

PFA Tips

MVA Voluntary Identification Initiatives

For people with hidden disabilities, such as developmental and intellectual disabilities or mental health issues, Maryland has expanded its efforts to help first responders and others recognize that someone may need accommodations that are not immediately visible. For all MVA accessibility and accommodations resources, visit <https://mva.maryland.gov/about-mva/Pages/Persons-With-Disabilities.aspx>.

Butterfly symbol for Maryland Driver's License or ID

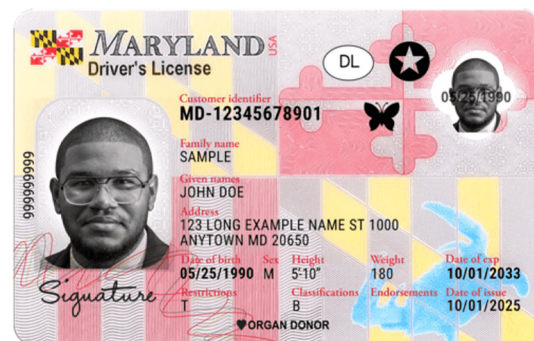
As of October 1, 2025, a butterfly symbol can be added to a Maryland Driver's License or ID at any time without charge. There is no need to prove disability or submit documentation.

Eric's Law, named after Maryland resident Eric Carpenter-Grantham, an adult with high-functioning autism, prohibits the MVA from sharing information about a person's disabilities.

Adding the symbol is optional and easy. An application can be submitted via an online myMVA account, any

24/7 self-service kiosk, or an in-person appointment at any of the statewide MVA branches. A corrected Driver's License or ID card will be mailed to the address on record within 10 business days. Marylanders may request addition or removal of the butterfly symbol at any time. Shortly before a minor's 18th birthday, information will be provided to inform them of options to keep or remove the symbol. Visit: <https://mymva.maryland.gov/TAP/IND/>, Driver's License/ID Card Services, and choose Add or Remove the Hidden Disability Symbol.

An online video provides step-by-step instructions on how to complete the application: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpj7D_ZXWaq



Developmental Disability Disclosure Blue Card

The Developmental Disability Disclosure Blue Card is another option for Marylanders to disclose their disability. The card, which is the size of a driver's license and blue for easy recognition, includes a message to law enforcement officers on how an individual may communicate or respond during interactions. The information on the card can be personalized to include emergency contact information and necessary accommodations. There is not need to explain or show proof of disability to obtain this card. It is available at MVA

branches upon request to customers and parents or guardians.

To order online, visit <https://mymva.maryland.gov/TAP/IND/>, scroll to Disability Services, and choose Developmentally Disabled/Blue Card.

STATE OF MARYLAND

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY
SELF-DISCLOSURE CARD

I HAVE A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

I may have difficulty understanding and following your directions or may become unable to respond.
I may become physically agitated if you prompt me verbally or touch me or move too close to me.
I am not intentionally refusing to cooperate.
I may need your assistance.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK OF THIS CARD.

HOLDER INFO

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Additional Information: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____

Phone: _____

This card is pursuant to Maryland Transportation Article Section 16-118.1. It confers no right to, nor establishes any eligibility for, developmental disability services. This card is to be used solely to assist the holder in interactions with law enforcement or emergency services personnel.