

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Ferry Assistance

- **Washington State Ferry Priority Loading Pass:** Patients actively receiving chemotherapy and require ferry transportation to get to doctor's appointments qualify for a Priority Loading Pass. **Ask Merle Cancer Care Center schedulers for more information or call 360.299.4200.**
- **San Juan Island Ferry Tickets:** Free ferry tickets are available to cancer patients living on San Juan Island who go to the mainland for medical appointments. Tickets are provided by Soroptimist International of Friday Harbor. **Call 360.317.5086.**

Volunteer Driver Programs

- **Community Action:** Must be over 60 or a disabled adult unable to drive (or without any other transportation means) to qualify. As soon as the medical appointment is arranged, call to schedule. At least 1-2 days prior notice required. Free of charge.
Skagit County residents call Bob McCracken, 360.588.5745.
Island County residents call, 360.678.4886 ext. 21.
- **American Cancer Society -- Road to Recovery Program:** Service is intended for patients who need transportation to and from cancer related medical appointments. At least 4 days prior notice required. Free of charge. **Call the American Cancer Society to schedule, 800.227.2345.**

Taxicab Service

- **MERT'S Taxi:** Taxicab service is available for local and distant travel (call for current rates). MERT'S is contracted by Island Hospital to provide free transportation for patients from the ferry to the hospital for medical related appointments. This service is at no charge **if** the appointments are with Island Hospital owned services. **Call MERT'S Taxi directly to schedule, 360.708.6358.**

Public Transportation

- **Skagit Transit's Dial-A-Ride:** Service is intended for people who are unable to get to the nearest bus stop or use a fixed route bus. This is a prescheduled service. **Call 360.757.4433 ext. 4 to see if you qualify for this service.**
- **Island Transit's Paratransit Service:** Service is intended for people who are in need of curb-to-curb service and are unable to use the regular bus routes on Camano and Whidbey islands. **For more information and eligibility call, 800.240.8747 or 360.678.7771.**

Medicaid Transport

- **Medicaid Transport:** Available for non-ambulance transportation to all people eligible for Medicaid who have no other means of transportation to medical services covered by Medicaid. Transportation assistance options include transit passes for public transportation, gas vouchers for use of personal vehicles, intercity buses (such as Greyhound), taxi, paratransit service, cabulance service, ferry tickets, and, especially in San Juan County, air and water taxi service. To arrange, call at least two business days in advance between 8:30AM-4:30PM Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 10:30AM-4:30PM on Wednesdays. **Call 800.860.6812.**

Medical Flight Transportation

- **Mercy Pilots of Orcas:** Local pilots who volunteer their time and aircraft to fly Orcas Island **radiation** (only) patients to their medical appointments on the mainland. **Call 360.376.3201.**
- **San Juan Eagles Free Flights for Medical Treatment:** Volunteer pilots who provide their time, airplanes and fuel to transport cancer patients from Friday Harbor to the mainland for **radiation** (only) treatment. Round trip service is available to all cancer patients who live on San Juan Island. Free ground transportation from mainland airports to treatment centers can be arranged. Patients cannot be acutely ill and must be able to enter and exit the plane. **Call 360.378.4578.**

NOTE: Information is subject to change. Please call to verify.