

Transportation for Older Adults

For information on Medicaid transportation, call 866-244-8995 or visit medanswering.com

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GoGo Grandparent (call OFA at 845-486-2555 to register) is an on-demand ride sharing service for non-emergency medical transportation within Dutchess County, aimed at Dutchess County older adults who are *not* on Medicaid. GoGo is available in Dutchess County wherever Uber/Lyft drivers operate. GoGo services are also available for older adults, regardless of Medicaid status, to visit loved ones in a Dutchess County hospital, hospice, or nursing home. Contact OFA to register for a limited number of free rides.

Note: Register for your GoGo trip within 2-5 business days of your appointment.

Dutchess County Office for the Aging Vans and Buses transport OFA Friendship Center clients; the Friendship Centers also offer shopping and recreational trips to clients.

Community Action Partnership of Dutchess County (845-452-5104, dutchesscap.org) picks up older adult residents of the city of Beacon who do not drive, and transports them to OFA's Beacon Friendship Center at Forrestal Heights.

Friends of Seniors (845-485-1277) provides non-emergency medical transportation for older adults.

North East Community Center (518-592-1399 ext. 101, or nedt@neccmillerton.org) provides transportation services for residents of the towns of Amenia, Dover, North East, Stanford and Washington, and the villages of Millerton and Millbrook, via the Care Car. They also coordinate the Northeast Dutchess Transit Program which can additionally assist residents of the Towns of Pine Plains, Stanford and Washington.

Pawling Resource Center (845-855-3459) serves the transportation needs of older adults living in the Town/Village of Pawling.

Dutchess County Public Transit (845-473-8424)

Every Dutchess County Public Transit vehicle is accessible to anyone who uses a mobility device or has difficulty climbing steps. Each bus contains either a lift or wheelchair ramp and at least two wheelchair positions. Some vehicles are equipped with lower floors for easy access, or can be lowered to assist riders in boarding. Ask a Public Transit operator for assistance.

Dutchess County Public Transit (845-473-8424; dutchessny.gov/publictransit) - Fixed routes, Rail Link Shuttles and Flex service throughout Dutchess County.

Dial-A-Ride (845-473-8424) is provided by Dutchess County Public Transit and available to residents of the towns of Fishkill, East Fishkill, Hyde Park, Poughkeepsie, Wappinger and City of Poughkeepsie. Pre-registration is required.

Dutchess County Public Transit ADA Complementary Paratransit (845-473-8424) is operated by Dutchess County Public Transit and provides transportation services in a number of locations from a rider's home to his or her destination. Reservations are required and service availability may be limited. In addition, ADA Complimentary Paratransit Service is available for qualified individuals who live within 3/4 mile of a regularly scheduled Dutchess County Public Transit bus route. For more information about these services, visit dutchessny.gov/publictransit or call Dutchess County Public Transit at 845-473-8424.

Transportation for Veterans (Schedules vary)

Contact **Dutchess County Office of Veterans Services** (845-486-2060) for guidance on available transportation options for qualifying veterans, including **GoGo Veterans**. Through the 'GoGo Veterans' program, eligible veterans can receive:

- Up to three free rides per month in Dutchess County to medical appointments, including VA hospitals and local healthcare providers.
- One free ride in Dutchess County per month to a grocery store, pharmacy, or personal visit, helping veterans maintain independence and quality of life.