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## Adaptive Driving Program Information

- **PURPOSE IN THE PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Adaptive Driver Education Program is two-fold. One is to increase mobility and independence of individuals who depend on public transit, friends, or relatives for transportation and enable these individuals to experience the self-satisfaction that people who aren't physically or mentally challenged enjoy. The second purpose is to better serve our community.

The adaptive driving program will be provided to patients with limitations due to amputation, spinal cord injury, stroke, head injury, cardiovascular, neuromuscular, orthopedic conditions. The program is also for individuals with mental challenges. This program will provide driver training to these individuals with or without a driver license.

- **PROCEDURE FOR REFERRALS**

A physician must refer the patient to us. The following can recommend the adaptive driving program: Rehabilitation professionals, counselors, physicians, insurance companies, community agencies, family members, or self-referral. Once the referral is obtained the process of verifying the source of payment begins. The patient will then be contacted for an appointment for the evaluations.

- **EVALUATION PROCESS**

The clinical evaluation is administered by state registered occupational therapists at various hospitals. The clinical assessment will take approximately two hours and will include the following: Vision testing, glare recovery, reaction time, visual perceptual skills, cognitive skills, muscle strength, joint range of motion, trunk stability, and traffic sign perception.

If a patient has done poorly with these tests, a recommendation for therapy may be recommended and patient will be asked to return for a re-evaluation.

When the clinical evaluation is complete, and it has been determined that a patient may be a candidate for driving, the patient will then schedule the driving evaluation with **MILLER REHAB DRIVING**.

The driving evaluation will be conducted in a specially equipped, dual control, car. The car is equipped with the latest in technology, and equipment. The driving evaluation will primarily be in a parking lot, and then depending on experience will continue in the surrounding areas.

The driving instructors are state certified, and will assess the type of adaptive equipment that may be needed. The instructor will observe areas of strength, weakness, and knowledge of road rules. These results and recommendations will be discussed at

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the end of the evaluation. Recommendations for future sessions, if any, and type of adaptive equipment that may be needed will be made. The patient will be scheduled for driving, in the specialized vehicle, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., two hours at a time, Monday through Friday.

- ***PROGRAM LICENSING AND COMPLETION***

We offer a six hour Adult Driver Education course to individuals that do not have a permit. This course will enable them to obtain a permit. Upon completion of goals and recommended time of instructions, the patient will be accompanied to the Texas Department of Public Safety for a road comprehensive examination in our vehicle. Satisfactory completion of the road test will be mailed to the D.P.S. headquarters, in Austin, reflecting results of driving test and restrictions, if any. This test becomes a part of patient's permanent driving record.

- ***EQUIPMENT PRESCRIPTION***

A prescription for necessary adaptive equipment will be written for patient after successful completion of the adaptive driver education program. Patient will then present prescription to vendor of choice to have equipment installed in his own vehicle.

- ***FEES AND INSURANCE COVERAGE***

Functional Mobility training is part of Occupational Therapy so the cost quote frequently will be covered by private insurance companies for the clinical portion of the evaluation only. Additional sources of financial sponsorship for some patients may include Medicare, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services, and Workman's Compensation. Some patients have the option to pay for their own sessions independent of any insurance.

**Please call us at 713-855-3306 for further information.**