

TRANSIT REGIONAL REDUCED FARE CARD APPLICATION

Berrien, Cass, & Van Buren Counties

To qualify for reduced transit fare an individual must either have a disability OR be 60 years or older. All applicants must provide a Photo ID and complete Part A. All *starred items must be completed.

Part A: GENERAL INFORMATION *All applicants must complete this portion & provide Photo ID.*

*Name: _____ *Today's Date: _____

*Address: _____ Email: _____

*City, State, Zip Code: _____

*Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ *Birth Date: _____

Select the transportation services you currently use or might use in the future? *Check all that apply.*

- All Berrien Bus Buchanan DART Cass County Transit Dowagiac DART
 Niles DART Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority Van Buren Transit

Do you use a mobility device? Yes No If yes, what kind? _____

Part B: SENIOR CERTIFICATION *Must be 60 Years or Older*

*Proof of age verified by: (Check one)

- Birth Certificate Passport Driver's License State ID

Part C: DISABILITY CERTIFICATION

*Do you receive Medicare or SSD? Yes No

Proof of Medicare or SSD (*Social Security Disability*) forms with photo ID is sufficient proof of Disability.

STOP HERE If you have either of these forms of verification.

If you are not a Medicare or Social Security Disability (SSD) recipient, the following **MUST** be completed and signed by agency caseworker or physician. Please see reverse side for definition of disability.

*Name of Agency or Physician: _____

*Please describe in general terms the applicant's characteristics which would qualify the individual for reduced rates. (*Please attach letter if you need more space*)

*Is Disability: Permanent Temporary *If temporary, please indicate length of disability* ____ months ____ years

Does the individual require a personal care attendant to travel with him or her: Yes No

*Authorized Signature: _____ *Phone: _____

*Printed Name: _____

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The document below is provided by the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2008.
Updates can be found at www.access-board.gov/about/laws/ADA-amendments

Definitions

"Individuals with Disabilities" means any person who **(1)** has a **physical or mental impairment** that substantially **limits one or more major life activities (a)**; **(2)** has a **record of such impairment** or **(3)** is **regarded as having such an impairment**. *See below for further explanation of this definition:*

"Physical or mental impairment" means (I) any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems; neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory; including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genito-urinary; hemic & lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or (II) any mental or psychological disorder, such as intellectual disability, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities.

The term "**physical or mental impairment**" includes, **but is not limited to**, such diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments; cerebral palsy; epilepsy; muscular dystrophy; multiple sclerosis; cancer; heart disease; intellectual disability; emotional illness; drug addiction; and alcoholism.

a A physical or mental impairment that **substantially limits one or more "major life activities"** means functions **including but is not limited to**, caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.

Has a "**record of such an impairment**" means has a history of, or has been classified, or misclassified, as having a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

"Is regarded as having an impairment" means:

Has a physical or mental illness impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities, but that is treated by a recipient as constituting such a limitation.

Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activity only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such an impairment; or
Has none of the impairments set forth in paragraph (1) of this definition, but is treated by others as having such an impairment.