

MEMO

DATE: January 31, 2024 **FROM:** LifeStyles' Transportation Department **TO:** LifeStyles' Transportation clients **RE:** New Fare Schedule

Over the last three years, *LifeStyles* has been fortunate to provide transportation to Calvert and Charles County residents, without any cost to the client. This is due to the support from various donors and available funding to support those impacted by the pandemic. To maintain the sustainability of services provided, we must return to a subsidized transportation program, where all riders are expected to financially support the cost of their ride. This is effective February 5th, 2024. As part of this process, people may be required to complete a new application and show proof of income to determine eligibility to receive subsidized transportation. Persons eligible to participate in this program are low-to moderate income individuals whose household income is no more than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines. Once determined income-eligible, persons served must also fit in at least one of the following categories:

- a. TANF recipients (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families); or,
- b. Seniors aged 60 and above; or,
- c. Persons diagnosed with a disability (with documentation provided by either a medical physician or proof of disability income); or
- d. Users who do not have personal transportation and/or unable to drive and need to access employment- or medical-related services.

The income guidelines for households who are 300% or below the federal poverty level are as follows for eligible individuals:

# of Individuals in Household	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	\$30,120
2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5	\$73,160

The cost per ride is based upon the roundtrip cost of providing your transportation. Below is the revised fare structure.

Total Roundtrip Miles	Fare
1 - 15 Miles Roundtrip	\$12.00
16-35 Miles Roundtrip	\$28.00
36 - 55 Miles Roundtrip	\$44.00
56 - 100 Miles Roundtrip	\$80.00
Cancellation fee (less than 24 hours' notice):	\$10
Wait charge (if driver waits more than 60 minutes daily):	\$15 for wait time of $31 - 59$ minutes
Parking & Tolls	Billed to participant as needed

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions: <u>transportationservices@lifestylesofmd.org</u>, 301-609-9900 ext. 201. We thank you again for utilizing our services and we hope to continue to provide you with safe and reliable transportation!