

## ***Special Needs Assistance for Seniors***

The Alberta Government Special Needs Assistance for Seniors Program is available to help low-income seniors with the cost of appliances, minor home repairs and some health and personal supports.

**Health Supports - Foot Orthotics** are included under secondary funded items. A maximum of \$400 per pair is covered by the program (maximum two pairs funded per lifetime). Must be custom-made orthotics.

**You may apply to the Special Needs Assistance for Seniors program if you:**

1. Are eligible to apply for and have submitted an application for Seniors Financial Assistance (Alberta Seniors Benefit program), and
2. Have income within the income thresholds specified by the Alberta Government (refer to the Alberta Government Website for income thresholds for singles/couples).

### **Income & Benefit Year**

Your PREVIOUS YEARS income is used to assess your claim. Refer to Total Income on line 150 of your tax return. The benefit year runs from July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the next year. Eligibility is based on the date the expense was incurred (date of service).

For the benefit year **1July2016 to 30June2017** the income thresholds for **secondary funded items (orthotics)** are:

- Single Senior – Annual income on line 150 less than \$22,565
- Senior Couples – Annual income on line 150 less than \$35,585

**Rejuvenation Health Services will provide the orthotics for \$400 but will NOT be responsible for verifying eligibility for the government program.**

**Seniors are required to pay upfront for the orthotics and request reimbursement from the Alberta Special Needs Assistance for Seniors program.**

Refer to the Alberta Government Special Needs Assistance for Seniors Information booklet for more information.

Special needs Assistance for Seniors Information Booklet (July 2016 Version)  
<http://www.seniors-housing.alberta.ca/documents/SNA-Information-Booklet.pdf>

Special Needs Assistance for seniors – Request form  
<http://www.seniors-housing.alberta.ca/documents/SNA-Application-Form.pdf>