



# Transportation Options Through Your DD Services

## Division of Developmental Disabilities

### WHAT HAS CHANGED?

In the past, you were only allowed a specific number of transportation trips per year. Now you can choose to use your funding for as many trips as you need. You also have flexibility to use your funding three ways to meet your transportation needs.



### WHAT ARE THE THREE OPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION?

1. You can pay your agency for transportation they provide.
2. You can use your funds to pay for trips on The Ride Program (RIPTA). You need to add RIPTA to your plan and purchase order. RIPTA will bill the Division directly. There is no cost to you.
3. You can use the self-direct option for transportation, even if you use an agency for most services. Through self-direction, you can pay for trips on Uber, Lyft or taxi service or to pay someone you know for driving you.

### DO I NEED TO SELF-DIRECT TO USE THE SELF-DIRECT TRANSPORTATION OPTION?

No, you do not have to be in a self-direct program to use the self-direct transportation option.

Contact your provider and tell them that you want to use "self-directed funds option" for transportation to use Uber, Lyft, taxi service, or to pay someone for rides.



### WHO DO I CONTACT?



Contact your provider.

Your provider will help you make sure your plan and purchase order have the transportation options you need.

You can use one or all of the transportation options.

1. Pay your provider agency for transportation.
2. Pay for Ride services.
3. Self-direct funds to pay for other transportation services such as Uber, Lyft, taxis, or someone who drives you.

Read more at <https://www.bhddh.ri.gov/developmental-disabilities/services-adults/self-directed-services>



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