Self-Directed Transportation enhances a person's independence and is available around the clock, including weekends and holidays, to accommodate scheduled and on demand transportation needs. This service allows a person to travel independently.

Self-Directed Transportation can be used in two ways:

• Purchase of prepaid vouchers, cards, passes, or tokens to access modes of ground public transportation. “i.e., Uber, Lyft, Buses, Cabs, etc.”

• A person may also use someone they know such as a family member, neighbor, or friend to transport them. This person can be approved through the Financial Management Services.

It can be used to take you to:

• Competitive, integrated workplaces, any community job.
• Integrated community participation and contribution, such as volunteer activities, social events, clubs, and group activities.
• Community resources, like going to JFS or Social Security office, going to the local library, getting to an appointment to complete your taxes, and going to the grocery store.
• Or other activities and opportunities available in the broader community like going to a basketball or hockey game, meeting up with friends for dinner, and going to regional Self Advocates meetings.

Add Self-Directed Transportation to the Individual Service Plan

Talk with your Service and Support Administrator (SSA) about what you need.
Discuss the needs you have with your SSA. Ask about what public transportation is available in your community. Talk about all available options to get you to and from the places you need/want to go.

Decide on what works for you.
Your SSA can talk with you about supports available through the Individual Options, Level One, or SELF waivers, or from other resources that can help meet your transportation needs.

Put it in writing.
Your individual service plan (ISP) should include information about the supports that work for you. Add information to your ISP about the provider(s) you have chosen, the amount of money you will need for your transportation, and ways you want to use this support.

For more information, read: OAC: 5123-9-26 Add link when available