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Monmouth County introduces wellness transportation program for residents

FREEHOLD, NJ – The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce that, in collaboration with EZ Ride, it has created a free wellness transportation program for Monmouth County residents.

“This program will provide residents over the age of 18 with up to two round trips per week to their medical, wellness and nutrition appointments, regardless of the applicant’s income,” said Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone. “We are thrilled to be able to introduce this service to help our residents travel to these important appointments at no expense.”

Medical, wellness and nutrition appointments include doctor, dentist, therapist, pharmacy and lab work, grocery store, food pantry, farmers market, etc.

“Individuals must have a working cell phone in order for EZ Ride to text them details about their upcoming trip and all riders must be able to enter and exit the vehicle with minimal assistance (this service cannot accommodate wheelchairs),” said Commissioner Susan M. Kiley, liaison to the Monmouth County Health Department. “Children may use the service when accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18, and the child’s parent or guardian will be responsible for providing and installing any required booster seat or car seat.”

If the resident does not have a cell phone, there are resources available to assist with acquiring one through Monmouth ACTS. Please call 732-683-2102 or go to www.monmouthacts.org to learn more.

“This new service is another example of how Monmouth County continually seeks ways to assist our residents,” said Commissioner Erik Anderson, liaison to the Monmouth County Division of Planning. “Residents will be able to register for the program by phone or email and may schedule a ride up to 48 hours in advance to ensure approval and availability.”

A transportation coordinator is available to schedule trips Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and Monday through Friday from 1-4:30 p.m. by phone at 732-431-7448. Trips may be taken Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no service available on Sunday.

For more information, please call 732-431-7448 or email MCTransportCoordinator@co.monmouth.nj.us.

To access a video PSA, please click [here](#).

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