

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

CUSTOMIZED COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION CCT CONNECT SERVICE

TARIFF NO. 229
SUPPLEMENT NO. 9

LOCAL RATES OF FARE AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FURNISHING OF PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION ON DEMAND-RESPONSIVE SERVICE: *ADA COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT PROGRAM*

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CHANGES MADE BY THIS TARIFF

- 1) The fare option of paying with two tokens plus one dollar has been changed to two tokens plus ninety cents.

(A) DEFINITIONS

- 1) **ADA** - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101-12213).
- 2) **ADA Complementary Paratransit** – demand-responsive, ride-shared transportation provided to persons with disabilities by transit agencies under the terms and conditions of U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Department of Justice regulations.
- 3) **Paratransit** – demand-responsive, ride-shared public transportation operating over the highway and street system and distinct from fixed guideway, regular fixed-route bus service, charter service and taxicab service. SEPTA Customized Community Transportation CCT CONNECT is a coordinated, ride-shared, advance reservation service targeted at the transportation disabled and senior citizen market and operating on an unconstrained route and purpose basis.
- 4) **Personal Care Attendant (“PCA”)** - an individual who must accompany a disabled person in order to provide personal care and assistance in life activities or travel, the requirement for which is that the use of a PCA be registered in advance with SEPTA’s ADA Complementary Paratransit service.
- 5) **Regular fixed route bus and/or light rail routes:** All service on fixed-route bus and light rail routes except commuter, express, shuttle, closed-door, or limited-hour service.
- 6) **Ride-sharing (or shared-ride) service:** coordinated or co-mingled demand-responsive service; public paratransit service in which passengers with different origins and/or destinations share the same vehicle, as opposed to exclusive-ride taxicab service.
- 7) **Shared -Ride Program** - ride-shared, non-emergency public paratransit service for senior citizens, by advance reservation, funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery Fund and managed by a County Coordinator under an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Act 36 of 1991. (Provision of this service in Philadelphia County by SEPTA is governed by SEPTA Tariff 146.)
- 8) **Closed-door service** - vehicle operation to and from a specific location where the door remains closed and no pickups or drop-offs are made in the intervening area.

(B) FARES

- 1) A FOUR DOLLAR (\$4.00) cash base fare or TWO VALID SEPTA TOKENS PLUS NINETY CENTS (\$0.90) or a valid WEEKLY or MONTHLY ZONE 2 TRAILPASS entitles an ADA Complementary Paratransit-eligible and properly identified individual to a one-way trip from any point of origin to any point of destination within the service area. Fares are paid to the vehicle operator upon boarding.

- a) An additional Inter-County Charge of \$1.00 for each additional county, for each single one-way ADA Complementary Paratransit trip extending more than three miles into another county, applies.
 - b) An additional Zone Charge of \$1.00 for each 10 mile trip segment or portion thereof, beyond the initial 10 miles traveled, for each single one-way trip within Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties, applies.
- 2) All eligible disabled individuals must present a valid ADA Complementary Paratransit Identification Card to the vehicle operator with payment of fare. Upon request, the identification card holder must identify himself or herself to the satisfaction of the vehicle driver. Identification cards may be used only by the person to whom issued, and must be kept in the possession of the passenger during the entire trip. Upon boarding and exiting, the passenger or his/her designate may be required to pass the identification card through a reading device where vehicle equipment is operable to do so.
 - 3) One (1) Companion may, by advance reservation, accompany an eligible disabled individual on ADA Complementary Paratransit from the same point of origin to the same point of destination at the same reduced fare per person as the eligible patron. Additional companions may be transported at the same reduced fare per person as the eligible patron, always provided that space is available for them on the vehicle carrying the ADA Complementary Paratransit-eligible individual and that transportation of the additional individuals will not result in a denial of service to ADA Complementary Paratransit-eligible individuals. All companions shall have the same origin and destination as the eligible individual.
 - 4) One (1) Personal Care Attendant (PCA), the need for whom must be identified in the ADA Complementary Paratransit registration process as necessary to accompany the disabled rider from the same point of origin to the same point of destination, may ride free of charge when accompanying that rider on ADA Complementary Paratransit.

(C) SERVICE AREA

ADA Complementary ParaTransit Service

- 1) Five-County Region SEPTA ADA Complementary Paratransit service will be provided on a ride-shared, advance-reservation basis anywhere within the city limits of Philadelphia. In accordance with USDOT ADA regulations, within Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties, service will be provided to origins and destinations within $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. corridors on both sides of regular SEPTA fixed route bus and light rail routes, and within a $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. radius from the end point of the route to the parallel sides of the corridor.
- 2) SEPTA will not provide ADA paratransit service outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction(s) in which it is legally authorized to operate.
- 3) Whenever any street forms the boundary of the service area, both sides of the street, and the

facilities which open directly on said street, shall be considered to be within the service area. Within the Pottstown Urban Transit, Inc. [“PUT”] operating area, and in between operating areas designated above, SEPTA service is provided on a closed-door basis only.

- 4) Agency-purchased service will be provided as arranged within Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties, subject to the conditions of agreement, as outlined below in Section (H).

(D) TRANSFERS/FEEDER SERVICE

- 1) Other than the fares described herein, no charge will be made for ADA Complementary Paratransit trips requiring change(s) to other SEPTA CCT CONNECT vehicle(s) enroute.
- 2) The ADA Complementary Paratransit fare will be waived for SEPTA ADA Complementary Paratransit service provided as feeder service to or from SEPTA’s regular fixed route transportation for a registered ADA Complementary Paratransit rider and, if any, the accompanying Personal Care Attendant and/or companion(s).

(E) CHILDREN

No special reduced rates of fares are made for children. Children may be considered among the non-eligible companions to an ADA Complementary Paratransit-eligible rider, or if ADA Complementary Paratransit-eligible, shall pay the regular per trip revenue.

(F) CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

- 1) SEPTA ADA Complementary Paratransit service is provided as non-exclusive, ride-shared service. All trip requests are accommodated *in the order received, with unrestricted trip purpose and frequency, and with unprioritized disability, trip purpose, origin or destination.*
- 2) No same-day or emergency service shall be provided.
- 3) The primary priority of this program is to provide for the transportation needs of persons with disabilities who are functionally unable to use and/or access SEPTA’s fixed-route transportation (regular bus) system.
- 4) Passenger requests for service must include the passenger's name, origin and destination, travel times, Paratransit Identification Number and appropriate information necessary to schedule the trip.

(G) FREE TRANSPORTATION

The following persons will be carried on SEPTA’s ADA Complementary Paratransit service at no charge:

Disabled SEPTA employees, or disabled SEPTA retirees, presenting valid SEPTA picture ID transportation passes and ADA Complementary Paratransit ID Cards.

(H) AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICE TO CLIENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

The terms of any agreement with a social service agency for the provision of paratransit service to its clients shall be negotiated or bid by SEPTA so as to recover all costs for such service, and shall not be restricted by the base fare or any other individual fare or charge (or exemption from fare or charge) expressed for individuals elsewhere in this tariff.