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Community Transportation Resource Worksheet

To most people of all ages, getting around is the most important part of maintaining an independent lifestyle. Some people remain good drivers into their nineties. Others, however, may choose to cut back on their driving because they are uncomfortable or worried about their safety, or because it's expensive to own and operate a car. Others may have to stop driving due to physical and other changes that can make driving unsafe. For people who want some help getting around, there may be resources in your community that can fill in the gaps. This worksheet can help you identify those resources.

Completing the Worksheet

Below are questions to help you identify which resources best fit your needs. To find the information needed to complete this worksheet, thumb through your local telephone directory, contact your local senior center, public transportation service, or office on aging, or use your own familiar resources. The completed worksheet will be a handy reference to assist you and others to stay independent.

Questions to Ask

What days and times are the services available?

How much advance notice is needed to make transportation arrangements?

- Same day;
- 24 hour notice;
- One to two weeks in advance.

Ask for copy of printed schedule, if available.

Are there limits to where I can go?

- Will they take me door to door?
- Will they take me home after my appointment?
- Will they take me several places in one trip?

How will I know when the driver arrives?

- Where will I meet my transportation?
- Will the driver blow the horn?
- Will the driver knock at the door?
- Will the driver assist me getting in/out of the vehicle?
- Will I have to stand outside?
- How will the driver know to come pick me up?

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How does the public transportation system work?

- Where are the bus stops/subway stations?
- Can I sit down while I wait?
- How often do they run?

Are vehicles equipped to handle special needs?

- Low floor;
- Kneeling bus;
- Wheelchair lift and storage.

If not, will wheelchair and/or walker fit in the trunk or other storage space?

Are there any special subsidies and/or discounts?

How does someone get these? Is there an application form?

- For seniors?
- For disabled?
- For frequent travelers?

Is there a charge for a companion and/or caregiver?

REMEMBER: When arranging specific transportation appointments, write down the date and time of your pick-up, cost for the service, agency's phone number, and the type of transportation being provided.

Community Transportation Services for the City/Town of _____

Type of transportation	Transportation service, contact person, and phone number	Geographic area covered; city, county, zip code	Days and hours of operation	Scheduling and reservation information	Costs	Notes
Public bus or subway						
Local community bus service						
Taxis with senior rates						
Private transportation company						
Paratransit service for people with special needs						
Senior transportation services						
Volunteer transportation services						
Other						

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