

Bedford County Transportation Resources

Area Agency on Aging

The Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging operates a demand/response shared ride transportation program referred to as CART. CART is a public transportation system and is available for use by the public at large. For those individuals, who do not qualify for a program to subsidize a portion of their fare, may ride the CART transportation system by paying the full fare. A summary of the fare structure and subsidized fares can be found below.

CART Transportation operates Monday through Friday except holidays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Reservations may be made by calling the CART Central Dispatch Office at: 814-635-3653 or 800-333-9004 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All reservations must be made at least one day in advance. Reservations for next day service must be made by 2:30 p.m. the previous day.

CART currently operations on a Zone Rate system with two Zones of operation.

Zone 1: Any trip within Huntingdon, Bedford, and Fulton Counties.

Zone 2: Any trip to any County that “touches” the Zone 1 Counties (i.e.: Blair, Cambria, Franklin, Centre, Mifflin, Juniata, Somerset, Washington MD, Allegany MD).

Full Fare for a Zone 1 trip is \$20 each way.

Full Fair for a Zone 2 trip is \$30 each way.

The fare for certain populations is subsidized by various programs:

- Individuals aged 65 and above are subsidized by the PA lotter and the AAA. The final Fare for the rider is \$1.75 each way for a Zone 1 trip and \$4.50 each way for a Zone 2 trip;
- Individuals aged 60-64 are subsidized by the AAA. The final Fare for the rider is \$1.75 each way for a Zone 1 trip and \$4.50 each way for a Zone 2 trip;
- Individuals aged 18-59 with a disability may be subsidized by PennDOT. The final Fare for the rider is \$3.00 each way for a Zone 1 trip and \$4.50 each way for a Zone 2 trip;
- Individuals who are Medical Assistance eligible may qualify for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program. MATP pays the full cost of the trip for the qualified individual for medical trips only.

For riders 60 and above to qualify for reduced fares, they need to show proof of age and sign an “Age Verification” for on or before their first trip with CART.

For riders who are interested in being considered for reduced fares through the Person’s with Disabilities Program or the Medical Assistance Transportation program, there is an application

process that must be completed and the rider approved before their first trip with CART. Applications for both programs may be obtained by calling:

Huntingdon County:

Employment and Training Office—814-643-5509

Bedford County:

Center for Community Action—814-623-9129

Fulton County:

Fulton County Family Partnership—717-485-6767

*Please note that the fare structure will change from a Zone Rate system to a Mileage Based system next year.

Center for Community Action

Medical Assistance Transportation Program: Center for Community Action also offers a Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP). You can use MATP services to go to any health care service that is covered by Medical Assistance. That includes appointments with your doctor, dentist, psychologist or psychiatrist, drug and alcohol treatment clinics, or any other MA provider. You can also use MATP to the pharmacy for prescriptions, to the hospital for tests or to get medical equipment supplies.

If you belong to a Medical Assistance MCO (Managed Care Organization), also called an HMO, you can use MATP services to get to any provider within your Physical Health plan or your Behavioral Health Plan's network.

If you do not belong to an MCO but you receive your health care through MA fee for service, you can use MATP to go to the nearest Medical Assistance provider who can meet your needs. You can go to a more distant provider if you give the MATP information that you medically need to go to that provider.

How is transportation provided?

The MATP provides rides in the least costly way to meet your needs. You will usually be riding with other passengers. Depending on where you need to go, MATP can arrange a ride for you using vans or access vehicles for persons with disabilities. If you can ride a bus, and you do not live far from a bus route, you may be reimbursed for the cost of riding the bus.

Bedford County MATP provides mileage reimbursement at the rate of \$0.12 per mile if you use your own car or find someone willing to give you a ride. It also provides reimbursement for any parking and turnpike costs involved in your trip when you obtain receipts.

How to register for MATP services: If you are in need of MATP services, call 814-623-9129 or 1-800-323-9997

You will be asked for your ACCESS card number to make sure you are eligible for MATP services, and you will be asked a few questions about your need for transportation.

- Make sure you tell the MATP staff about any special needs you may have, for instance: if you use a wheelchair or walker, if you have any problem that keeps you from riding in a van with other people or if you need to have someone go with you to your appointments.
- When you get a ride through MATP, you are expected to get to the curb to be picked up. If you have any disabilities or limitations that keep you from getting to the curb, tell that to the MATP staff who is required to provide you with door-to-door service if you medically need it.
- If you are registering a child who is under 18, a parent or guardian can accompany the child to their appointments at no cost to you.

Important:

You can obtain transportation services while you are completing the registration process. However, the county MATP must receive a signed registration form from you within 30 days of when your services begin.

Once you are registered, you will be sent more written information about how to use MATP services. Your registration is good as long as you continue to receive Medical Assistance. Center for Community Action operates MATP in Bedford County.

Veterans

Bedford County Veterans are offered free transportation to and from VA health appointments or any compensation exams. Call (814) 623-4848 to schedule.