

**Title: Senior Citizens and Disabled  
Persons Benefits**

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**Policy Statement:** To enhance the quality of life of senior citizens and disabled persons (who reside(s) in Woodlands County).

**1. Definition**

- 1.1. Senior citizen is a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older.
- 1.2. Physically disabled person is a person who can either produce their parking placard or obtain a letter from their physician stating they are permanently physically disabled.
- 1.3. Developmentally disabled person is a person who experiences difficulties in certain areas of life, especially in "language, mobility, learning, self-help, and independent living" and can obtain a letter from their psychologist/physician stating they have a significant limitation in intellectual capacity or in adaptive skills.

**2. Eligibility**

- 2.1. Applicants must be a senior citizen or a permanently physically/mentally disabled person who reside(s) in Woodlands County.
- 2.2. First time applicants must provide photo ID.

**3. Snow Flags**

- 3.1. The County will provide up to five free snow flags per year.
- 3.2. If applying for a free snow flag they must complete a snowplow waiver (Schedule A).

**4. *Transportation Grant***

- 4.1. The County will reimburse health care related transportation expenses at the rate of \$0.50 per kilometer to a maximum of \$300.00 per year.
- 4.2. The County will reimburse transportation expenses related to attending the Healthy Living Program in Whitecourt at the rate of \$0.50 per kilometer to a maximum of \$300.00 per year.
- 4.3. The County will pay transportation grants twice a year, on June 30 and December 31.
- 4.4. If applying for the transportation grant, the applicant must submit a completed and signed Woodlands County Transportation Grant form (Appendix 'A') that itemizes health care related transportation costs by either private vehicle or public transportation system.

**5. *Dust Control***

- 5.1. Residents who have a medical and financial need may qualify for a waiver of their dust control fees charged under Policy 3203 - Dust Control.
  - 5.1.1. An application or letter requesting this waiver must be completed yearly;
  - 5.1.2. Each new application will be reviewed by Council on its own merits.
  - 5.1.3. If Council has approved a waiver for dust control fees in the past, administration has the authority to approve the request on the same merits that Council gave a prior approval.