

## Temporary Parking Passes



for Persons  
with Disabilities

### Program Eligibility

A person with a disability or impairment is not automatically eligible for disability plates or a parking placard. When considering a patient's eligibility for disability plates or a parking placard, an approved medical professional must certify that the applicant has one of the following six special medical conditions that severely impairs his or her ability to walk: ("Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest" is no longer a qualifying disability, unless it is related to one of these conditions.)

- Cannot walk without the assistance of another person, prosthetic device, wheel chair, or other assistive device
- Be restricted by lung disease to such a degree that force (respiratory) expiratory volume (FEV) in one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter.
- Must use portable oxygen.
- Have Class III or Class IV cardiac condition according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
- Be severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition.
- Has permanently lost the use of, or is missing a hand or arm.

### Application/Certification

A Doctor of Chiropractic must complete Side A of the DR 2219 Persons with Disabilities Parking Privileges Application, certifying that the patient meets one of the above qualifying medical conditions. Medical professionals residing in states that border Colorado may also certify that the patient meets the qualifying medical conditions. The provider also must:

- Specify the appropriate length of the disability - for a temporary pass, the Doctor of Chiropractic must state the duration of the disability, which may not be more than 90 days.
- Sign the application and include his or her provider's license number.
- Include the provider's name, address, and telephone number.

Providers must be willing to certify, under penalty of perjury, that the patient has a physical impairment complying with 23 CFR 1235. They must also attest to having read and understand Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-204 and 42-4-1208 as they pertain to certifying persons with disabilities. Providers must affirm their knowledge of the contents of persons with disabilities notices and documentation made available to me pursuant to 42-3-204(5) (b), C.R.S.

# A Guide for Doctors of Chiropractic

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Information provided to you by the  
Colorado Chiropractic Association



Providers who knowingly misuse the application process or who make false statements to help someone obtain or retain disability parking plates or a parking placard may be fined up to \$500,000.00 and/or a 2-6 year prison sentence for the Class 4 Felony and fined up to \$1,000 and a 3-12 month prison sentence for a Class 1 Misdemeanor.

### Parking Placards

A parking placard may only be used in a vehicle in which the authorized holder of the placard is driving or is a passenger. One parking placard is available:

- Temporary Placards are issued to persons with a temporary disability and are valid for the length of time indicated by the certifying physician, not to exceed 90 days.

### Parking Privileges

- Vehicles properly displaying a parking placard may park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities and are exempt from parking meter fees or time limitations up to double the meter time. Then the vehicle must be moved to another spot.
- Vehicles may not park in access aisles or areas where parking is prohibited. Vehicles also are prohibited from parking in any manner that creates a traffic hazard.
- Disability parking placards are not transferable. The authorized holder must be present and must enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used.

## Handicapped Parking Signs

These signs mark special parking areas for only those vehicles displaying a disabled parking permit. Handicapped parking indicators may also appear on the pavement in designated parking spaces. Crosshatched sections are for van access only and parking is not allowed in this marked space at any time.

## Penalties for Misuse

- The minimum fine for parking in a space reserved for persons with disabilities without a placard range from \$350 – \$5,000, 10 hours of community service, denial of renewal of your license plates, and a misdemeanor for violations of the disabled parking statutes. The penalties double if the violation is with a commercial vehicle.
- Unauthorized use of disability plates or parking placards can result in a \$500 fine and driver's license suspension for a first offense.
- Police officers also may confiscate a placard and the Motor Vehicle Division may suspend or revoke placards being used illegally.
- Following are Class A misdemeanors for a first offense and may result in a fine of up to \$2,500 and a one-year driver's license suspension. Violators may be charged with a Class 4 felony for a second offense. Altering a parking placard.
- Possessing a fake, fraudulent, lost, or stolen placard.
- Duplicating or manufacturing a placard.
- Selling or otherwise distributing a fraudulent placard.



## The Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities

The Persons with Disabilities Parking program is vital to many Coloradans and it helps them maintain their independence and to stay active. The fraudulent use of disability license plates and parking placards

is a serious problem—and Doctors of Chiropractic are a part of the solution. Doctors of Chiropractic prevent abuse by ensuring that only those who qualify for the program are certified for the program.

For instance, it is not an acceptable practice to leave signed forms which have not been completed with the patient's name and other information in your waiting room. It is also not acceptable to sign a form and give it to a patient without adding in the patient information. You do not know if these forms are actually being used for the patient you intended.

When someone illegally obtains a placard and then occupies a disabled parking space or other assessable feature, it is not just an inconvenience for the person left without a parking space. That person may need to leave that area without their prescription, groceries, or without being able to see their doctor or clinic.

This brochure will help you understand the program and the qualifying factors needed. Included is information on eligibility and the certification process as well as the use of the parking plates or placards and the penalties associated with misuse.

By partnering with the medical community, law enforcement, and disability organizations we can ensure that those who qualify have the access they deserve

For More information visit:

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/Revenue-MV/RMV/1251592217455>

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# PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARKING PRIVILEGES APPLICATION

## SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE

Name of person with disability (please type or print in ink)			Date of Birth (if PWD is a minor)		
Address					
City			State		ZIP
<b>I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have read and understand the Persons with Disabilities plate and placard application and usage requirements and that I am responsible for the use in conformity with Colorado Revised Statutes 42-3-204 and 42-4-1208. I further understand that violation of the requirements in the statutes referenced above may result in fines, penalties, and suspension of Persons with Disabilities placards and plates.</b>					
Printed name as it appears on identification					
Signature					
<b>Secure and Verifiable ID of (circle one) Applicant/Legal Guardian/Representative: (check appropriate box)</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado DL		<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado ID		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
ID #		Expires		DOB	
The undersigned witness affirms that the (circle one) applicant/legal guardian/representative signing this document presented the identification described above.					
Witness Printed Name					
Witness Signature				Date	
<b>This Person is Mobility Impaired as Described Below (Check one box)</b>					
Qualifying criteria are listed below. All criteria require certification by a person fully licensed to practice medicine in Colorado.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons who cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons who cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons who are restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second when measured by spirometry is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air or at rest.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons who use portable oxygen.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons who have a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Persons who are severely limited in their ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.					
<b>THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY A PROFESSIONAL DEFINED IN COLORADO REVISED STATUTE 42-3-204(1)(g)</b>					
Medical License Number and Issuing State					
Name of Professional (please type or print in ink)					
Address					
City			State		ZIP
<b>I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above named patient has a physical impairment complying with 23 CFR 1235. I have read and understand Colorado Revised Statute 42-3-204 and 42-4-1208 as they pertain to certifying persons with disabilities and affirm my knowledge of the contents of persons with disabilities notices and documentation made available to me pursuant to 42-3-204(5)(b), C.R.S.</b>					
<b>This impairment is:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent* <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary (will last 90 days or less) *Permanent placards are valid for and must be renewed every 3 years.					
Signature of Professional					
Phone Number				Date	

Name of person with disability (please type or print in ink)

## APPLICATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARKING PRIVILEGES

**There is no fee for Persons with Disabilities placards.  
Registration fees and ownership taxes will be charged for disability license plates.**

### OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR PERMANENT\* DISABILITY

When applying for parking privileges due to a permanent disability, the applicant has the following options.  
The applicant may obtain:

1. One set of license plates. (fees apply)
2. One set of license plates (fees apply) and one permanent no fee placard.
3. Up to two permanent no fee placards and no license plates.

\*Permanent Placards are valid for and must be renewed every 3 years.

### PERMANENT DISABILITY OPTION 1

- License Plates Only - A person with a disability who owns and drives a vehicle is entitled to one set of license plates to be displayed on their vehicle.
- Submit a completed application in the name of the person with a disability.
  - Secure and Verifiable Identification for the person with a disability.
  - Power of Attorney appointing an agent.
  - Enclose a photocopy of the title or registration to the vehicle.

### PERMANENT DISABILITY OPTION 2

- License Plates and Permanent no fee Placard - A person with a disability who owns and drives a vehicle is entitled to one set of plates to be displayed on their vehicle and a placard for use when they are driven by someone else.
- Application procedure is the same as for license plates. (Permanent Disability Option 1)

### PERMANENT DISABILITY OPTION 3

- Permanent no fee Placard - A person with a permanent disability who does not own or who owns more than one vehicle is entitled to one placard, one placard and one plate, or two placards.
- One placard requested       Two placards requested
- Submit a completed application in the name of the person with a disability.
  - A placard will be issued which is to be placed inside the vehicle of which the person with a disability is a passenger.
  - The placards are movable from one vehicle to another.

### TEMPORARY (90-DAY) DISABILITY

- Temporary (90-Day) no fee Placard - For persons with a **temporary** disability to the degree described on the front of this form.
- Submit a completed application in the name of the person with a disability.
  - A 90-day temporary placard will be issued which is to be placed inside the vehicle of which the person with a disability is a passenger.
  - The placard is movable from one vehicle to another.

**NOTE: PLACARDS ARE ISSUED WITH A REGISTRATION RECEIPT. THE REGISTRATION RECEIPT MUST BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE PLACARD IS IN USE.**