

## **Retired HSAA members can look ahead with the ARTA Retiree Benefits Plan**

Do you see yourself travelling in retirement? Living an active and engaged lifestyle? The Alberta Retired Teachers' Association (ARTA) offers one of the best retiree benefits plans in Canada and can help you live the lifestyle in retirement you have been dreaming of.

**HSAA members over 55 who have been members of the Health Sciences Association of Alberta for more than two years are eligible to join** ARTA as affiliate members, qualifying to participate in the ARTA Retiree Benefits Plan.

The not-for-profit organization's Extended Health Care Plan provides affiliate members and their immediate families four options for health coverage after retirement, in addition to other benefits.

Two of the health plans include Emergency Travel insurance for trips lasting up to 92 days each, with no pre-existing conditions clause and no stability clause. Each of the health plans provide comprehensive coverage that includes prescription drugs, medical supplies, paramedical services, vision care, hearing aids, private duty nursing, private or semi-private hospital rooms and home care. ARTA also offers three dental care options with preventative, minor and major restorative services coverage available.

If you apply for ARTA Retiree Benefits Plan coverage within 60 days of losing employer-sponsored group health benefits, you may join the plan without medical evidence of insurability. The plan does not have a termination age – you may continue coverage for as long as you wish to participate. Detailed information is available online at <https://www.arta.net/member-services> .

Additional benefits of being an ARTA member include regular communications through its *news&views magazine*, distributed quarterly to all members. *News&views* supports ARTA's strategic goals, engages members and promotes a healthy and active quality of life. In months when *news&views* is not published, members receive *ARTAfacts*, an email newsletter that provides information on issues affecting seniors in Alberta and nationally.

ARTA also offers a scholarship program for students who are related to ARTA members with up to \$40,000 being awarded annually. The scholarships recognize academic achievement, community involvement, volunteer work, future goals and personal accomplishments.

As an ARTA member you are also enrolled in the Boom and Edvantage programs, which provide discounts through partner agreements that are unique to ARTA. The Boom and Edvantage discount programs allow you to save money by utilizing the many exclusive ARTA-only discounts including entertainment and recreation, travel and tour groups, hotels, car rentals and many more.

Finally, ARTA members receive special discounted rates from ARTA's home and auto insurance partner.

If you qualify and want to find out more information to become an ARTA member, please call 1-855-212-2400 and we will ensure you receive all the information you need.