their conversation skills. This collaborative program, called Learning and Community Enrichment (LACE), pairs volunteers with English learners in an online conversation space. Sessions are relaxed and casual and are aimed at helping newcomers develop their language skills, learn about Canadian norms and customs, and make social connections. This year, volunteers are needed for Monday and Wednesday sessions. including a beginner class from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and an intermediate class at 1:30-3:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, or have additional questions about the program, email Frank Bailev McDonald or call 780-504-6487.



# **Cultural Treasures of Vietnam & Cambodia**

On this Trip Merchant Journeys program, you will see Vietnam & Cambodia by land and by river cruise! You will explore the Northern part of Vietnam (Hanoi and Ha Long Bay), then down to the Southern part of Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City). Next you will embark on your Mekong River cruise experience, before finishing this trip in Siem Reap, Cambodia to discover the ancient temples of Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom. Experience this "Once in a lifetime" truly unique and exotic Asian holiday, full of many amazing highlights!

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Laurie Bauer Business Development Manager



#### **Virtual Health Resources**

The ARTA Extended Health Care Benefit Plans now offer three different virtual health resources! Have you taken advantage of them? These excellent virtual health resources help you navigate the complex health system, and are intended to complement the attention you receive inperson from your family physician, medical specialists, and counsellors.

#### **Maple**

Effective November 1, 2023, the ARTA Extended Health Care benefit plans provide access to Maple, a virtual physician service available through Green Shield Canada. As the name suggests, virtual care allows patients to meet with physicians online using technology like smartphones, computers, and tablets. Virtual physician services are not meant to replace a person's family physician. Instead, it is a tool to supplement in-person visits with a family physician. It is especially useful for people with reduced mobility, or people in rural areas who need to wait in hospital emergency rooms just to fill a prescription. Virtual physicians have access to each member's provincial health care records, can prescribe medications, order requisitions, and diagnose ailments, just like in-person physicians can.

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#### **Inkblot**

When it comes to wellness, it's just as important to take care of your mental health as it is to take care of your physical health. That's why ARTA has partnered with Inkblot, to give members access to quality counselling that can support them in all areas of their lives.

ARTA's Extended Health Care coverage covers up to five hours of counselling per member/dependant, per year (benefit year is November 1st - October 31st). In addition, members can access five hours of career, life, or health coaching, as well as financial or legal support, should they need it. The five hours of counselling resets on November 1st.

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#### **ARTA Cares**

ARTACares™ provides support to you and your family during times of need such as a serious illness, injury, surgery or even for lingering concerns such as chronic illnesses. With a simple phone call, you can receive support from a nurse in topics including:

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- Medical second opinion services
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# **Deals on Hockey Tickets**

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# **Managing Prediabetes**

The Wellness Committee at ARTA is committed to providing our members with information on staying well in retirement. November is Diabetes Awareness month and this month's article is about managing prediabetes.

Each month a committee member will provide our members with helpful information on emotional, spiritual, intellectual, physical, financial, or social wellness.

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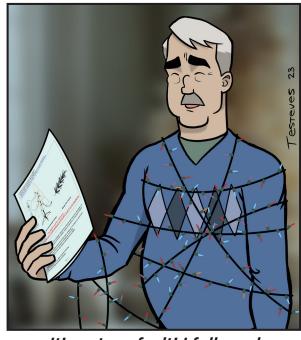




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