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Driver Rehabilitation Program Physician Referral Process

Step 1:

A physician referral is required to participate in the Driver Rehabilitation Program. All referrals must include a medical diagnosis and demographic sheet from the physician. This information can be faxed to Immanuel Rehabilitation Drivers Program at **(402)572-2829**.

Step 2:

Once the doctor's order has been received, our program's scheduler will call the patient or identified contact person to go over the program information, cost of \$350 not covered by insurance, and schedule the driver's evaluation.

Step 3:

A thorough driving evaluation by an occupational therapist/driving specialist is completed to examine specific abilities required to operate a vehicle safely. Our program consists of both in-clinic and behind-the-wheel evaluations. Our in-clinic evaluation includes assessment of: medical history, visual perceptual skills, basic driving rules, memory, cognition, ability to sustain attention and multi-task information, range of motion, strength, transfer ability and adaptive equipment needs. During the behind-the-wheel exam we continue to assess skills evaluated in the clinic as well as ability to comply with basic driving rules of the road, reaction time and overall safe driving practices. If a patient is deemed unsafe for the behind-the-wheel portion of the exam, the \$350 fee will be prorated based on clinic-only time.

Step 4:

Once the evaluation is complete, the occupational therapist/driving specialist will discuss the overall results with the patient and will send the Drivers Rehabilitation Evaluation Report along with the recommendations to your office via fax. The formal report will include the recommendations and will state evidence-based reasons as to why this recommendation was made. One of the following recommendations will be made:

1. Safe to drive
2. Unsafe to drive – retire from driving
3. Adaptive driving
4. Driver's training to improve driving skills
5. Restricted driving to geographical location, time of day, speed, etc.

Step 5:

It is ultimately up to the physician on whether they agree/disagree with the recommendations. If the physician agrees with the recommendations, the physician will sign a Statement of Physician form. Once the Statement of Physician form is signed, it is the physician's responsibility to fax this information to the DMV in order to have the restrictions placed on the license. The Statement of Physician form will need to be filled out in its entirety, attach the driver's evaluation report, and faxed to the Department of Motor Vehicles at the following Nebraska DMV (402) 471-4020 or Iowa DOT (515) 237-3071.