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If you need a vehicle to get to work, you may be able to get assistance with Vehicle Modification through the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS). Contact your local DARS toll-free at 1-800-552-5019 or visit the DARS website.

If you are using Medicaid Waiver services, you may be eligible for Medicaidreimbursement to change your main vehicle. Learn about Environmental Modifications from your case manager or support person for your Waiver.

The <u>Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center</u> (WWRC) may be helpful. The <u>WWRC</u> <u>Driving Services</u> can tell you about the types of autos that best match your special driving needs and the rest of your mobility equipment (for example, if you use a wheelchair or scooter).

The <u>National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association</u> sets standards for vendors who modify vehicles. Visit their website to find a qualified vendor near you or to search through their publications related to driving with a disability.

Vehicle Purchase

Loans: If you are interested in a loan to buy a van or car and make necessary changes, contact the <u>Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority</u>. These loans cover autos that are modified to accommodate a specific disability (for example, wheelchair lifts and hand controls), and are secured by the vehicle. Financing for up to 100% of the vehicle may be available.

Dealers: There are private Auto Dealers and Specialized Auto Dealers that sell new and used vehicles that are modified for a variety of riders or passengers with disabilities. Visit one of these websites:

- Virginia Assistive Technology System Equipment Exchange
- Your local <u>Center for Independent Living</u>
- Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center

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