

## TAXI SMART CARD PROGRAM

### What is the Taxi Smart Card Program?

The Taxi Smart Card Program is a collaboration between **NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA)** and the **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)** that offers disabled residents of **Canarsie/Flatlands** (Brooklyn CD 18) and **Astoria** (Queens CD 1) an alternative to Access-A-Ride.

Through the use of a pre-loaded **Taxi Smart Card (TSC)** eligible participants will have access to funds that can be used for the fare in yellow taxicabs and for livery car services.

### Who is eligible to participate?

Only residents with disabilities of **Canarsie/Flatlands** (Brooklyn CD 18) and **Astoria** (Queens CD 1).

### How does it work?

Enrollees will contribute \$12.50, towards the Taxi Smart Card and the program will contribute \$87.50 for a total of \$100.00 Taxi Smart Card. **The TSC is limited to transportation in taxi cabs and livery cars only.** After the initial reload each participant can reload the card 4 more times with an out-of-pocket expense of \$12.50 for each reload for a maximum benefit to the participant of \$437.50.

### How do participants make contributions?

Once enrolled in the program the staff will guide participants through the process.

Participants will be able to make contributions by sending a money order. Activation of new cards and reloads to existing cards will be processed after the money order clears.

### Where can participants go?

The Taxi Smart Card gives participants the freedom to use taxi services for transport to the same places that Access-A-Ride would have taken them and many other places!

Participants can use the TSC to take taxis to doctor's appointments, visit relatives and/or friends, use taxis for transport to supermarkets or shopping centers, etc. The Taxi Smart Card Program will be a wonderful resource for coverage during off-peak periods, nights, weekends and for trips that don't fit into regular NYC MTA transit or Access-A-Ride routes.

### Who are the taxi and livery service providers in my area?

Once enrolled in the program, you will receive a welcome package that will include a telephone directory with livery service providers in your area.

For more information, please call DFTA at (212) 442-3026 or MOPD at (212) 788-2830