

McLean Outpatient Rehabilitation would like to welcome you to the Driver Rehabilitation Program. Many people may be concerned about the process. I hope the information below will make you comfortable with the experience.

My role is to evaluate your ability to drive. I am an Occupational Therapist and a Certified Driver Rehab Therapist. My goal is to promote independence and safety.

Many people who are referred to the program anticipate that it will be a test and they believe it is best to practice ahead of time. If you have experienced an injury or illness that has prevented your resumption of driving, you are asked NOT to practice before your appointment. The purpose of the evaluation is to provide the safety opportunity for you to drive again. I will evaluate your ability to drive using a specially equipped vehicle with a passenger-side brake. We take into consideration that an individual may not have driven for a long period of time and that they will be asked to drive an unfamiliar vehicle.

Please complete a consent form for signature, and a medical history form both of which need to be returned to me as soon as possible. Please obtain a prescription from your physician for a Driving Assessment. This order is only valid for a 30-day period. Your physician may fax this to us at 860 658-3764 or mail to our address to my attention.

Please bring your driver's license and any glasses that you wear. When the forms are returned and after we receive your physician's order, we will contact you to set up an appointment. We schedule appointments at either 8:30 am or 1:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday. Please feel free to invite a family member or friend to observe the assessment.

Because of the special nature of this program, payment is requested at the time of the appointment. You may enclose a check for \$395.00 with forms you are returning to us, or pay at McLean at the time of the evaluation. If you are unable to do so, please contact us before the evaluation. We have some funds available currently through the McLean Auxiliary for people with limited income. An application form is available online or with the mailed packet. If for whatever reason your evaluation time is shortened, the cost will be adjusted at that time. At this time we understand that Driver Rehabilitation Assessments are not a Medicare covered service.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860 658-3745 or 860 658-3998.

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