

DRIVER REHAB PROGRAM

Welcome to the Driver Rehab Program and thank you for choosing Bryn Mawr Rehab to assist you with your driving needs. For more than 30 years, the Driver Rehab Program has served as a crucial resource for patients and their families as they navigate challenges associated with health, driving, and community mobility. The Driver Rehab Program is led by a team of occupational therapy driver rehabilitation specialists and is licensed by the PA Department of Education as a Private Driver Training School. Our individually tailored *comprehensive driver rehab evaluations* begin with an in-depth interview of the client's driving habits and history and continue with a selection of individualized screenings, clinical testing, and when appropriate, driving exercises to identify areas of strength and concern related to driving fitness. The following information will provide you with more details about the evaluation process.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Please have a clear understanding of your current license status (i.e. active, suspended, permit only, etc.)
- Be sure to meet the minimum visual requirement for driving (20/40 distance and 120 degrees of peripheral vision at the horizon)
- You may **not** drive yourself to the evaluation. You must be present with a ride to/from your appointment.
- Please review the required items to bring to your evaluation (see pg 2)
- Please arrive 30 minutes **before** your scheduled appointment. Participants who arrive more than 15 minutes late will be asked to reschedule.

BEFORE YOUR EVALUATION

Prior to scheduling your comprehensive driver rehab evaluation, you will want to clarify your license/permit status. While a valid license/permit is not *required* for participation in our program, it is strongly encouraged. If you do not have a current and valid license/permit, the evaluation will be limited to a clinical in-office evaluation and limited vehicle exercises on our private grounds, as appropriate. After the evaluation, our team can work with you to determine what steps are necessary to obtain a license/permit.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Bureau of Driver Licensing requires drivers to meet certain minimum standards set by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To qualify for driver licensure and participation in our program, you must meet or exceed the



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following minimum vision standards: 20/40 **distance** visual acuity (20/60 for daytime only) and 120 degrees of peripheral vision at the horizon. Qualified drivers must also be seizure-free for a period of 6 months, with or without medication, unless there is a documented waiver. Please consult your health care team if you have questions about your status.

All participants in the Driver Rehab Program are required to arrange their own transportation to/from our facility. Any participant that drives to the evaluation on their own, will be asked to reschedule. All participants are encouraged to be driven to their evaluation by a family member or caregiver. We also encourage the use of public transportation when assistance from a loved one or caregiver is unavailable.

DAY OF YOUR EVALUATION

On the day of your evaluation, please bring the following:

1. **Current driver's license or permit** if you have one.
2. Corrective lenses, if necessary.
3. A current list of all medications/supplements taken or prescribed.
4. Any paperwork from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation you may have received.
5. Any required adaptive equipment (e.g. wheelchair, walker, cane), if you currently use one.
6. Form of payment for your evaluation.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVALUATION PROCESS

Each *comprehensive driver rehab evaluation* is conducted in **two parts**, scheduled separately and lasting approximately two hours each. The first part is the **Clinical Pre-Driving Risk Driving Evaluation**, which consists of a detailed in-office review of past and current driving habits, formal evaluation of your vision, cognition, reaction time, and physical status, and a brief assessment of your knowledge of basic traffic signs. Completion of the Clinical Pre-Driving Risk Evaluation is required of all participants and must be completed before you can schedule your behind-the-wheel evaluation.

The second part is the **Behind-the-Wheel Evaluation**. We begin by assessing your ability to safely transfer into one of our adapted driving vehicles. Please note, use of our vehicles is **required** for all behind-the-wheel evaluations due to the mandate of having a dual-control training brake. After ensuring adequate fit, the evaluation continues with a drive

around our private grounds. If no equipment or special training is necessary, the evaluation can proceed on the road to evaluate your driving skills in various traffic situations. If adapted equipment is needed, driver rehab training will be required.

At the conclusion of your evaluation, we will review all relevant findings and discuss any recommendations, including an estimate of how many lesson hours you may need. The estimate provided is variable and total lessons is based upon the demonstrated performance in vehicle. Please note, completing your comprehensive driver rehab evaluation will not replace your need to comply with any and all State testing to obtain, maintain, or restore your license. Our program is not associated with PennDOT or the Delaware DMV.

FEES FOR DRIVER REHAB SERVICES

Unfortunately, Medicare and most commercial insurance providers do not consider driving a medical necessity, and therefore do not cover the cost of driving evaluation and training services. Please be advised that the Driver Rehab Program is a **self-pay** program and **all fees are required at the time of service**. When checking in, we accept credit card payments, personal checks payable to Bryn Mawr Rehab, and cash in the form of exact change. There are no refunds for any Driver Rehab Services provided. In some select cases, funding through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation may be available. Please contact us directly if you feel you may be eligible.

- **Clinical Pre-Driving Risk Evaluation** (2 hours) **\$270**
- **Behind-the-Wheel Evaluation** (2 hours) **\$270**
- **Driving Lessons** (per hour) **\$150**

WHERE TO CHECK-IN

As you turn into our grounds from Paoli Pike, continue past the Outpatient Entrance on your left until you reach the Main Entrance at the back of the hospital. Please park in Parking Lot B (on your right) or in the accessible parking spaces adjacent to the Main Entrance (on your left). Enter the Main Entrance and proceed down the first hallway on your right (just past the screening station) to the Admissions Department, where you will check-in. Plan to arrive a half hour prior to your evaluation. Arriving early allows for ease of processing in-take paperwork, payment, etc. to ensure your appointment time is not limited by this.

CANCELLATIONS

We understand that unexpected things can happen. If you must cancel, we request that you call (484) 596-5000 at least **48 hours** in advance. Participants arriving more than 15 minutes late to scheduled appointments will be asked to reschedule. If you feel unwell or are experiencing any fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea, we kindly request that you call to reschedule. Please be reminded that our Program observes all State and Local guidance related to the ongoing pandemic.

QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to reach us if you have additional questions.

For general information, contact the **Call Center**..... (484) 596-5000

For questions related to scheduling and funding, contact **Admissions**... (484) 596-6000

We look forward to assisting you with your safe driving!