

# TRANSIT REGIONAL REDUCED FARE CARD APPLICATION

## Berrien, Cass, & Van Buren Counties

To qualify for reduced transit fare an individual must either have a disability OR be 60 years or older. All applicants must provide a Photo ID and complete Part A. All \*starred items must be completed.

### Part A: GENERAL INFORMATION *All applicants must complete this portion & provide Photo ID.*

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Select the transportation services you currently use or might use in the future? *Check all that apply.*

- All     Berrien Bus     Buchanan DART     Cass County Transit     Dowagiac DART  
 Niles DART     Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority     Van Buren Transit

Do you use a mobility device?  Yes  No    If yes, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

### Part B: SENIOR CERTIFICATION *Must be 60 Years or Older*

\*Proof of age verified by: (Check one)

- Birth Certificate     Passport     Driver's License     State ID

### Part C: DISABILITY CERTIFICATION

\*Do you receive Medicare or SSD?  Yes  No

Proof of Medicare or SSD (*Social Security Disability*) forms with photo ID is sufficient proof of Disability.

**STOP HERE If you have either of these forms of verification.**

If you are not a Medicare or Social Security Disability (SSD) recipient, the following **MUST** be completed and signed by agency caseworker or physician. Please see reverse side for definition of disability.

\*Name of Agency or Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please describe in general terms the applicant's characteristics which would qualify the individual for reduced rates. (*Please attach letter if you need more space*)

\*Is Disability:  Permanent     Temporary *If temporary, please indicate length of disability* \_\_\_ months \_\_\_ years

Does the individual require a personal care attendant to travel with him or her:  Yes     No

\*Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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The document below is provided by the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2008. Updates can be found at [www.access-board.gov/about/laws/ADA-amendments](http://www.access-board.gov/about/laws/ADA-amendments)

## Definitions

"Individuals with Disabilities" means any person who **(1)** has a **physical or mental impairment** that substantially **limits one or more major life activities (a)**; **(2)** has a **record of such impairment** or **(3)** is **regarded as having such an impairment**. *See below for further explanation of this definition:*

**"Physical or mental impairment"** means (I) any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems; neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory; including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genito-urinary; hemic & lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or (II) any mental or psychological disorder, such as intellectual disability, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities.

The term "**physical or mental impairment**" includes, **but is not limited to**, such diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments; cerebral palsy; epilepsy; muscular dystrophy; multiple sclerosis; cancer; heart disease; intellectual disability; emotional illness; drug addiction; and alcoholism.

**a** A physical or mental impairment that **substantially limits one or more "major life activities"** means functions **including but is not limited to**, caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.

Has a "**record of such an impairment**" means has a history of, or has been classified, or misclassified, as having a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

**"Is regarded as having an impairment" means:**

Has a physical or mental illness impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities, but that is treated by a recipient as constituting such a limitation.

Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activity only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such an impairment; or  
Has none of the impairments set forth in paragraph (1) of this definition, but is treated by others as having such an impairment.