



## **RURAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PwD)**

**The Rural Transportation Program for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) is designed to assist eligible consumers to pay for their transportation costs in certain situations. The PwD Program must be “the payer of last resort”. If your transportation is currently being paid for by an agency or by a third party payer, they must continue to pay for those trips, however, if you have other types of trips, the PwD Program may be able to help you. For example, if you have Medical Assistance, you will not be able to use PwD for medical trips, but you will be able to use PwD to go to work or shopping. If you are over the age of 65, you will not be eligible for the PwD Program because you are eligible for the Shared Ride Program for Senior Citizens.**

**In order to qualify for the PwD Program, you must fill out a new application. If you have never used BARTA Special Services, you will also need to complete the ADA Application. You will need to provide verification of your disability. You do not need to include specific medical or diagnosis information. If you do not have documentation to verify your disability, there is a form for you to have completed by the appropriate certifying agency to verify that you have a disability. Usually, your family physician can complete the form.**

**The application asks for income information and family size. This information is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) for statistical purposes only, however if the information is not included, your application will be denied. You will still be eligible to use Special Services, but you will be required to pay the General Public fare. There are no financial limitations to be eligible for the PwD Program.**

**Once BARTA receives your application, it will be processed and you will receive a letter informing you that your application has been approved or denied. If it has been denied, your letter will explain why and tell you what is needed to approve the application.**

**To obtain an application, it can be printed from our website [www.bartabus.com](http://www.bartabus.com) and click on “Special Services” or call 610-921-2361.**