WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU TURN 65

6 MONTHS BEFORE:

- □ Apply for Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- □ Apply for Old Age Security (OAS) (12 months before for immigrant seniors)
- □ Apply for Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)

Contact: SERVICE CANADA: 1.800.277.9914

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

3 MONTHS BEFORE:

- □ Apply for Alberta Seniors Financial Assistance Program. This automatically registers you in the following programs if you are eligible:
 - Alberta Seniors Benefit
 - Dental & Optical Assistance
 - Special Needs Assistance

A Seniors Financial Assistance package should arrive in the mail 3 months before your 65th birthday. If you do not receive this package, call:

ALBERTA SUPPORTS CONTACT CENTRE

Phone: 780.644.9992 Toll-Free:1.877.644.9992 Email: <u>css.ascc@gov.ab.ca</u> www.seniors.alberta.ca

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS COVERAGE FOR SENIORS

For prescription medications and other health related coverage.

- Provide proof of age: A "Proof of Age Declaration Form" is included in the Seniors Financial Assistance Application package.
- Provide a copy of ONE of: birth certificate, passport, Canada Entry document, Old Age entitlement letter, or a baptismal certificate.

You may mail the Proof of Age Declaration to the address on the form or provide your proof of age to select registry agents across Alberta. For a list of registries or to print a Proof of Age Declaration, contact: Alberta Health: 780.427.1432 <u>www.health.alberta.ca</u>

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, 65 IS A GREAT TIME TO CONSIDER:

- Writing your will

- Preparing a Personal Directive
- Preparing or assigning an Enduring Power of Attorney