

# The Facts for New Drivers

## **How much does a driver evaluation cost? Are there payor sources? How long does the evaluation take?**

A driver evaluation is \$600. This includes a thorough clinical and behind-the-wheel evaluation with an occupational therapist. It can take anywhere from 3 - 4 hours. Insurance does not cover the cost of the evaluation or training. Individuals who are established Vocational Rehabilitation consumers can contact their counselors for information about covering the cost of the evaluation.

## **When are driver evaluations scheduled?**

Driver evaluations are scheduled on Wednesdays at the north office of Easter Seals Crossroads (4740 Kingsway Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46205).

## **What must I have and bring to the driver evaluation?**

An individual must have a current, valid permit to drive in Indiana. We cannot complete the evaluation without this permit. We must also have a referral from a doctor for an Occupational Therapy Driver Evaluation.

## **What will the results of the driver evaluation tell me?**

The evaluation is a tool for us to predict the readiness of the individual who wants to enter our driving program. Participation in an evaluation or in training does not mean that the individual will be guaranteed a driver's license. The evaluation will help determine the number of training hours needed and the plan of care for the individual.

Sometimes an individual is not deemed ready for the program; in this case, the person can participate in pre-driving activities to help develop his or her skills. A re-evaluation may be necessary at a future date or a conditional driving period might become part of the plan of action. If a person is deemed ready for training, an approximate number of hours will be determined following the evaluation.

## **How much does driver training cost? What is involved in the driver training sessions?**

Training is \$150 per hour; insurance does not cover this cost. Training begins when a person has the basic skills needed to participate in driving and a therapist is available. Wait times will vary. Training sessions include the instructor with one student and occur approximately two times per week for 1 - 2 hours in length. Initially, the person may be scheduled for training sessions at our location; eventually, training can occur near the person's home, office, school, etc. For off-location training, additional costs for the therapist's travel time might be incurred. Training sessions include only the instructor and one student.

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