

ADA PARATRANSIT VISITORS

A visitor is anyone with a disability who does not reside in the jurisdiction(s) served by UPTD complementary paratransit.

A visitor presenting documentation of ADA paratransit eligibility elsewhere must be treated as eligible.

Any visitors presenting documentation that they are ADA paratransit eligible in their home jurisdiction will be treated by UPTD as eligible, and no further documentation will be required before paratransit service is provided.

If a visitor does not have documentation of ADA paratransit eligibility, the transit agency may require documentation of the individual's place of residence. If the visitor's disability is not apparent, documentation of disability may also be required. But no documentation of disability may be required if the visitor's disability is apparent, such as, for example, a person using a wheelchair, or an individual who is blind or has a vision impairment and travels with a guide dog. The transit agency must provide paratransit service to the individual.

A transit agency is not required to provide service to a visitor for more than 21 days per year; that is, per 365-day period from the first day of use. For example, if a person with a disability travels to Roseburg for three weeks a year, they never need to apply for local eligibility. UPTD may require, in order for the person to continue receiving paratransit service beyond 21 days within the same year, that they apply for eligibility in the same manner as would a resident. This is true whether the 21 days are consecutive or parceled out over several shorter visits.

Riders who wish to use ADA paratransit in a location where they don't reside are encouraged to start planning as soon as possible by contacting the ADA paratransit provider where they will visit. Anyone can obtain information about how to contact the ADA paratransit provider in another U.S. city by calling Easter Seals Project ACTION at (800) 659-6428, or may find the information using the Project ACTION Travelers Database Search at http://projectaction.easterseals.com/cgi-bin/traveler_search.cgi.

Another useful way to find transit providers is the Resource Library of the American Public Transportation Association. APTA's on-line listing of United States Local and State Transit Links is at www.apta.com/resources/links/unitedstates/Pages/default.aspx

The local transit agency should be able to guide riders to the local ADA paratransit provider.