

## **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS**

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### **Illinois Valley Community Hospital, Peru**

**815-223-3300, ext. 337**

First priority is given to IVCH patients requiring transportation to and from IVCH or doctor offices. Services are limited to patients in Peru, LaSalle, Oglesby, Spring Valley, and Utica. Doctor must be affiliated with IVCH. Van is wheelchair accessible. Patient must require minimal assistance. Mon. through Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$6.00/round trip. They operate on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **Peru City Bus, Peru/LaSalle**

**815-326-9168** Driver's name is Rick

The Peru City bus is available to Peru residents every Tuesday and Friday and to LaSalle residents every Monday and Thursday. To ride the bus, there is a \$1.00 fee per boarding, and there are bus stops throughout the City of Peru to better assist the residents. Riders may be dropped off at various stores, doctor offices, and banks in the City of Peru. The bus has seating for 12 passengers and is accessible with the availability to hold 2 wheelchairs. **For pickup, contact driver Rick at 815-326-9168.**

### **LaSalle Township, LaSalle**

**815-223-0807**

Transportation is for LaSalle Township residents, with service to Ottawa on Tuesday mornings. Transportation is available to the social security office in Peru and doctor appointments. They are closed on Tuesday mornings and Thursdays. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with no transport from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. I is a minivan - there is no lift and there is no charge. Call for more information.

### **City Cab Shuttle**

**815-224-8294** Illinois Valley Area

**815-830-3389** Ottawa Area

**For Medical Transportation – 815-830-1818**

City Cab Shuttle doesn't have accessible transportation services for people with physical disabilities but is a local service for residents, and they do work with Medicaid for payments. This does need to be discussed with them directly, and riders are to call to schedule transportation needs because they do shift work with their services. They operate 24 hours, 7 days a week.

### **MASS (Mendota Area Senior Services, Inc.)**

**815-539-7700**

MASS provides transportation services for medical needs to persons over age 60 in a ten-township area. MASS also provides transportation to persons with disabilities in the Mendota area. For people with disabilities who are under 60 years old, there is a \$3 per stop charge. Two accessible vans are available. Call for more information. Donations are appreciated. Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Ottawa Regional Hospital**

**815-431-5499**

Care-A-Van is designed to provide transportation for patients who find it difficult to get to the hospital or to their doctor's office for medical care. Services are provided to patients of physicians and dentists on staff at Ottawa Regional, if you live within 8 miles of the Ottawa city limits. This service is not limited to the elderly. Some restrictions apply. Hours of Operation: Care-A-Van operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All rides should be pre-scheduled as much in advance as possible.

### **City of Ottawa Mini-Bus**

**815-433-0161**

The City of Ottawa has buses which follow pre-determined daily routes that include stops at senior hi-rises and apartment complexes; Ottawa Regional Hospital and Healthcare Center; St. Mary's Clinic; South Towne Mall; and grocery, drug, and some retail stores. Other stops can be requested on an as-needed basis. The City's mini-buses operate from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekdays and are accessible. Contact City Hall at 815-433-0161 with any questions regarding this service. There is a bus schedule available online at [www.cityofottawa.org](http://www.cityofottawa.org). There is no charge.

### **Angels Private Care, Spring Valley**

**815-664-2626**

Transports clients anywhere they need to go, including, but not limited to: church, shopping, luncheons, and doctors' appointments – covers a wide service area. It is wheelchair accessible. Fee: services are private pay or insurance pay basis. Call for specific information.

### **St. Margaret's Hospital, Spring Valley**

**815-664-1569**

For medical appointments. Serving Bureau, LaSalle, and Putnam Counties. Runs from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mon. through Fri. Also provides services for elderly, people with disabilities, low-income. Minibus is available with wheelchair lift. Need 24 hour advance notice. Charge: 0-4 miles, \$5; 5-10 miles, \$10; over 10 miles, \$1 per mile extra.

### **B-PART**

**877-874-8813 in Princeton**

**815-664-5411 Spring Valley**

Bureau & Putnam Area Rural Transit (B-PART) is a public transportation service for the general public, as well as an ADA transportation service for the elderly and persons with disabilities, providing for the Bureau and Putnam County area. B-PART provides service to everyone in the community, with no restriction on age or ability. Whether you need a ride to work, school, the grocery store, your bank, or just to visit family, call B-PART. Please call at least 24 hours in advance. Fares: \$1.50 in town, \$2.50 in county (for the entire two-county service area), \$3.00 Intercity to LaSalle-Peru/Oglesby, free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. All preceding fares are one-way. Round Trip Fare to IVCC is \$5 for local city pick-up/drop-off points. For anything out of the Bureau and Putnam County Service Area, cost is 50 cents/mile. A personal caregiver may accompany a rider free of charge for any service.

**St. Mary's Hospital, Streator**

**815-672-7637**

Transportation available to Streator residents who require rides to and from medical appointments. Is wheelchair accessible, but advanced notice is required. No one is denied service due to inability to pay. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**MSW Project, Henry**

**309-364-2287 or 1-800-526-0857 TTY users please dial 1-800-525-0844**

Transportation available for Marshall and Stark Counties. Medical appointments are a priority. Fares: local in-town round-trip, \$5; in-county round-trip, \$10; out-of-county round-trip (less than 15 miles one-way), \$20; over 15 miles one-way, \$30. A \$10 fee for scheduled day trips. Donations are accepted for persons 60 years of age and older. Prices are less for short trips. They do not accept Public Aid. They also have accessible vans. Call for specific details.

**Voluntary Action**

**1-815-434-0110**

Transportation for LaSalle County with wheelchair accessible van available; a bus is also available – 48 hour advance notice is highly recommended/required. When calling, please leave a message, and someone will return your call.