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Policy Title:

DMV Policy for Adaptive Equipment and Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS) Referrals

Policy Detail:

It is the policy of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) based on advice of the Medical Advisory Board that:

Drivers who are newly in need of adaptive equipment that requires fitting by a specialist or a prescription from a medical provider of any type, should be referred for a CDRS evaluation. This includes, but is not limited to, left foot accelerators, spinner knobs, hand controls, and signal adaptors.

Drivers who come to the attention of DMV who have been using adaptive equipment for a long-standing disability should be given a DMV road skills examination. Attempts should be made to obtain the original driver evaluation if possible. The exception to this is, if DMV receives a report of a problem with the adaptive equipment or with the driver's ability to use the adaptive equipment successfully. These drivers will need to be evaluated by a CDRS provider.

Drivers who have minor vehicle modifications that assist them to fit into their vehicle do not need referrals. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, a pedal extender (less than 4 inches), seat cushion, oversized ignition key, and a seat belt grip.

DMV may impose additional requirements on the individual depending on the information DMV has received. DMV also reserves the right to request that a driver provide additional information in order to determine the severity of the condition and to assess their ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.

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