



# Driving Solutions

*Helping you make the right decision*

## **The Role of the OT Generalist in addressing driving as an IADL**

**If driving is a goal for this client, as an Occupational Therapist you should first:**

Represent the OT profession to clients and other professionals.

Use AOTA handouts or create one for your facility

Assess other IADLS, identify impairments

### **1. Administer Mobility Questionnaire**

Does the client own a vehicle, is it registered, insured, inspected?

Who takes care of such details?

Is the license valid, are there any restrictions?

### **2. Does the client meet RMV Guidelines?**

Regarding seizures, vision, cardiac status, etc

Do they understand Mass. Is a self reporting state

Refer to “Why choose driver evaluation”

### **3. Work with family**

Discuss concerns and alternative transportation

Assess other IADLS, identify impairments

Document concerns for the next OT

### **4. Refer the patient to:**

To eye care provider for vision workup

To MD or RMV for medical clearance

To OT driver specialist program for further evaluation



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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you for your interest in the Driving Solutions, LLC driver evaluation program. Enclosed is information pertaining to program requirements. Driver evaluation is ideally an open process, one that involves extended family and clear communication.

**The program serves drivers of all ages with any question that needs to be answered about safe driving. We help you make the right decision.**

Our service is professional, comprehensive, individualized and based on the best practices of the American Medical Association, the Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Registry of Motor Vehicles, Medical Affairs Board.

To **begin the evaluation** process you will need the following items:

- MD order for “OT Driver Evaluation”. A sample is enclosed or a prescription will suffice.
- Completed medical history questionnaire, enclosed.
- List of medications taken
- A photocopy of your current driver’s license or permit
- Completed Driver Profile questionnaire, 2-sided, with contact information.
- Payment is required at the time of service and is \$275 for the initial evaluation.

*“What is unique about this service is that we travel to you, understanding that people with driving issues are sometimes overwhelmed with appointments and hampered by transportation.”*

Driver evaluation is the simplest way to comply with Massachusetts laws regarding **self-reporting** of medical conditions. You will avoid RMV waiting periods and comply with self reporting law at the same time.

If you have questions about the evaluation process or are ready to reserve an evaluation appointment, please contact us.

Please call 508 878 9583. Feel free to leave a voicemail message leave an e-mail message at [drivingsolutions@comcast.net](mailto:drivingsolutions@comcast.net).

Thank you,

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