

TRANSPORTATION

Living with HIV often means regular visits to doctors, clinics and pharmacies. You may also have to meet with a case manager, go to support groups and regularly attend other services.

Lack of transportation should never prevent you from accessing care or other services. Resources are available to help you get around Los Angeles County. Many of these services do not charge.

Using these resources can mean the difference between accessing services or doing without them. These resources can also save you money and reduce the stress you may experience while driving.

What Services Are Available?

- > **Metro tokens.** The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) runs more than 2,000 buses and 62 Metro Rail stations throughout Los Angeles County. Each token equals one ride on all of these systems.
- > **Bus passes.** Passes provide unlimited rides on various transportation systems, including MTA. All MTA bus lines can be accessed through wheelchair lifts or ramps. Other systems include the Big Blue Bus in Santa Monica, Culver City Bus, Foothill Transit, Long Beach Transit and Antelope Valley Transit.
- > **Taxi vouchers.** If you are unable to access public transportation or do not have a ride, you may be eligible for free taxi rides to medical appointments, dental appointments, or other HIV-related services. Reservations in advance are required.
 - > **Agency vans.** Some agencies providing HIV-related services offer van rides to help clients get to their HIV-related appointments or to participate in other activities.

How Do You Access Services?

If you are a client of an HIV-service organization, ask to speak with your case manager or with the agency's transportation department.

Visit www.hivla.org for the most up-to-date Transportation listings.

If transportation services are not delivered appropriately, please contact OAPP's warmline @ (800) 260-8787.