

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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EXPLANATION – Matter *in italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

NAC 706.861 Eligibility. (NRS 427A.070)

1. A resident of this State who is:
 - (a) At least 60 years of age; or
 - (b) Permanently disabled by a physical or mental condition that materially limits or contributes to limiting his activities or functioning,

is eligible to participate in the program. Before he may purchase a coupon, he must register with the Aging *and Disability* Services Division and provide proof of his domicile, which may include proof of residency for voting, a bill from a utility, an affidavit of residency or any other form of proof approved by the Division.
2. He must also provide proof of his:
 - (a) Age, which may include any recognized form of identification containing a picture of the holder, a certificate of birth, baptism or marriage or any other form of proof approved by the Aging *and Disability* Services Division; or
 - (b) Disability, which may include:
 - (1) A certificate from a physician;
 - (2) A certificate from the Bureau of Services to Persons Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired or the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, the Nevada Association for the Handicapped or Opportunity Village; or
 - (3) Any other form of proof approved by the Division.
3. Any eligible person who was a participant in the program but who has not purchased coupons for 2 years or more must register in the manner provided in this section before he may purchase coupons.
4. *“Household” defined. “Household” means an applicant and the spouse of the applicant.*
5. *For the purposes of determining household income, the Division:*
 - (a) *Will calculate the monthly household income for the month in which an application is filed with the Division and multiply that number by 12; or*
 - (b) *May, if the household income fluctuates from month to month:*
 - (1) *Add the monthly household income over a period of at least 2 months;*
 - (2) *Divide the sum calculated pursuant to subparagraph (1) by the number of months within the period described in subparagraph (1); and*
 - (3) *Multiply the quotient calculated pursuant to subparagraph (2) by 12.*
6. *To determine the gross monthly income of an applicant or a recipient, any income excluded pursuant to NAC 427A.408 during the month on which the determination is based*

must be subtracted from the total amount of income received by the applicant or recipient for that month.

7. All income, except income excluded pursuant to NAC 427A.408, must be verified, documented and counted in determining the eligibility of an applicant or the continued eligibility of a recipient.

8. An applicant or a recipient shall, prior to the purchase of the next coupon booklets after a change:

(a) Report to the Division all changes in his income.

(b) Ensure that all income and verification of that income is reported to the Division.

NAC 706.861a Enrollment in Program

1. A person may apply for enrollment in Senior Ride by completing an application and submitting it in a manner The Division determines appropriate. If an applicant meets the criteria for eligibility listed in NAC 706.861 and funds are available, the Division will authorize services for the applicant. The eligibility of a recipient must be reestablished annually or after any change in income status.

2. The Division may, at the discretion of the Administrator, increase or decrease the amount of coupon booklets an individual may purchase to insure program sustainability.

NAC 706.864 Coupons. (NRS 427A.070)

1. Coupons in denominations of \$1 or \$5 may be purchased by eligible participants ~~for 50 cents a coupon~~. Purchase price of the coupon will be dependent upon a multi-tier formula developed by the Division. The multi-tier formula will be based upon the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines designated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and therefore redetermined annually in March.

2. A coupon may be used to purchase service by a taxicab in the same manner as currency of the United States.

3. Certificate holders and their drivers shall accept the coupons in the same manner as currency of the United States.

4. The Aging and Disabilities Services Division will reimburse a participating holder of a certificate \$1 or \$5 depending upon denomination, for each authentic coupon submitted to the Division by the holder.

5. A coupon is not refundable and is void after the date of expiration printed on it.