



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES

RSA TRANSMITTAL #19-10

TO: RSA Managers, VR Specialists, Supervisory VR Specialists

CC: State Rehabilitation Council

FROM: Darryl Evans, RSA Deputy Director

DATE: 03/11/2019

RE: Transportation Policy

Today the District of Columbia Department on Disability Services (DDS) releases the Transportation Policy, 2019-RSA-POL009. This policy supersedes the RSA Transportation Protocol (2014).

Below are highlights of key changes, but please do review the revised Policy carefully:

- This policy states that the appropriate mode of transportation shall be based on the least costly mode which meets the individual needs of the person. This can include Metro trains and buses, client-owned vehicles, taxi cabs, private cars, and ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft.
- This policy removes the requirement to apply for reduced fair.
- The policy allows for alternative modes of transportation such as taxi cab, private car, or ride sharing service when:
 - Public transportation is not available; or
 - The person's disability prevents him or her from using public transportation; and,
 - A personal vehicle is not available.
- The policy specifies that DCRSA shall fund only the actual cost of fare for the most cost-effective option.





- The policy addresses the provision of daily and non-daily transportation for Post-Secondary Education or training. These provisions have not changed, but they were not previously included in the transportation SOP.

RSA thanks the State Rehabilitation Council Policy Subcommittee for reviewing and providing feedback on this Procedure.

