

## Available Transportation Options for Older Adults in Somerville

You must be able to meet the driver outside your home as these options do not provide chair to car services

| <b>SCM Door2Door</b>   | <b>Cataldo Ambulance</b>  | <b>MBTA The Ride</b>  |
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| <b>Who Can Use It?</b>   | <b>Who Can Use It?</b>  | <b>Who Can Use It?</b>  |
| Residents of Somerville and Cambridge ages 62 and older or are living with a disability<br>Wheel chair and scooter accessible  | Older adults<br>Wheel chair and scooter accessible  | Any Massachusetts resident who is living with a disability that prevents them from using other transportation<br>Wheel chair and scooter accessible |
| <b>What Is It Used For?</b>  | <b>What Is It Used For?</b>   | <b>What Is It Used For?</b>   |
| Council on Aging Meal Sites<br>"Medical Dial-A-Ride"<br><i>Transportation to medical appointments</i><br>"Paul's Ride"<br><i>Visit a loved one in the hospital</i>                                     | Elders on the Move Program<br>Transport for non-emergency rides<br>CHA Network patient transportation | Medical appointments, visits to SCOA, going to the grocery store, going to activities   |
| <b>How Can I Sign Up?</b>  | <b>How Can I Sign Up?</b>   | <b>How Can I Sign Up?</b>   |
| If you are a client of Somerville Cambridge Elder Services Homecare, contact Somerville Cambridge Elder Services<br>If you are not a client of SCES Homecare, contact SCM Door2Door Reservation Center | If you are a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance network, contact CHA                             | Call the Ride Eligibility Center to request an application and schedule an interview. Call 617-337-2727   |
| A letter from a doctor or physician <b>is not</b> required   |   | Bring the following information to your interview:  |

Note that CHA network patients will be redirected to Cataldo Ambulance for medical related transportation

- Your phone number (home, cell, work, emergency)
- Your street and mailing addresses
- Your health care provider contact information (name, phone, fax)
- Visual Acuity or Field of Vision Statement from your vision care provider, if your vision is impaired
- Diagnosis and statement from your mental health care provider, if you have a psychiatric condition

*PLEASE NOTE: You may have to schedule an appointment with your primary care physician, eye doctor, or mental health care provider or neurologist for complete evaluations in your application.*

**How Much Does It Cost?**

If you are using SCM for meals, a medical appointment or visiting someone in the hospital, SCM is available at no cost.

Voluntary donations based on usage are greatly appreciated

Private, individual appointments will be a separate rate

**How Much Does It Cost?**

For riders who have Medicare but are not Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) members, the cost depends on the length of the ride and if you need chair to car assistance services. The average cost is about \$75 each way

**How Much Does It Cost?**

Premium fare is \$5 for a one-way ride

ADA-fare is \$3 for a one-way ride

You must have funds in your RIDE account to schedule a trip. To add to your account you can:

**Call:** 888-844-0355

7 AM - 8 PM Monday through Friday and 9 AM - 5 PM. Saturday and Sunday, including holidays

**Send a check or money order.** Make checks or money orders payable to "MBTA - THE RIDE Fares" and **note your RIDE ID#** in the memo portion of your check or money order. **Allow five (5) business days for posting. Mail to:** MBTA - THE RIDE Fares, 10 Park Plaza - Rm. 5000, Boston, MA 02116

**In- Person:** Visit the CharlieCard Store at Downtown Crossing Station anytime Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5:30 PM  
The Ride accepts MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express credit cards and debit cards supported by MasterCard or Visa

**How Do I Make An Appointment?**

Appointments can be made up to 2 weeks in advance

If you are a SCES Homecare client, Contact Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services or the SCOA to make an appointment:

SCES: 617-628-2601

SCOA: 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

**How Do I Make An Appointment?**

If you are a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance, call CHA to set up an appointment

For non-members, call Cataldo

**Call:** 617-625-0042

**How Do I Make An Appointment?**

**Call:** 888-319-7433 or 888-920-7433

8:30 AM - 5 PM, 7 days per week, including holidays. *Trips may be booked from 1-14 days in advance*

Thursday evenings can be booked on request  
Trips may be booked from one to fourteen days in advance

When you make your appointment, please inform The Ride if you will be using a wheelchair or other mobile device that requires a vehicle to accommodate it

If you **are not** a SCES Homecare client, call SCM Door2Door:  
**Call:** 617-625-1191 and press "0" or ask to speak with a representative

**Website for More Information**

<http://www.scmtransportation.org/>

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[http://www.cataldoambulance.com/pages/services\\_nonemerg.html](http://www.cataldoambulance.com/pages/services_nonemerg.html)

**Website for More Information**

[http://www.mbta.com/riding\\_the\\_t/accessable\\_services/default.asp?id=7108#Eligibility](http://www.mbta.com/riding_the_t/accessable_services/default.asp?id=7108#Eligibility)

***PLEASE NOTE: You may have to wait for pick up, which can be delayed. If you need to get to an appointment by a certain time, you may want to schedule your Ride pick up early so you are not delayed. Please be sure you are ready to leave when The Ride arrives.***

A 20% discount on fares for Green Cab and Yellow Cab are available to older adults who are Somerville Residents. **Call 617-625-5000** to schedule a pick up.