

Nevada Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

State Plan Recommendations Planning Template

Recommendation #: 13 Driving and Dementia

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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
- Increase 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:** Improve Nevada’s infrastructure, services, and support for ensuring the safety of people whose driving ability may be compromised by cognitive impairment, and those around them. Develop and implement:
 - 1) A public information campaign about cognitive impairment and driving safety, including:
 - a. Signs of compromised driving ability and potentially increased driving risk
 - b. Options for addressing and/or reporting unsafe driving
 - c. Options for formal evaluation of driving safetyMechanisms may include public service announcements, websites, printed materials, etc.
 - 2) A training program for health providers regarding:
 - a. Nevada statutes and regulations about provider responsibilities when cognitive impairment may compromise driving safety
 - b. Mechanisms for reporting drivers who may be unsafe because of cognitive impairment
 - c. Signs of compromised driving ability and potentially increased driving risk
 - d. Options for formal evaluation of driving safety
 - e. Options for rehabilitation to safe drivingTraining mechanisms may include continuing education (CE) courses, licensing authority mailings, licensing requirements, kiosks/displays at meetings, etc.
 - 3) Support for individuals and families when driving must be restricted because of cognitive impairment
 - a. Promote the development of safe, economical alternative means of transportation, including improved public transportation and partnerships with relevant private industries
 - b. Assist families with negotiating, explaining, and reinforcing driving restrictions
 - 4) A process to create a standardized evidence-based driving safety evaluation tool for use by entities interested in driver safety and/or cognitive impairment, such as Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), geriatric clinicians, Department of Transportation (DOT), Alzheimer’s Association, etc.
- **Indicators:**
 - Program utilization
 - Participation (e.g., meeting attendance, website hits, CE credits granted)
 - Trips/riders served by alternative means of transportation
 - Use of assessment services
 - Number of drivers served by support services
 - Other assessments (polls, quizzes, focus groups, etc.) of Nevada healthcare providers and residents
 - Awareness of guidelines regarding cognitively compromised drivers

- Knowledge of mechanisms for informing DMV about compromised drivers
 - Perceived ease of finding information about cognitive impairment and driving in Nevada
 - Nevada Department of Transportation (DOT), Highway Patrol, and DMV data
 - Total motor vehicle accidents and fatalities in Nevada involving individuals reported by HCPs as having dementia
 - Referrals from providers and residents for cognitively compromised driving
 - Licenses restricted or revoked because of cognition-related safety concerns
 - Older driver crashes and fatalities
 - Dated deliverables for creation of driving safety evaluation tool
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- **Potential Funding:**
 - United States Federal Government
 - DOT
 - Department of Health and Human Services
 - Department of Veterans Affairs
 - National Institutes of Health
 - Nevada DMV
 - Nevada DOT
 - Regional Transportation Commission
 - Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)
 - 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

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