

Transportation

Driving Classes and Assessment

AARP Driver Safety Course

Website: www.aarp.org/driver

This drivers' safety course is geared towards assisting seniors, though it is available to anyone. This course offers education in how to minimize limitations that may have resulted as a natural part of the aging processes, self-evaluation of driving skills and capabilities, and the use of new technology to aid in driving. There is a fee associated with this course of \$14 for non-members and \$12 for members in a classroom setting and \$15.95 for members and \$19.95 for non-members in the on-line course. For information on classes in the area go to the AARP Driver Safety Program website.

American Automobile Association

AAA Hudson Valley

618 Delaware Ave.

Albany, NY 12209

Ph: 518-426-1000 ext. 2311

Website: www.aaahv.com

This is a 6 hour defensive driving course that can reduce insurance rates and the number of points on a license. The cost associated with this program varies by program and age of the participant.

AAA Northway

345 Bay Rd.

Queensbury, NY 12804

Ph: 518-761-6058

Fax: 518-615-0166

Email: kdbaker@northway.aaa.com

These courses are offered in multiple locations. To locate a class and the associated cost contact Northway AAA.

Driver Assessment Programs

ReTech

P.O. Box 540

Kinderhook, NY 12106

Ph: 518-758-7887

Ph: 1-800-987-2753

Fax: 518-758-8505

Email: mail@retech2000.com

Website:

www.retech2000.com/ReTechNY.html#

This program offers driver assessment for the elderly and disabled and vehicle modification and driving lessons. Case management is also provided for individuals requesting vocational modification. This organization serves individuals in the Capital District and Hudson Valley region.

Samuel S. Stratton VA Medical Center

Occupational Therapy Department

113 Holland Ave.

Albany, NY 12208

Ph: 518-626-5831

This driver assessment program is for elderly or disabled Veterans and Active Military Personnel and requires that the individual obtain an order from a VA physician.

Senior & Special Needs Driving, LLC

128 Bruce St.

Scotia, NY 12302

This service is accessed through the referral of a physician. During the assessment an individual's driving ability is evaluated and recommendations are made to assist the individual in continuing to drive or if they should consider alternative transportation options.

Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital

Occupational Therapy Dept: Driver
Training
1270 Belmont Ave.
Schenectady, NY 12308
Ph: 518-386-3595

A referral is requested though may not be strictly necessary in order to access this assessment program. This program is for the aged and disabled.

Transportation Alternatives

Additional transportation programs for those who do not have transportation may be available through local Community Centers, Senior Centers, and Offices for the Aging for day trips to shopping centers, senior centers, or social events.

Individuals on Medicaid that need transportation to a medical appointment may be eligible for transportation based on need as determined by a case worker.

Reduced Bus Fares for Seniors and the Disabled

Reduced Bus fare cards are available through the Department of Social Services or Office for the Aging to individuals who meet eligibility requirements. The contact information for local county offices is listed in the stated section. There is a one-time fee association with this card. If an individual shows their Medicare card to the driver when entering the bus they will be charged the discounted fee as well.

STAR: Special Transit Available by Request

Ph: 518-482-2022
Website: www.cdta.org
Eligibility for this service of the CDTA must be determined prior to its use, it follows the same general route and times as the CDTA fixed route buses. There is no reduction in fare for this transport service.

CDTA Travel Training

This program is designed to assist individuals in learning how to use public transportation in the Capital Region. Local representatives educate individuals on reading schedules and route maps, the procedure for getting on and off the bus, and may accompany individuals on their first ride.

Albany County

Onicela Cedenio
85 Watervliet Ave.
Albany, NY 12206
Ph: 518-437-5223
Email: Onicelac@cdta.org

Rensselaer County

Katie Irish
Troy Atrium
Broadway and Fourth St.
Troy, NY 12180
Ph: 518-274-0701 ext. 123

Saratoga County

Amie Tollison
26 Station Ln.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Ph: 518-437-6879
Email: Amieb@cdta.org

Schenectady County

Barbara Artis
797 Broadway
Schenectady, NY 12305
Ph: 518-344-2757
Email: artis_marie@yahoo.com
Email: barbaraa@cdta.org

Transportation Alternatives for the Elderly

Albany County
Bethlehem Senior Services
Ph: 518-439-5770

Eligibility: Resident of the Town of Bethlehem and 60 years old or older

Provides curb-to-curb transportation to appointments and errands on Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and regularly scheduled trips shopping. Reservations should be made as far in advance as possible, there is no fee associated with this service though donations are encouraged.

Cohoes Multi-Service Senior Citizen Center

10 Cayuga Plaza
Cohoes, NY 12047
Ph: 518-235-2420

Eligibility: Residents of Albany County and 60 years old or older

This is a wheelchair accessible door-to-door service for medical appointments or errands from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advanced. A donation is requested but not required.

Colonie Senior Service Center, Inc.

Ph: 518-459-2857 Ext: 303

Website: www.colonieseniors.org

Eligibility: Resident of Colonie and 60 years old and older

Transportation is provided for medical appointments, errands, and social activities from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. There are wheelchair accessible transports available. Reservations should be made 2 to 3 weeks prior to the need. There is no regular fee, though a voluntary contribution is requested.

Community Caregivers

2021 Western Ave. Suite 4
Guilderland, NY 12084
Ph: 518-456-2898

Eligibility: Residents of the Town of Guilderland and some surrounding areas that need assistance.

This is an escort transportation service for medical appointments and errands dependent on personnel availability. Reservations should be made at least 10 days in advance. This organization also offers a prescription pick-up service provided there is a notice of 2 days.

Good Turns Senior Escort Wagon

Ph: 518-459-2857 Ext. 305

Eligibility: Pre-qualified individuals that need special assistance

Escorts are provided to medical appointments and some errands by a volunteer and the driver of the vehicle, prequalification is required. The escort remains with the individual throughout the trip. This program is run through the Colonie Senior Service Center. Reservations should be made at least 2 weeks in advance.

Medical Transportation Management

Ph: 1-866-208-7357

Eligibility: Individuals must be 60 years old or older and live in Albany, Cohoes, N.

Colonie, Ravena, and some outlying areas
This transportation is provided free of charge, though donations are appreciated, for medical appointments. 24 hour notice is required and should include pick up and drop off location and appointment time.

Senior Projects of Ravena

9 Bruno Blvd.

Ravena, NY 12143

Ph: 518-756-8593

Eligibility: Residents of Ravena and 60 years old or older

Eligible individuals are transported to and from the center for meals and activities, and appointments locally or in Albany between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Additional transportation is arranged through the CDTA to shopping malls in Albany and Colonie on Tuesday.

There is no required fee though a contribution is suggested. Appointments should be made as soon as possible.

Senior Services of Albany

Ph: 1-866-208-7357

Ph: 518-434-4219

Eligibility: Residents of the City of Albany and 60 years old or older

The Senior Commuter Service runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 pm. Monday-Friday and provides transportation to any area store, medical center, senior center, or businesses that individuals need to access. There is no fee associated with this service but a donation is requested. Transport for shopping is available from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. Transportation for medical appointments runs Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Schedules for additional transportation services can be accessed when reservations are made. Reservations should be made as far in advance as possible.

Fulton County**Fulton County Senior Transport****Fulton County Office for the Aging**

19 North William St.

Johnstown, NY 12095

Ph: 518-736-5650

Eligibility: Fulton County seniors

Free transportation is provided to adult care centers, meal programs, medical appointments, for errands, and to social events.

Greene County**Homebound Medical Transportation**

Ph: 518-719-7555

Eligibility: Medicare eligible, Greene County resident, and 60 years old or older.

There is a required 2 week notification of need. A voluntary donation is requested. The transportation service cannot be used for dialysis and is not wheelchair accessible.

Montgomery County**Montgomery County Office for the Aging Dial-A-Ride**

Program

135 Guy Park Rd.

Amsterdam, NY 12010

Ph: 1-866-910-8294

Fax: 518-843-2300

This service requires 24 hour notice of the transportation need and the beginning and end point of the trip. Donations are requested though not required.

Rensselaer County**Rensselaer County Department for the Aging**

Ph: 518-270-2734

Eligibility: County residents who are 60 years old or older

This transportation service operates from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday – Friday for medical appointments. Reservations should be made as early as possible with a suggested 60 to 90 day advanced notice. Donations are encouraged though no one will be denied assistance due to an inability to pay.

Saratoga County**Care Links**

6 Clifton Common Ct.

Clifton Park, NY 12065

Ph: 518-371-5179

Fax: 518-383-5942

Website: www.carelinksny.org

Eligibility: Resident of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta, and Mechanicsville, 60 years old or older, and be able to get in and out of the vehicle unassisted. Transportation is provided for errands and medical appointments. There is no cost associated with this transportation service though donations are encouraged.

Corinth Senior Center

22 Hamilton Ave.
Corinth, NY 12822
Ph: 518-654-2040

Eligibility: Residents of the town of Corinth
This transportation service can be used for medical appointments, access to the senior center, and offers shopping three times a month to the town of Glens Falls and Saratoga Springs. Appointments should be made at least 2 days in advance and there is a suggested donation of \$1 per one way trip.

RSVP Senior Transport

Ph: 518-884-4100
Eligibility: Saratoga County senior citizens

This transportation service is provided for medical appointments. Appointments should be made at least 1 week advanced. Donations are suggested. This transport service is not wheelchair accessible.

Dial-a-Bus**Moreau Community Center**

144 Main St.
South Glens Falls, NY 12803
Ph: 518-792-6007
Fax: 518-792-0837

Eligibility: Elderly and/or disabled residents of the South Glens Falls School District.
Transportation runs Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for errands, shopping, and medical appointments. Appointments should be made as far in advance as possible.

Stillwater Community Committee on Eldercare

Ph: 518-664-2515 Ext. 18

Eligibility: Seniors 65 years old and older in the Stillwater and Mechanicville areas. Certain transports are given preference based on medical need. The service runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Fridays and appointments need to be made at least 3 days in advance.

Town of Clifton Park & Shenendehowa Seniors

Ph: 518-371-4444

Eligibility: Senior residents of Clifton Park who are 50 years old or older, exceptions may be made for the disabled.

Transportation for local errands is available Monday-Friday and out of town services are available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays. This service is wheelchair accessible.

Town of Halfmoon

P.O. Box 4203
Town of Halfmoon, NY 12065
Ph: 518-664-2186

Eligibility: Town residents and 55 years old and older

Transportation is provided to medical appointments and local shopping at no cost.

Town of Waterford

Neil Quantock
65 Broad St.
Waterford, NY 12188
Ph: 518-527-4589

Eligibility: Seniors and Waterford residents
This services offers transportation to medical appointments when no other transportation is. Appointments should be made as far in advance as possible.

Wellness Express**Community Human Services**

543 Saratoga Rd.
Glenville, NY 12302
Ph: 518-399-4624

Eligibility: Senior citizen of the Town of Ballston, the Town of Milton, and the Village of Ballston Spa
The transportation runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays until mid-afternoon. There is no cost and reservations should be made 1 to 2 weeks in advanced. The scheduling is on a first come first serve basis. In inclement weather the

service may not run. The transportation vans are not wheelchair or handicapped accessible.

Veterans Affairs Division

152 West High St.
Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Ph: 518-884-4115

Eligibility: Veterans of Saratoga County who are able to get in and out of the vehicle without assistance.

Transportation is provided to the VA Medical Center in Albany. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance.

Schenectady County

Catholic Charities Transportation Program

Margo Mohaski
1473 Erie Blvd. Third Floor
Schenectady, NY 12305

Ph: 518-357-9801 (Main Number and Nutritional Transport)
Ph: 518-357-4710 (Medical Transport)
Website: www.ccschdy.com

Eligibility: Schenectady County residents and 60 years old and older.

Provides transport to 6 meal centers and for non-Medicaid eligible individuals to medical appointments in Schenectady County.
Niskayuna Seniors

Niskayuna Community Center

2682 Aqueduct Rd.
Niskayuna, NY 12309
Ph: 518-372-2519

Eligibility: Niskayuna residents and 60 years old or older.

Transportation is offered to anywhere in Schenectady Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Reservations can be made from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and must be made

at least 24 hours in advance. A rider donation is encouraged though not necessary to use this service.

Scotia Glenville Seniors

Ph: 518-374-0734

Eligibility: Residents of the Town of Glenville and Scotia and 55 years old or older

This service can be used for shopping and errands, not medical appointments and operates Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Transportation is not wheelchair accessible. Reservations should be made 2 weeks in advanced Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Multi-County Services

Jewish Family Services of Northeastern

NY-Project Five
Ph: 518-482-8856

Eligibility: Jewish senior in Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Rensselaer County, 60 years old or older, and able to walk independently, with a cane, or walker

Vehicle Modification

Albany Custom Vans

111 Exchange St.
Albany, NY 12205
Ph: 518-489-1770
Ph: 1-866-503-6112

This organization sells modified vehicles and equipment to modify a driver's current vehicles.

Mobility Works

165 Freeman's Bridge Rd.
Scotia, NY 12302
Ph: 518-346-9059

This company sells modified vehicles, services modified vehicles, and sells equipment to modify an individual's existing vehicle.