

# Rehabilitation Services

## Driver Rehabilitation Program



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## Reasons for Completing a Driving Evaluation

- A *physician may request an evaluation* to insure an individual is capable of returning to driving after a change in medical status. The evaluation needs to be completed prior to approval to return driving.
- If a doctor has been asked *to fill out paperwork from the DMV* they usually will have an evaluation done prior to filling out the paperwork.
- The *DMV may require a medical evaluation* prior to being eligible for license renewal/testing.
- Determine if a *new driver* has basic skills to pursue independent driving.
- Determine if *adaptive equipment is recommended*; to fit, try out and train for competency with this equipment with this equipment. NMEDA certified dealers will not install equipment without completion of a driving evaluation/training.
- Determine if an individual is *safe to continue driving*. Recommendation will be given including driving without restrictions, restricted driving (including but not limited to daylight hours only, speed limitation, distance, location, etc.) or retirement from driving.
- *Peace of mind* for family members, physicians, etc. regarding the individual's safety behind the wheel.
- *Protection for the individual* from potential liability in the future. After a change in medical status the individual will have documentation of completion of the evaluation and are safe to resume driving.