

# Benefits Report for 2023 UVRA AGM

## Health and Travel Insurance

Policy holders in the UVRA-Johnson and RTO/ERO Extended Health plans now have a new benefit, at no extra charge in premiums. It is an online pharmacy option available through Express Scripts Canada (<https://pharmacy.express-scripts.ca/>). It is important to note that this is an **additional option, not a replacement for clients' current arrangements**. Clients can use the online service for some (say, recurring) needs and a local pharmacy and their consultation services for others.

The new option has been adopted by similar organizations to UVRA, including UBC Emeritus College, BC Retired Teachers Association, with very positive results.

Prior to the annual renewal of the respective plans, when a specific UVRA or RTO code will be circulated, ESC can create a special "VIP code" to make it easier for clients to enrol in the meantime.

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

### **Pacific Blue Cross**

Extended Health: 370

Dental Plan: N/A

### **UVRA-Johnson**

Extended Health: 210

Dental: 132

MEDOC Travel: 61

### **RTO/ERO**

Health and Travel: 107

## Johnson Scholarship Program

50 scholarships of \$1000 open to children and grandchildren of UVRA members (whether or not insured by Johnson) who graduate high school in 2023 and will start post-secondary education this Fall.

Deadline: July 27, 2023 See: <https://www.johnson.ca/scholarship>

## OneCard

Following recent correspondence, it seems timely to remind members that membership in UVRA does not affect the availability or otherwise of the University's OneCard, which serves as an id card, a charge card for some campus services, etc. The OneCard is a University product reflecting the holder's employment or student status, and therefore solely in the control of the University.

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