

# Polk County Transportation

## Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Guidelines July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

The Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) is a state funded public transportation grant offered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation - Public Transportation Division (NCDOT-PTD). ROAP includes the following programs:

- Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)
- Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)

### Transportation for Polk County Residents

Transit services are available to everyone. However, ROAP funding is specifically for those who need financial assistance to get to work, college or for the elderly and disabled to get to out-of-county medical appointments.

### Annual Benefit

A new application is required each year and a fare may be charged up to 10% of the actual cost of the trip. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. However, the passenger is responsible for the fare until the application is approved, or when funds run out.

### Restrictions

EDTAP funds are to be used to provide trips for elderly and disabled individuals only when other funding sources are not available.

### Eligibility

Applications for EMPL and EDTAP are being accepted for residents with income levels at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty level (see below).

- Certified applications with income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level qualify for full funding.
- Certified applications with income levels between 200% and 250% of the Federal Poverty level qualify for out-of-county medical trips at a discounted flat rate of \$3 per round trip.

**2016 Federal Poverty Level**

Household	200%	250%	300%	400%
1	\$23,760	\$29,700	\$35,640	\$47,520
2	\$32,040	\$40,050	\$48,060	\$64,080
3	\$40,320	\$50,400	\$60,480	\$80,640
4	\$48,600	\$60,750	\$72,900	\$97,200
5	\$56,880	\$71,100	\$85,320	\$113,760
6	\$65,160	\$81,450	\$97,740	\$130,320
7	\$73,460	\$91,825	\$110,190	\$146,920
8	\$81,780	\$102,225	\$122,670	\$163,560

Call for more information and to schedule trips, with 3 business days' notice for out-of-county and the day before by 10 am for in-county.

### Submit Completed, Certified ROAP Applications to:

Polk County Transportation, 3 Courthouse Square, P.O. Box 308, Columbus, NC 28722

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### **Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

#### **Description**

The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP), provides operating assistance funds for the transportation of the state's elderly and disabled citizens. This transportation assistance allows the elderly and disabled to reside for a longer period in their homes, thereby enhancing their quality of life.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

For the purposes of EDTAP, an elderly person is defined as one who has reached the age of 60 or more years. A disabled person is defined as one who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, an individual who has a record of such impairment, or an individual who is regarded as having such impairment. Certification of a disability by a medical professional is required as part of the application.

#### **Restrictions**

EDTAP funds are to be used to provide trips for elderly and disabled individuals only when other funding sources are not available.

### **Employment Transportation Assistance Program (ETAP)**

Trips are covered for travel to college, work or related activities such as job fairs and interviews.

#### **Description**

EMPL funded trips can be provided for:

1. Individuals that have transitioned off the Work First or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program within the last 12 months;
2. Participants in Workforce Development Programs; and/or
3. The transportation disadvantaged public.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Certification of employment or college enrollment is required as part of the application.