



What Is Driver Rehabilitation?

Driver rehabilitation is an emerging field in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) that combines aspects of occupational therapy, physical therapy, driver education and human factors engineering to assist traumatically injured drivers back into their role of safe competent driving.

This is accomplished through the application of purposeful, goal-oriented activities in the evaluation, problem identification and/or treatment of persons whose ability to safely drive has been seriously challenged due to physical illness or injury, cognitive impairment due to neurological damage, or the process of aging, in order to achieve optimum functioning in the area of driving.

The employment of goal oriented compensatory techniques and the appropriate application of existing rehabilitation technology have been the primary working tools of this service.

What Distinguishes Driver Rehabilitation From Driver Education?

Driver Rehabilitation provides driving related services to individuals who have previously been licensed to drive and find themselves unable to participate in this essential task due to a physical, cognitive or perceptual impairment.

Driver Education provides driving related services to individuals who have never driven before, and are unsure of their potential to safely participate in this privilege.

What Is The Scope Of Services That Driver Rehabilitation Provides?

ReTech Associates currently provides a wide range of technical services to assist disabled adults in successfully realizing their driving goals. These include:

- **Driver Evaluation** – Initiated on a physician’s order for services or self-referred, this gives an objective assessment of the individual’s potential to become a safe independent driver or resume safe independent driving. The services may be completed at the consumer’s home, or if a vocational rehabilitation consumer, at the local counselor’s office.

Detailed recommendations are forwarded to the consumer, the referring physician as well as the vocational rehabilitation counselor to implement a goal plan.

- **Driver Rehabilitation** – This program is implemented after the consumer has had a driver evaluation. This program isolates specific driver impairment and implements a program to compensate for the disability through the appropriate application of technology and adaptive therapy strategies.
- **Vehicle Modification Consultation** – This service assists the referring party in identifying appropriate adaptive driving devices for safe independent driving, following a program of driver rehabilitation or education. The resulting report gives the consumer or counselor a bid-ready document that can be used for a vehicle conversion.
- **Vehicle Modification Aftercheck** – This service is used to provide assurances that the recommended equipment was installed and that the client is able to independently use all intended functions and controls.

What Does The Service Cost?

The service is provided under a fee for service arrangement. Our rates are based on hourly rates and travel. For more information or cost, call (800) 987-2753.

Driver Evaluation	3-4 hours
Driver Rehabilitation/Education	Varies with each individual
Vehicle Modification Consultation	1-2 hours
Vehicle Modification Aftercheck	1-3 hours

Travel – dependent on location from northern Columbia County, NY.

What Diagnostic Groups Does The Program Accept?

Any individual who has a documented disability that has challenged his/her ability to become an independent driver would be appropriate for services through this program.

Is There Any Client Who Would Not Be An Appropriate Candidate?

Yes. All clients referred to our program must be medically stable. They should also be free of any seizures for a period of one year.

Questions on this program may be directed to:

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