

# Nevada Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

## State Plan Recommendations Planning Template

**Recommendation #:** 13

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**Current Recommendation as Stated:** *Support the standardization of the system of driver evaluation. Improve the infrastructure, services, and support for persons living with dementia whose driving ability may be compromised. This includes developing and implementing:*

- 1) A uniform set of evidence-based screening tools for healthcare providers, first responders and caregivers;*
- 2) A standardized evidence-based evaluation tool for use by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV); and*
- 3) Dissemination of information regarding driving and safety for persons with dementia as well as development and delivery of relevant training to help support healthcare and DMV professionals.*

*Information disseminated should convey how to address the multi-faceted needs and concerns of persons with dementia and those who care for them. Specific information should include signs that an individual's driving ability might be compromised and how to access relevant resources to address this concern. Such information should be available on websites, as well as be distributed in printed materials to healthcare and social service providers, first responders, families, caregivers and the public. Engage healthcare providers and first responders to evaluate the utility of the recommended screening tools.*

*Promote age- and dementia-friendly communities, which provide alternative transportation resources, through volunteerism and public-private partnerships, to maximize an individual's independence and assure public safety.*

**Determination:** Do you propose that for the 2021 State Plan this recommendation be:

- 1) Retained as is
- 2) Retired to the Appendix (it has been accomplished or is no longer relevant)
- 3) REVISED / UPDATED**

**Justification:**

- Update language and readability
- Improve chances for successful adoption and implementation
  - Add educational resources
  - Add support for individuals who cannot drive, including rehabilitation back to driving capacity and transportation alternatives

**Suggested Revisions:** Please provide the text for your suggestions on how to revise the recommendation (and be sure to include each of the following required elements):

- **Recommendation:** Support standardization of the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) system of driver evaluation. Improve the infrastructure, services, and support for people with dementia whose driving ability may be compromised. Develop and implement:
  - 1) Guidelines and training for clinicians regarding the appropriate use of commonly used cognitive screening tools to predict driving safety
  - 2) A uniform set of evidence-based, easily administered screening tools for healthcare providers and first responders, and training in their administration and interpretation
  - 3) A standardized evidence-based driving safety evaluation tool for use by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
  - 4) Dissemination of information regarding driving and safety for people with cognitive impairment, their families, and care partners, including:
    - a. Signs of compromised driving ability of potential for increased driving risk
    - b. Options for addressing and/or reporting unsafe driving
    - c. Options for formal evaluation of driving safety
    - d. Making this information available through websites, printed materials, and public service announcements
  - 5) Support for individuals and families whose driving has been compromised by cognitive decline
    - a. Promote the development of safe alternative means of transportation
    - b. Assist with negotiating, explaining, and reinforcing driving restrictions
    - c. Assist with finding rehabilitative services that can assess and implement potential interventions for rehabilitation to safe driving; or alternative means of transportation
  
- **Indicators:**
  - Communicate and coordinate with the DMV to track their awareness of needs and resources
  - Data from healthcare providers and first responders about the adoption and perceived utility of recommended screening tools
  - DMV data
    - Total motor vehicle accidents and fatalities in Nevada
    - Motor vehicle accidents involving drivers over 60 years old
    - Number of referrals for unsafe driving from health care providers, first responders, and other NV residents
    - Number and outcomes of evaluations performed by DMV
  - Data from public polling about NV residents' awareness of signs of driving compromise and options for addressing concerns about driving safety

- Usage statistics on support services as described in Recommendation 5
  
- **Potential Funding:**
  - United States Federal Government
    - Department of Transportation
    - Department of Health and Human Services
    - Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Nevada DMV
  - Nevada Department of Transportation
  - Regional Transportation Commission
  - Aging and Disability Services Division
  - Grants, donations, and partnerships
    - Car insurance companies
    - Self-driving car manufacturers
    - Ride sharing services
    - Transportation services (taxis, limos)
    - Support and interest groups (e.g., AARP, Alzheimer's Association)
    - Private citizens