

DRIVING EVALUATION

FACTS

- A driving evaluation must be ordered by a provider.
- A licensed third party conducts an unbiased evaluation. No medical information is provided to the evaluator.
- An occupational therapist conducts an assessment at a therapy center. It is not an on-road driving test.
- Depending on the results, an on-road driving test may be recommended.
- The test is not covered by insurance. Payment is required at time of service.
- The driving evaluation takes approximately two hours.

PREPARATION

- Adequate rest
- No recent changes to medications
- No recent surgery or medical procedures

DRIVING EVALUATION COMPONENTS

- Driving history
- Physical assessment
 - Joint range of motion
 - Muscle strength
 - Eye-hand and eye-foot coordination
 - Sensation
 - Balance
- Test of visual-perceptual skills

- Vision screening
 - Near and far acuity
 - Color blindness
 - Peripheral vision
 - Depth perception
- Cognitive assessment
- Reaction time test
- Knowledge and recognition of road signs

RESULTS

- The occupational therapist will provide results to the examinee and caregiver(s) present immediately following the driving evaluation.
- A written report will be provided to the provider along with any recommendations.
- Possible recommendations to the examinee
 - Passes and no restrictions.
 - Passes with restrictions such as no night driving or special adaptive equipment.
 - Results are undetermined and an on-road test by a certified driving instructor needed.
 - The evaluator will provide contact information for a certified driving instructor.
 - The examinee should not drive until the on-road test is completed and recommendations are obtained.
 - A written report will be provided to the provider along with any recommendations.
 - Failed and deemed unsafe to drive.
 - Results sent to the state Department of Motor Vehicles.
 - Driver's license is surrendered.



- An appeal process is available if the examinee feels the evaluation is incorrect.
- Re-evaluation on a yearly basis is recommended for anyone with a progressive disease that may impact continued ability to drive safely.