



Manitoba Election Handbook



Vote

September 10, 2019



On Tuesday September 10, 2019 the residents of Manitoba will choose their next provincial government. As a member of the Canadian Snowbird Association (CSA), now is the time to ensure your voice is heard!

Take the time to learn where your local candidates stand on these important issues. Do they support your right to travel? What will they do on your behalf?

We don't want election promises! We want fair treatment!

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Access To Emergency Health Coverage When Travelling



Manitoba comes close to fulfilling the portability requirements under sub-paragraph 11(1)(b)(ii) of the *Canada Health Act*. Depending on the size of the hospital, Manitoba reimburses between \$280 and \$570 a day for emergency in-patient services. While Manitoba would not disclose what it pays on a daily basis for similar emergency services in Manitoba, \$280 and \$570 are somewhat below the average rates paid for in-province emergency services elsewhere in Canada. Emergency out-patient visits are covered at a rate of \$100 a visit, which is close to the average rate paid in other jurisdictions. Out-of-country physician's bills will be covered at the same rates paid to Manitoba physicians.

Question

Do your local candidates support the portability principle of the *Canada Health Act*? Do they support reimbursing emergency in-patient and out-patient services required by travellers at the same rate per day as that paid for similar services within the province? Do they support updating these rates to match changes in real costs?



Preservation of Health Coverage for Frequent Travellers

As a result of the CSA's advocacy efforts, the Manitoba Government increased the length of time that residents may be temporarily absent from Manitoba to a maximum of 7 months in a 12-month period.

In response to inquiries from the CSA, the Department of Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living has clarified that residents are not required to apply for a term registration certificate for absences exceeding three months.



Question

Do your local candidates support amending policy to allow residents of Manitoba to travel internationally for up to eight months (or seven months with an unlimited number of short-term trips [23 days] anywhere in the world), while still maintaining health benefits?



Access to Prescription Drugs For Use During Travel

Manitoba's provincial drug program provides coverage for the first 100-day supply of drugs but will only cover a second 100-day supply upon the approval of the government and confirmation that the patient will be out of the country for more than 100 days. This policy means that Manitobans can obtain more than a six-month supply of drugs, but the process is cumbersome, requiring government approval.

Manitoba will not reimburse, nor apply toward the deductible, the cost of medication purchased outside of Canada without prior approval. Prior approval is difficult to obtain if the need for medication arises while

the traveller is abroad. The provincial government will reimburse the cost of drugs purchased within Canada.



Question

Do your local candidates support removing the requirement for government approval of drug plan coverage for a second 100-day supply of prescription medication, relying instead on the discretion of the prescribing physician? Do they support reimbursing the cost of medication prescribed by appropriately accredited physicians that is dispensed outside of Canada?



Election Date and Times

The next provincial election is Tuesday September 10, 2019.

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Registered Provincial Political Parties

Contact information to conduct election platform inquiries

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For a full list of registered political parties in the province of Manitoba please visit www.elections.mb.ca

Advance Polls

Advance voting is held for eight days, from **Thursday, August 29 to Thursday, September 5.**

Advance voting hours are generally from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday and from noon to 6:00 p.m. Sunday (some exceptions apply). You can vote at **any** advance voting place in the province. Be sure to bring **government**

issued photo identification, such as a driver's licence, or two other documents that together confirm your identity. Having your enumeration record with you is also helpful. Advance voting places are accessible to all.

To find an advance voting place near you please visit www.elections.mb.ca or call Elections Manitoba toll-free at **1-866-628-6837**.

Homebound Voting

If you are unable to go in person to a voting place due to a disability, you and/or your caregiver can vote in your home. Please contact Elections Manitoba at 1-866-628-6837 for more information.

Absentee Voting

Vote when you're away

You can vote in a Manitoba election from anywhere in the world if you qualify as an absentee voter.

You can be an absentee voter if you are a qualified voter and you expect:

- to be outside Manitoba on advance voting days and on election day
- to be inside Manitoba but at a location significantly distant from any advance voting place and from your regular voting place on election day

Who should apply?

- snowbirds
- business and vacation travellers
- students
- military
- re-located workers
- those in remote areas

Am I qualified?

To be a qualified absentee voter, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen

- be 18 years of age on or before election day
- have resided in Manitoba for at least six months immediately before election day
- intend to be away for no more than six months

When do I apply?

Before an election is called, and if you will be away for at least a month, you can submit an application to Elections Manitoba. Your name will be placed on the Absentee Voters registry, and forwarded to your returning officer when an election is called. The returning officer will then send you an absentee ballot, a list of candidates and instructions.

After an election is called, apply to the returning officer in your home electoral division, or go to any returning office in Manitoba and have your application and copies of your identification sent to the returning officer in your electoral division. The returning officer will then send you an absentee ballot, a list of candidates and instructions.

How do I apply?

Download the application form at www.elections.mb.ca then apply in person, by mail or fax with your application form and copies of the required identification.

Required identification

Legible copies of government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's licence, or two documents that together confirm your identity.

Important Dates

August 30: The second Friday before election day. Try to apply before this date. Otherwise, you might not get the absentee ballot in time to send it back. If you do apply after this date, you might want to pay for an alternate delivery method to regular mail. If uncertain, talk to your returning officer.

September 7: The Saturday before election day. The returning officer cannot accept an application after this date.

September 10: 8:00 p.m. on election day. The deadline for return of ballots to the returning officer.

ID Requirements

Everyone must show ID to vote. Voters who are on the voters list but don't have the required ID may have someone vouch for them.

Option 1:

One piece of government-issued photo ID.

Examples include:

- Driver's license
- Enhanced Manitoba identification card
- Passport
- Treaty card

Option 2:

Two documents that include your name.

Examples include:

- Manitoba Health card
- Social Insurance card
- Utility bill
- Credit card

Voters on the voters list who do not have ID may have another voter with ID from their electoral division vouch for them.

If your name is not on the voters list, you will be asked to take an oath.

If none of your ID includes your address, you will be asked to sign a voter registration form.



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