

Information on Disabled Parking Placard/Plate Application Changes

Modifications Effective January
2017

Memo



TO: Health Care Community
FROM: Alison Falk, Registry of Motor Vehicles- Medical Affairs Director
DATE: January 2017
RE: Disabled Parking Application and Implications

To Whom It May Concern:

The Medical Affairs Department of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has updated its Application for Disabled Placard/Plate. The new form contains information regarding eligibility for issuance as well as language to deter abuse. As always, issuance is for those individuals who are severely restricted in their ability to walk and information required could affect an individual's driver's license status.

A short presentation is provided to guide you through the changes made and hopefully answer any questions that may arise.

This form replaces ALL other versions of the Application, so please, destroy whatever forms you may have and start using the new form immediately. The version control number on the bottom of the correct Application is T20060-0117. Also, please note we cannot accept other state's applications.

Beginning April 1, 2017 we will reject all Applications not completed on the new form T20060-0117.

For your convenience, the new Application form is publically available for download directly from MassRMV.com.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Alison Falk
Director

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Front Page Modifications

The front page of the Application must be read and completed by the applicant/patient:

- Informs applicant that information requested may affect status of their driver's license
- Provides applicant with clear usage rules
- Advises and requires acknowledgement of placard misuse penalties, \$500 fine, 30 day loss of license and disabled parking privileges
- Only applications showing version control number T20060-0117 will be accepted after April 1, 2017

Page Two Modifications

Page Two contains information that must be completed in full by the Healthcare Provider:

- Determination of applicant/patient's ability to **safely operate a motor vehicle**
- Inclusion of a **clinical diagnosis**, ambulatory details, placard duration
- **Signature and certification** of the condition and acknowledgement that issuance is based on medical necessity, not patient convenience

Safety to Operate

The information received in response to this section may affect the applicant's license status and must be completed for all applicants. We will act on this information regardless of whether or not a placard is issued.

- By checking the first box, there will be **no impact** on the applicant's driver's license status
- By checking the second box, you are stating with a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that due to the condition listed this applicant is **not medically qualified** to operate a motor vehicle. If licensed, the RMV will move for the surrender of that applicant's driver's license.
- By checking the third box, you are recommending the applicant take an RMV administered **Competency Road Test** to determine if applicant is able to safely operate a motor vehicle.

Clinical Diagnosis

- Provide clinical diagnosis for all conditions which may affect applicant's ability to walk.
- Specify an exact duration for issuance of the placard.
 - Permanent Placards are renewed automatically every 5 years and intended for conditions for which there will be no change
 - Temporary Placards are issued from 2 up to 24 months; we encourage you to provide a specific number of months based upon your patient's needs
- Check all boxes that apply
- Incomplete details may result in denial of a placard or a request for additional information.

Signature and Certification

- Providers please print clearly
- Supply your Massachusetts Provider License #
- Date the form
 - Regulations bind us to issuance within 30 days of signature
- Applications accepted from the following Provider types as allowed by 540 Code of Massachusetts Regulation (CMR) 17.02
 - Medical Doctor
 - Chiropractor
 - Registered Nurse
 - Physician Assistant
 - Osteopath
 - Optometrist (legal blindness only)
 - Podiatrist
- Certify the patient's need