

VEHICLE PURCHASES

The purchase of vehicles for a consumer is allowable only when the occupation of the consumer will require a vehicle as occupational equipment. The Department may not purchase a vehicle for the routine need for transportation to and from a place of employment. Occupational equipment is defined as equipment required to perform the essential functions of the job once consumers have arrived at their work stations. If consumers are required to travel to alternate work sites this does not constitute a vehicle as occupational equipment as in the case of a rehabilitation counselor traveling to surrounding counties.. These consumers could access other modes of transportation such as the mass transit system, the state motor pool, co-workers, etc. Once consumers actually arrive at their work sites, occupational equipment consists of whatever is needed to actually perform the job.