

ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

There are approximately 100 volunteer drivers that commit endless hours and miles to the program, assisting individuals in need of transportation, whether it be to a medical appointment or a social service appointment. Currently, we serve the Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties though you may find yourself travelling anywhere in the state and, sometimes, even out of state to Boston.

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ABOUT PENQUIS

A part of our mission at Penquis is to help individuals and families prevent, reduce, or eliminate poverty in their lives.

By achieving our mission, our vision is to see a poverty-free Maine, where all people lead healthy lives.

To help us achieve this goal, we need volunteers to help these individuals attend their medical and social service appointments to become happier and healthier.

PENQUIS

VOLUNTEER WITH US.

**DRIVE
TODAY**



WHO DRIVES?

Volunteer Drivers are the key to transporting our Maine neighbors and community members to routine medical appointments for a healthier Maine. On any give day, Penquis works with over 100 drivers to successfully complete 1,000+ trips.

WHAT'S REQUIRED?

To qualify as a driver, you must be:

- At least 21
- Have a valid Maine drivers license
- Pass criminal, DHHS, and BMV background checks
- Have a reliable vehicle: must be registered, insured and pass state inspection

WHAT ARE VOLUNTEERS RESPONSIBILITIES?

Safely transport consumers that use Penquis Transportation Services and be a dependable resource.

CONNECT WITH DRIVERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

There are many driver events throughout the year where you can socialize and interact with other volunteers.



DRIVER BENEFITS

Flexible Scheduling

Select scheduled drive times that work for you. Volunteers typically commit to 4-8 hour shifts on days when they are available. We operate 7 days a week, allowing you to fit in some volunteer time into your busy schedule!

Training

Free trainings offered to drivers, in addition to required trainings such as:

- Pre-service orientation
- Defensive Driving
- Children's Transportation, and
- Use of Information Technology

Mileage Reimbursement

Drivers are reimbursed for the use of their vehicle. Penquis Transportation currently reimburses drivers \$0.62*/per mile for most miles. Mileage is reimbursed from the time you leave your home until the time you return home. Payments for reimbursement are sent out every two weeks.

*Our reimbursement rate varies based on the IRS standard mileage rate and will fluctuate year to year.

A STRONGER MAINE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Reliable transportation can be a challenge in Maine. This challenge grows when medical appointments are effected, potentially leading to poor health.

Volunteer drivers ease the burden of transportation for so many Mainers by stepping in to offer solutions.

Every time Penquis Transportation picks someone up, Maine gets healthier.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

There are opportunities to gain new skills and polish them while driving.

Customer service, training in use of information technology, time management, and communication skills are just a few of the areas that drivers grow in working as a volunteer driver.