

Driver Rehabilitation

At Northwestern Medicine Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, the Driver Rehabilitation Program offers comprehensive evaluation and training to help people with disabilities learn (or relearn) how to drive. Marianjoy Driver Rehabilitation staff are occupational therapists and certified driver rehabilitation specialists who are also driving instructors certified by the state of Illinois. An adaptive vehicle from our fleet can be configured to suit your individual driving needs.

Services include:

Evaluation and education for experienced drivers with a new disability

Evaluation and education for new drivers with a disability

Evaluation for older adults to determine whether they can continue to drive safely

A teen driving program

The Driver Rehabilitation Program also addresses particular needs related to:

Teens learning to drive

Wheelchair-accessible vehicles

Driver safety

The 2-part evaluation is designed to provide a comprehensive, objective appraisal of driving ability:

Driver evaluation

Part 1 is a clinical occupational therapy evaluation that assesses your vision, perception, cognition and motor function.

Part 2 is a behind-the-wheel evaluation of safe driving ability in one of Marianjoy's driver rehabilitation vehicles.

After the evaluation, the driver rehabilitation specialist will discuss recommendations with you and your family, as appropriate. Guidance regarding adaptive equipment, restricted driving and alternative transportation options may also be discussed. Your physician will receive a copy of the final evaluation report and recommendations.

You might be eligible to receive funding assistance through the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services. To inquire about eligibility and determine which office serves your area, visit dhs.state.il.us or call 877.581.3690.

To participate in the Marianjoy Driver Rehabilitation Program, you need a physician's order for occupational therapist driving evaluation and treatment. To schedule an appointment, please call 630.909.6080, Option 4 (TTY: 711).