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METRO AREA TRANSIT

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ADA PARATRANSIT ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Customer:

Thank you for inquiring about eligibility for our “ADA Paratransit” service. Enclosed is a copy of an ADA Paratransit Application Form. **Please read this and the enclosed material carefully before completing the application.**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires MAT to provide equivalent public transportation to individuals with disabilities that cannot board, ride or get to an accessible fixed-route bus due to their disability. This service must be comparable to the service that is provided to individuals without disabilities. The law is very specific as to whom and under what circumstances eligibility may be granted to use Paratransit transportation. Paratransit eligibility is not automatically assumed because of a disability.

You or your designee must completely answer all questions. A detailed explanation of how your disability makes it functionally impossible for you to use an accessible bus is required and you must certify that information is complete and correct by signing and dating. You will also find a Medical/Professional Verification form to be completed by your physician or medical agency.

The application and the Medical/Professional Verification form must be completed and submitted together. If any sections are left blank the application will be returned to you as incomplete.

The information you provide in this application is confidential

All applicants, whether new or persons applying for recertification, must complete a new application. The ADA certification process may involve an in-person interview and/or functional assessment to determine your abilities to use Metro Area Transit’s fixed-route service.

If you are determined eligible for MOBY SERVICE, your eligibility will be for one of the following types or conditions:

1. **CONDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY:**

You are able to use the fixed route buses for **SOME** of your trips, and qualify for ADA Paratransit Service for other trips.

2. **UNCONDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY:**

Your disability or health condition always prevents you from using the fixed route buses and you qualify for ADA Paratransit for **ALL** of your trips.

3. TEMPORARY ELIGIBILITY:

You have a health condition or disability that **TEMPORARILY** prevents you from using the fixed route buses.

A determination is made based upon an individual's ability to board, ride and disembark independently from a fully accessible fixed-route vehicle. The terrain and architectural structure are also considered. It is important for all applicants to realize that this is a transportation decision, not a medical authorization.

Lack of MAT route service in an area or at specific schedule times does not qualify for MOBY eligibility. MOBY provides service within three-quarters of a mile outside of a MAT bus line where as the same routes and times of fixed-route bus services are available.

Completed applications will be processed within 21 days of receipt. You will be notified in writing of your eligibility status. If additional time is required to complete the evaluation and determination, you will be given temporary eligibility.

If you are determined **Not Eligible** for MOBY service, or are dissatisfied with your eligibility type you may appeal the decision. A written request to the **T.A.C.** board must be received within 60 days of the denial letter. Simply submit a letter stating that you wish to appeal the decision that was made and why you feel you should be eligible for MOBY service. Attach copies of any other pertinent information. The appeals recommendation is the final determination. You may only re-submit an application if your condition worsens. (MOBY) service will not be provided during the appeal process, unless the appeal process cannot be concluded within 30 days.

The **TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S (TAC)** Appeals Subcommittee is comprised of ten (10) persons who are local paratransit customers, transit bus customers, and other individuals who are knowledgeable of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The Transit Advisory Committee meets monthly and has been in existence since the summer of 1972.

Appeals must be in writing and forwarded to:

METRO AREA TRANSIT

Attn: Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

2222 Cuming St.

Omaha, Nebraska 68102

MOBY PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

1. Applicant's Name: _____
2. I declare that the applicant is capable of riding MOBY without being a danger to himself/herself, other passengers or because of his/her youth.
3. I agree that a personal care attendant to accompany the applicant is necessary if the client is not alert enough to be aware of surroundings due to physical and /or mental handicap.
4. If the applicant requires a personal care attendant, the care-provider / legal guardian must provide a responsible adult to accompany the applicant to and from the destination. The attendant will not be charged for the trip.
5. I agree to inform MOBY about any changes in equipment prior to scheduling of rides.
If the applicant changes to equipment which provides less assistance (example: from wheelchair to walker) a doctor's certificate is to be given to MOBY including the appropriateness, or reason, the new equipment is to be used.
6. I agree to inform MOBY about any change that makes the applicant ineligible for MOBY services.
7. Release of liability: It is understood by the undersigned applicant/applicant representative that MOBY, its officers, employees and their successors, insurers and assignees are released from liabilities and shall be held harmless from any and all law suits, claims, losses, liabilities or damages due to personal injuries or property damage to a client cause by his/her mental or physical disability, to and from his/her door to the vehicle, and to and from his/her destination.
8. The undersigned agrees to and will follow all of the conditions of this agreement.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:

_____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Phone _____

APPLICATION FOR MOBY SERVICES

It is important to complete all parts of the attached form. Applications that are not fully completed or clearly written will be returned, which will delay the eligibility process. Please print.

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Physical address (if different from mailing) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: (_____) _____ TDD/TTY: (_____) _____

Evening Phone: (_____) _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ Female _____ Male _____
MM DD YY

Primary Language: English _____ Other (please specify) _____

If this application has been completed by someone other than the applicant requesting certification, that person must complete the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Please indicate if this person should be contacted directly if additional information is requested.

Yes _____ No _____

Emergency Contact Person(s):

Name: _____ Day Phone: (_____) _____

(Primary Contact)

Relationship: _____ Evening Phone: (_____) _____

Name: _____ Day Phone: (_____) _____

(Secondary Contact)

Relationship: _____ Evening Phone: (_____) _____

About Your Disability

1. What type or types of disabilities prevent you from using standard bus service (check all that applies?)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> physical disability | <input type="checkbox"/> visual impairment/blindness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> developmental disability | <input type="checkbox"/> mental illness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other | <input type="checkbox"/> none |

2. Are the conditions you described? ☐ Permanent ☐ Temporary

If temporary, how long do you expect to have this disability? ____/____/____ (Date)

3. Which of the following mobility aides, if any do you use to help you get where you need to go?

(Please check all that apply.)

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> cane | <input type="checkbox"/> extra-large wheelchair | <input type="checkbox"/> prosthesis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> long white cane | <input type="checkbox"/> power wheelchair | <input type="checkbox"/> communication board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> portable oxygen | <input type="checkbox"/> manual wheelchair | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> walker | <input type="checkbox"/> power scooter/cart | <input type="checkbox"/> none |
| <input type="checkbox"/> crutches | <input type="checkbox"/> service animal | |

4. Do you use a manual or power wheelchair or scooter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How wide is it? _____ inches How long is it? _____ inches

How much does your wheelchair or scooter weigh when in use _____ pounds.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 defines a common wheelchair as no more than 30 inches wide, 48 inches long, when measured 2 inches above the ground and weighing no more than 600 pounds when occupied.

If your mobility device exceeds these dimensions, the ADA does not guarantee paratransit service.

It is the applicant's responsibility to know the dimensions of their mobility device and whether it exceeds the definition of a common wheelchair.

5. Are you able to wait 15 minutes at a public stop with your mobility device?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

6. Can you transfer from your wheelchair to a seat in a vehicle?

Yes _____ No _____

7. Are you sensitive to heat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

8. Are you sensitive to cold? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

9. Do other weather/lighting conditions (wind, dusk/dark and or glare) affect your disability?

If yes, please explain:

10. Is your breathing affected by weather or environmental conditions?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "yes" or "sometimes", please explain:

11. Does your disability change after medical treatment/ medications?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If “yes” or “sometimes”, please explain:

12. Are there any other comments or additional information relating to your disability that you would like to explain or we should be aware of?

Traveling To and From Bus Stops

1. Are you able to recognize printed information?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If “no” or “sometimes”, please explain:

2. Are you able to cross streets by yourself?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If “no” or “sometimes”, please explain:

3. Are you able to travel or get around by yourself after dark? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If “no” or “sometimes”, please explain:

4. Are you able to travel by yourself along sidewalks and other pedestrian ways?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

5. Are you capable and comfortable getting around in a store or shopping mall by yourself?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

6. Under the best of conditions what is the farthest you can walk (or travel using your mobility aid) without the help of another person?

☐ Less than 1 block

☐ 6 blocks

☐ 1 block

☐ More than 6 blocks

☐ 2 blocks (1/4 mile)

☐ I cannot travel outdoors alone

☐ 4 blocks (1/2 mile)

7. Are you able to detect curbs and other drop offs? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

8. Are you able to reach and return from your neighborhood bus stop independently?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

9. Are you able to wait outside without assistance or support for fifteen (15) minutes?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

10. Are there barriers that prevent you from getting to and from the bus stop?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "yes" or "sometimes", please explain:

11. Are you able to leave and return to your regular destinations (local bus stops) independently?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

12. Are you able to travel on flat surfaces in good weather? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

13. Are you able to travel on slight inclines in good weather? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

14. Could you wait if there were a seat or bus shelter? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

15. Could you wait if there was not a seat or bus shelter? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

16. Could you pay the fare by putting coins or tickets in the fare box, or by showing a pass to the bus driver? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

17. Are you able to independently call and make or cancel trip reservations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "no", explain

18. Can you wait alone at you residence and places to which you travel? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "no", explain

19. Could you independently ride in a taxi if one were provided? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "no", explain

20. How long are you able to wait for a bus to arrive? _____ minutes.

21. Are you able to give addresses and telephone numbers upon request?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

22. Are you able to ask for, understand and follow directions? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

23. Are you able to deal with unexpected situations or changes in routine?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

Boarding and Exiting the Bus

1. Do you now use regular route service?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "yes" "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

2. Are you able to recognize changes in your mental/emotional state that prevents you from using regular route service? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

3. Do you have to go up and down steps in your home or residence?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

4. Can you safely and independently walk up and down three (3) 12 inch steps?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

5. Are you able to board, ride, or exit a wheelchair accessible bus without assistance?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

6. Are you able to grasp handles or railing while boarding or exiting a bus?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

7. Are you able to board or exit a vehicle if it has a lift or kneeler that lowers the front of the bus?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes

If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

8. Are you able to get on and off a bus without assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes
If "no" or "sometimes", please explain:

9. Have you ever had training to learn how to travel around the community or how to use the fixed-route buses?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Service Delivery

Do you require the services of a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) when you travel? (This person is not a companion or escort, but someone who will be helping you with mobility assistance, personal care, communication, transportation, sign language interpretation, providing services as a reader, etc., as you make your trip).

Yes _____ No _____:

Please give **Personal Care Attendant** name. _____

Please give **Personal Care Attendant** name. _____

<p>(In order for your Personal Care Attendant to ride with you at no charge, you must inform the MOBY office staff that you will be accompanied by a Personal Care Attendant when making your ride request. The Personal Care Attendant is then responsible for assisting you, not Metro Area Transit (MOBY).</p>
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Release of Information

I, the applicant, understand that the purpose of this application is to determine my eligibility to use Metro Area Transit (MOBY) paratransit service. I hereby authorize my health care professional to release information about my disability and its affect on my ability to travel, which may be needed in connection with my request for ADA paratransit eligibility certification.

I agree to notify Metro Area Transit (MOBY) paratransit service of any changes in status of my disability that affects my ability to use paratransit service.

I hereby certify that the information in this application is true and correct. I understand that falsification of the information may result in denial of service. I understand all information will be kept confidential and only the information required providing the service I request will be disclosed

I hereby certify that I am the individual requesting certification for ADA paratransit service and that all information contained in this application is true and accurate:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

If the applicant is a minor or has a legal guardian the parent or guardian must sign this Application, and attest to the accuracy of the information contained herein.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:

_____ Date: _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Phone _____

The next part of the application must be filled out by a health care or human services professional who is familiar with the applicant's disabling condition and/ or functional limitation.

In the space provided below, CLEARLY PRINT the name of the Professional who will be verifying your application, and specify his/her position.

Name of professional _____

Professional affiliation:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> licensed physician | <input type="checkbox"/> licensed physical therapist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> licensed occupational therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> licensed social worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nurse (LPN or RN) | <input type="checkbox"/> certified psychologist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> certified rehabilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> speech pathologist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vision specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> orientation/ mobility specialist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> audiologist/ hearing specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatrist, psychologist or mental health counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ophthalmologist | |

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Physician's Verification of Disability

**THIS PORTION OF THE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY AN
APPROPRIATE MEDICAL, CERTIFIED OR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL WHO IS
TREATING THE APPLICANT**

Dear Health Care Professional:

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires public transit agencies to provide paratransit service to people whose disabilities prevent them from using a bus some or all of the time. Disability alone and distance to and from a bus stop **DO NOT**, by themselves, qualify a person for MOBY. Inconvenience and/or decreased comfort **ARE NOT** a basis for qualification. The client's condition must **PREVENT** travel by bus. The information you provide will enable us to make an appropriate determination for this applicant. All information will be kept confidential. *Thank you for your assistance.*

Client Name _____

Please do not list "diagnosis" as the reason the applicant needs paratransit curb to curb service. We need detailed information about how the condition or disability makes it functionally impossible for the applicant to utilize our city buses. Our evaluation is a transportation decision, not a medical authorization.

The law is very specific as to whom and under what circumstances eligibility may be granted to use MOBY paratransit transportation:

As of January 2001 all MAT city buses have ACCESSIBLE features:

- All are equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps, along with securement devices.
- Most buses have a kneeling capability. (Can be lowered to provide easier boarding)
- Approximately 30% of the buses have only one step up from the curb.
- Bus operators announce transfer points and all requested stops.
- Customer Service phone line(s) are available to provide bus schedule information and assist customers with their trip routing, including transfers between bus routes.

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Medical /Professional Verification

(not a request for copies of medical records)

Applicant's Name: _____

1. Please indicate date of your most recent examination of this applicant: ____/____/____

2. Based on your knowledge of the patient's condition, is the information provided on the previous pages a reasonable representation of his/her condition? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "no", please explain:

3. Does the applicant have the Mental Capacity to?

Give addresses and phone numbers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Recognize a destination or landmark?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Deal with unexpected change(s) in routine?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Ask for, understand and follow directions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Travel safely/effectively through crowded or complex facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. Specify which functional limitations are associated with this applicant's condition:

<input type="checkbox"/> mobility impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> ***cognitive impairment
<input type="checkbox"/> compromised endurance <input type="checkbox"/> muscular <input type="checkbox"/> respiratory	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> visual impairment <input type="checkbox"/> total <input type="checkbox"/> partial	
<input type="checkbox"/> hearing impairment <input type="checkbox"/> total <input type="checkbox"/> partial	

***If this individual has functional limitations due to cognitive impairment, please indicate any of the following issues that are pertinent to this individual:

☐ Cannot be left alone to wait for transportation
☐ Displays behavior that is unsafe for self or others using public transportation
☐ Cannot recognize vehicles that she/he should board

5. What is the severity of this individual's condition?

☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Profound ☐ Chronic

6. What is the expected duration of this individual's condition?

☐ Temporary: Approximate expected duration until ____/____/____

- ☐ Long Term: Potential for functional improvement or periods of remission
☐ Permanent: No expectation of functional improvement

7. Does the applicant have any other medical condition of which MOBY should be aware?
If yes, describe:

8. Please describe the impact this disability/condition has on the applicant's ability to use the city buses:

9. How far can the applicant walk without assistance? Please check.

- ☐ The length of one football field? (300 feet)
☐ Less than one city block? (500 feet)
☐ One length of a football field and back? (600 feet)
☐ One lap around a track? (1,320 feet)

10. Does the applicant use a mobility device? Please check all that apply.

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> cane | <input type="checkbox"/> extra-large wheelchair | <input type="checkbox"/> prosthesis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> long white cane | <input type="checkbox"/> power wheelchair | <input type="checkbox"/> communication board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> portable oxygen | <input type="checkbox"/> manual wheelchair | <input type="checkbox"/> none |
| <input type="checkbox"/> walker | <input type="checkbox"/> power scooter/cart | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> crutches | <input type="checkbox"/> service animal | |

11. How far can the applicant travel using a mobility device? Please check

- ☐ The length of one football field? (300 feet)
☐ Less than one city block? (500 feet)
☐ One length of a football field and back? (600 feet)
☐ One lap around a track? (1,320 feet)

12. Does the disability/condition prevent the applicant from getting to or from a bus stop?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes. If “yes” or “sometimes”, please explain:

13. Does the disability/condition prevent the application from waiting at a bus stop? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How long could the applicant wait, if sitting? _____ minutes.

How long could the applicant wait, if standing? _____ minutes.

How long could the applicant wait, using a mobility device? _____ minutes.

14. Does the disability/condition prevent the applicant from riding a wheelchair accessible bus?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes. If “yes” or “sometimes”, please explain:

15. Does weather affect the applicant’s ability to travel?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Sometimes. If “Yes” or “sometimes”, please explain:

16. Does the applicant have medically defined cold sensitivity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Above or below what temperatures? _____

If yes, please explain:

17. Does the applicant have medically defined heat sensitivity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Above or below what temperatures? _____

If yes, please explain:

Does The Applicant Require A Personal Care Attendant/Assistant When Traveling?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Visual Impairment Verification (Not a request for copies of medical records)

Capacity in which you know the applicant _____

Date of applicant's last visit ____/____/____

Please describe the applicant's disability/condition in layman's terminology:

What is the applicant's best corrected" vision in each eye? Right Eye: 20/____ Left Eye: 20/____

How long has the applicant had this visual impairment? _____

Is the applicant's visual impairment permanent? [☐] Yes [☐] No]

Is the applicant's visual impairment affected by various lighting conditions? [☐] Yes [☐] No]

If Yes, Describe: _____

Is the visual impairment affected by weather? _____ Yes No _____

If Yes, Describe: _____

Field Restriction: [R] _____ [L] _____ Date of testing: _____

Hearing Impairment Verification (Not a request for copies of medical records)

Capacity in which you know the applicant _____

Date of applicant's last visit ____/____/____

Please describe the applicant's disability/condition in layman's terminology: _____

If hearing impaired: what is the degree of discrimination for conventional speech

Without hearing aid(s) [R] _____ [L] _____ With hearing aid? R] _____ [L] _____

Cognitively Impairment Verification (Not a request for copies of medical records)

Capacity in which you know the applicant _____

Date of applicant's last visit ____/____/____

Please describe the applicant's disability/condition in layman's terminology: _____

If cognitively impaired: what are the most recently recorded IQ or Performance Test Scores and date of testing?

What was the onset date of these conditions? (Month/year) _____

If temporary, what is a reasonably anticipated recovery date for independent travel? ____/____/____

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information I have provided herein is a fair representation of this applicant's medical impairment or condition and is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information provided hereto will be used for the sole purpose of determining the applicant's eligibility for paratransit services. I also agree that Metro Area Transit may contact me for clarification of any information I have provided and I will reply in good faith.

I certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Physician's Full Name _____

Institution/Facility/Agency Name _____

Street _____ Suite# _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Medical License Number _____ Telephone# _____ Fax# _____

Physician's Signature _____ Date _____

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Date Certification Received ____/____/____

Certification Date: ____/____/____

Type

Conditional Eligibility _____

Unconditional Eligibility _____

Temporary Eligibility _____

Date Certification Denied ____/____/____

Denied Reason:

Appeal Received Date: ____/____/____

T.A.C. Board Received Date: ____/____/____

T.A.C. Board Decision: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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