



Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program Van Options Policy

There are two van options for families to consider once it has been determined that the claimant is wheelchair dependent and requires an accessible van. These options are as follows:

- 1) The Program will provide a Ford Club Wagon 150, which is a full sized van, equipped with manual wheelchair tie downs and an electric wheelchair lift. This option requires no out-of-pocket cost to the family, unless they go through the Ford dealership to obtain additional non-standard options. These options would be paid for by the family directly to the dealer.
- 2) The Program will provide an amount of money equivalent to the cost of the standard Ford van, allowing the family to choose another type of wheelchair accessible van. This vehicle must be approved by the Program before the funds will be released. All monies must be paid directly to the dealer.

The Program's van agreement, which requires the Program to be listed as the primary lien holder, must be completed prior to delivery of a van. In situations where a van previously purchased by the Program is being replaced, this van must be released to the Program at the time the Family takes possession of a new van. The family is not entitled to retain the funds received for trade-in of an old van, nor can this value be added to the allowable amount for van purchase.

In situations where the family has invested funds toward the van purchase, a prorated return on their investment may be available based on the sale price of the used van.

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***Note:** The Dec. 9, 2003 revision was necessitated due to a lack of availability of the modified Dodge minivans meeting the Program's requirements. These vans are sporadically available and other manufacturer vans are also generally available.*