

## **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- All visitors to Canada must have medical insurance while they are in Canada.
- Many private insurance companies and travel agents can help you purchase Visitor to Canada / Travel Insurance.

## **II. STUDENT VISA/STUDY PERMIT HOLDERS**

- You can purchase private insurance, *OR*
- If you have a student visa, you *may* be eligible for Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (ACHIP) <http://www.health.alberta.ca/AHCIP/how-to-register.html>
- All applicants for ACHIP must plan to live in Alberta for 12 consecutive months
- You need to apply for ACHIP coverage.
- You are eligible for ACHIP coverage if:
  - You are 18 years or older
  - You plan to live in Alberta for 12 consecutive months
  - You have a 12-month study permit
  - If your study permit is for less than 12 months, you may be eligible if you provide a letter confirming your intent to stay in Alberta for at least 12 months
- If you submit your application in the first 3 months of arriving in Alberta, you will be covered from the first date of your entry into Alberta or the date signed on your study permit (whichever is later)
- When your Canada entry document expires your ACHIP coverage will finish. If your status changes from a study permit to a visitor permit you may no longer be eligible for ACHIP. In these cases, you should purchase Visitor to Canada insurance, or contact Immigration Canada to get your permit extended.

## **III. CCI-LEX POLICY ON HEALTH INSURANCE**

- CCI-LEX expects all students to have health insurance throughout their stay.
- CCI-LEX staff may request proof of medical insurance upon arrival at the school.
- CCI-LEX can refer you to ACHIP website and offices or organizations for private insurance.
- If assistance is needed, CCI-LEX staff can help you make contact, navigate websites, or help with forms upon request.