



MATBUS Discount Fare

for Persons with Disabilities

This application form is used by MATBUS to determine discount fare eligibility for persons with disabilities on MATBUS Fixed Route Bus System in the cities of Fargo/West Fargo, North Dakota and Moorhead/Dilworth, Minnesota.

MATBUS sends a form to verify your disability to the professional you identify on the authorization form. A final determination of eligibility will occur within 21 days of receiving the application form, authorization form, and professional verification form. **Some information requested on this application is optional, this includes date of birth and gender and is not used as a basis for determining eligibility for discount fare.**

A complete application includes:

Application Form

Authorization Forms: 1. **General Authorization Form** 2. **Sanford Authorization Form**

Applicants need to complete the Sanford Authorization Form if their medical provider is from Sanford in addition to the General Authorization Form.

Send Completed Applications to: MATBUS, 650 23rd St. N. Fargo ND 58102
or Fax: 701-241-8558

Please contact us if you have any questions or need help completing the application at 701-241-8140, TDD/Relay 7-1-1

Please print your answers to the following questions

1. **Are you applying for discount-fare on MATBUS fixed route due to a disability?** Yes No

If you want to apply for MAT Paratransit service for people who are unable to use MATBUS independently due to a disability, please complete the Paratransit application form. This form is for discount-fare on the fixed route only.

2. **Does this disability prevent you from using MATBUS Fixed Route Bus Service independently?** For instance: to use Fixed Route Services, you may need to travel up to 1/4 mile (3 blocks) to a bus stop, wait outside for up to 10 minutes, and be able to navigate the city (recognize destinations, understand transfers, distinguish between vehicles). Yes No

(If Yes, or sometimes please complete the Paratransit application)

3. **Is this disability temporary?** Yes No

(If Yes, discount-fare is not provided for temporary disabilities)

4. **Last Name**

First Name **Middle Initial**

5. **Address**

City **State** **Zip**

6. **Phone** **Gender** Male Female (Optional)

7. **Date of Birth** / / (Optional)

8. List the name of one person or agency we may contact in case of an emergency

Name Agency
 Phone Day Evening

9. Do you have a Medicare card (red, white and blue card)? Yes No

(If yes, please include a copy of the card with this application.)

10. Do you have a physical or mental impairment? Physical Mental Both

11. Please explain how your disability impacts major life functions (e.g. work, walking, learning, hearing, speaking, seeing, breathing, caring for self, performing manual tasks)

12. I hereby certify the information given above is correct.

Signature

Date

13. If someone other than the person requesting Discount Fare completed this application, please complete the following:

Name Agency/Relationship to Applicant
 Address
 Cell Phone Work Phone
 Signature Date / /

14. If we have questions on your application, we will contact you. Would you rather we contact the person/agency who filled out the application on your behalf listed above?

Yes No

** By answering yes, you are authorizing MATBUS staff and the person listed above to discuss your medical information.*

15. If approved, would you like to opt in to receive non-official correspondence such as newsletters and promotional information by email?

Yes No

E-Mail

Under 49 USC 5307(d)(1)(D), recipients of Federal Transit Administration funding must ensure that “elderly and disabled individuals, or an individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual” are charged not more than half the peak fare during non-peak hours. While many transit operators extend this discount to include peak hour service, they are not required to do so. Title 49 of the United States Code, Chapter 53.

DISCOUNT FARE AUTHORIZATION FORM

Name of Applicant:

Date of Birth: / / (Optional) Phone Number:

Address:

PLEASE READ:

In order to allow MATBUS to evaluate your eligibility for Discount Fare for persons with disabilities, it is necessary for us to contact a physician or other professional with access to your medical records to confirm the information you provided on your application. If you do not allow MATBUS to contact your physician or other professional, we will not be able to process your request. Please include this Authorization Form completed by you with your application.

→ **If you have a Sanford medical provider, you will need to complete the Sanford Authorization form in addition to this form.**

The person listed below is familiar with my disability and is authorized to complete the Professional Verification form MATBUS requires to determine my qualifications for the Discount Fare for persons with disabilities. Once this information is provided to MATBUS, it may be subject to redisclosure and no longer protected by the privacy rule.

FILL IN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A PHYSICIAN OR PROFESSIONAL WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH YOUR DISABILITY - PLEASE PRINT

The individual listed below is a:

- Physician
- Health Care Professional
- Rehabilitation Professional
- Social Service Agency Professional with access to medical records

→ **NOTE:** Any medical fees associated with providing this information are the responsibility of the applicant or client, and not the Cities of Fargo or Moorhead or MATBUS.

Physician's or Professional's Name:

Clinic or Business Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Work Phone: FAX:

The application process can go faster if the professional's fax number is available.

I understand I have a right to revoke authorization. This authorization will expire automatically 12 months from the date of signature **OR** on (date/event) / /

Date:

Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative



Authorization for Disclosure of Protected Health Information

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| Internal use only Sanford Health MRN | Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Full Address: _____ Phone Number: _____ Maiden/Previous Names _____ |
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Instructions: Fill out each section of the form in its entirety. Failure to do so may delay processing of your request.

Release Information From:

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| Name/Facility: Sanford Health Systems |
| Address: PO Box MC |
| City, State, Zip: Fargo, ND 58122 |
| Phone: _____ |

Release Information To:

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| Name/Facility: Metro Area Transit |
| Address: 650 23rd St. N. |
| City, State, Zip: Fargo, ND 58102 |
| Phone: 701-235-4464 |

Purpose of Release:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Medical Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Comp | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Determination | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Claim | <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Insurance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>At my request</u> | |

Delivery Method: Date information desired by: ASAP

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| Release Format: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fax (as appropriate) Fax #: <u>701-241-8558</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> USB | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic via My Sanford Chart Patient Portal | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Release to ALL My Sanford Chart Proxies | |

Information to be Released:

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| Service Dates: From: _____ To: _____ OR <input type="checkbox"/> all future records until this authorization expires | |
| NOTE: This authorization expires one year from the date of my signature unless I specify a different event, purpose or alternative expiration date here: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract (history & physical, discharge summary, operative reports, consults, outpatient visit notes, test results, labs, ER notes, provider notes related to specific timeframe). | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge Summary | <input type="checkbox"/> ER Records <input type="checkbox"/> History & Physical <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic Visit Notes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological Evals/Assmts | <input type="checkbox"/> EKG/Cardiology Reports <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization Records <input type="checkbox"/> Operative Reports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lab / Pathology Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology Images <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology reports <input type="checkbox"/> Entire Medical Record (charge may apply) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billing Statements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>MATBUS Transportation Verification Form</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/Drug Treatment Records | _____ |

I AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF ALL ALCOHOL AND / OR DRUG TREATMENT RECORDS THAT ARE PART OF THE RECORDS I SPECIFIED ABOVE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BELOW:

X Do not release alcohol or drug treatment records protected under federal law.

I may revoke this authorization at any time by sending written notice to the facility/provider releasing records. A revocation is not valid if (1) action was previously taken in reliance on this authorization, or (2) if this authorization was obtained as a condition for obtaining insurance coverage. I authorize the facility/provider to disclose medical information to the party identified in the "Release Information To" section. I understand this may include information regarding mental health, alcohol/drug use, and HIV treatment. I understand that once disclosed, information may be re-disclosed by the recipient and no longer protected. I understand this authorization is voluntary and that I may refuse to sign. Unless allowed by law, my refusal to sign will not affect my ability to obtain treatment, receive payment, or my eligibility for benefits

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| Signature (required) | Date Signed (required) |
| Relationship, If Not Patient | |