This document, the “Spectrum of Driver Services / Spectrum of Driver Rehabilitation Program Services,” was approved in December 2013 by ADED (The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists), in association with the AOTA® / NHTSA (American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. / National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) Pathways Project.

It is intended for use by medically at-risk drivers, persons with disabilities, licensed driving instructors, safe driving groups, health care professionals, occupational therapists, driver rehabilitation specialists, and Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (CDRS).

The purpose of this document is to define the common language and different program models used in a wide range of driving programs, covering everything from driving school for healthy drivers to driver rehabilitation programs for those medically at-risk individuals with conditions that may affect driving performance or require adaptive driving aids or vehicle modifications. This document helps identify where different driver programs fit in the spectrum. It also assists consumers and stakeholders in understanding the differences of driver services that are available and where they should go for these services.

The document format allows for a quick reference to each program type, who typically provides the service, the expected knowledge of the provider, and what services the program should be offering.
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Driver Rehabilitation Programs

**BASIC**
Provider is a Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (DRS) with professional background in occupational therapy, allied health field, driver education or a professional team of CNRS or DSCM with LIC**.

**LOW TECH**
Driver Rehabilitation Specialist**. Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist**. Occupational Therapist with Specialty Certification in Driving and Community Mobility**. or in combination with LIC**.

Certification in Driver Rehabilitation is recommended as the provider for comprehensive driving evaluation and training.

Offers a wide variety of adaptive equipment and vehicle options for comprehensive driving evaluation, training, and education, including all services available in Low Tech and Basic programs. At this level, providers have the ability to alter positioning of primary and secondary controls, as well as offering seat cushions or additional mirrors.

At the Low Tech level, adaptive equipment for primary control is typically mechanical. Secondary controls may include switches, remote access or remote control.

Includes vehicle assessment (vehicle choice and options), occupational therapy, and recommendations for clients who plan to drive as passengers only.

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Program Type
**DRIVER REHABILITATION PROGRAMS**

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**COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION**

**MEDICALLY-BASED ASSESSMENT**

**EDUCATION AND REFERRAL**

**SPECIALIZED EVALUATION AND TRAINING**

**Driver Rehabilitation Programs** (Includes Driver Evaluation)

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Instructs/reviews driver and provides education, counseling and referrals.

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