At the conclusion of the evaluation/training sessions, recommendations will be provided on:
- Level of independence to drive
- Restrictions to follow as needed
- Training to achieve independence
- Referral for adaptive equipment or vehicle modification
- Road test scheduling
- Instructions for restrictions on driver’s license if needed etc...

The driver rehab program is free to all veterans and qualified non-veterans

To participate in this program, a Physician’s consult is needed to assess if the patient is medically stable and appropriate for Driver training. Once consult received, veteran is contacted for scheduling

For more information please contact the Driver Rehab Program Specialist at 130 West Kingbridge Road, Bronx NY 10468, room 1E-73
Tel: 718-584-9000 ext 1313
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Goal of the Driver Rehab Program is to provide driver training to veterans or qualified non-veterans, wishing to resume driving or get a driver’s license following injury.

It provides a sense of freedom and independence.

This program addresses the unique needs of:

1. Individuals who would like to drive after a severe mental and/or physical illness resulting in disability such as SCI, stroke, traumatic brain injury, amputation etc.

2. Re-evaluation of disabled persons and their present skills in controlling a motor vehicle after injury.

3. Seniors who want to remain independent and safe while driving with or without additional physical and/or mental comorbidities.

**Evaluation**

**Clinical Assessment**

- Physical mobility
- Coordination
- Reaction time
- Vision
- Perception
- Problem solving
- Safety awareness

**Behind the wheel assessment/training**

Pt is evaluated BTW on:

* Hospital grounds
* Residential traffic
* Complex traffic
* Freeway traffic
* Parallel parking
* 3 pt turn

Pt receives feedback and instruction on the skills needed to handle vehicle in varied conditions.

Training is also provided in the use of adaptive equipment (hand controls, spinner knob, left foot pedal accelerator etc...) needed to compensate for decreased function.

Equipment evaluation also provided especially for veterans in wheelchair to make vehicle accessible.

**Other**

Grant towards purchasing a vehicle available for service connected veterans with certain service connected conditions.

Grant available for service connected and non service connected veterans with difficulty getting in and out of their vehicle on equipments such as transfer seat, lift, ramp etc...