

TriMet - ODDS Community Transportation Local Match Pilot

Effective August 1, 2026

What is New?

Starting August 1, 2026, people eligible for ODDS services who live in the TriMet transit district can use Medicaid Local Match to pay for rides in the community as part of a 3-month pilot.

You can use these rides for community transportation, including getting to and from work, employment services, and Day Support Activities (DSA) with no limit on the number of rides. These rides cannot be used to get to and from medical appointments, or for tasks and services related to medical claims as these should be covered under the individual's medical insurance.

Before this change, people could only use Local Match for rides to and from work or DSA. They were limited to 10 rides a week.

Why the change?

TriMet ended hand-to-hand service for people who are not on the Local Match roster on 6/30/2026. TriMet also ended the yearly and monthly LIFT pass for door-to-door service on 12/31/2025.

Expanding Local Match costs state and local government less.

This change makes rides easier to get for people who need a more direct level of service. Using one funding stream for work, DSA, and other community rides means people no longer need to keep track of which funding stream they are using when they need door-to-door service. It also means people will not be suspended by mistake for using the wrong one.

Key Changes

Transition to the Local Match Roster

Brokerages and CDDPs need to move eligible people to the Local Match roster as soon as possible. People who need hand-to-hand service must be on the roster by August 1, 2026, so their rides do not stop. Case management entities (CMEs) received an email with their list of eligible people the week of July 20 to July 24.

This lets people who qualify keep their door-to-door (LIFT) and hand-to-hand rides.

Hand-to-Hand Transportation

People who need hand-to-hand service must be on the Local Match roster to keep hand-to-hand level of service.

People who are new to Local Match and need hand-to-hand or door-to-door service will need an assessment through TriMet first. People who get hand-to-hand service now will keep getting it through the Local Match roster.

TriMet will speed up evaluations for people eligible for ODDS services who may need hand-to-hand service but are not approved for it yet. This is TriMet's usual process for deciding who qualifies. It is not an extra ODDS assessment.

Existing Monthly and Yearly LIFT Passes

TriMet will accept monthly and yearly passes bought before January 1, 2026, until they expire.

If people are eligible for Local Match and still have monthly or yearly passes, they **MUST** use those passes **BEFORE** being added to Local Match.

TriMet stopped selling these passes on January 1, 2026.

Using Stored-Value HOP Cards

You can still use stored value on a HOP card for door-to-door rides for community transportation. You may finish existing amounts on pre-loaded HOP cards for community transportation needs and then sign the person up for Local Match **AFTER** all funds have been dispersed.

Using Multiple Forms of Transportation

Case managers are responsible for documenting in plan the reason why multiple forms of transportation are needed including why the multiple forms are not duplicative and are most cost effective way to meet the person's support needs.

Expanded Transportation Area

The Local Match pilot also covers rides outside the ADA service boundary but within the TriMet service area when the program has them available.

Support Persons Ride Free

A support person can ride TriMet for free when they are helping someone who needs assistance.

Looking Ahead

This is a pilot project under the TriMet contract for a 3-month period. After the pilot, changes may be made and we will communicate those out timely. ODDS is looking at whether other Oregon transit districts could offer Local Match for community rides, not just rides to work and DSA. Any statewide expansion will take time and depends on future planning.

What if I have additional questions?

Contact: cau.invoice@odhs.oregon.gov.

Resources

- [ODDS Local Match Worker Guide](#)
- [ODDS local match webinar](#)
- [Local Match Training Document](#)

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