

Aging Advocacy Network: Aging advocates encouraged by expanded DMV access

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The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) is encouraged by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's recent announcement indicating they are temporarily expanding Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) driver license and photo identification card services in Madison, Milwaukee, and a number of rural locations throughout Wisconsin.

Former drivers and those who have never driven, face challenges getting to the DMV office to obtain a photo ID for voting and other purposes, as they are dependent upon family, friends, and limited transportation systems to get there. These challenges are made even greater when the DMV office is far away and/or has very limited hours. COVID-19 has resulted in further restrictions to DMV access.

"We have been advocating for expanded access to DMV offices for many years," said Robert Kellerman, Executive Director of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources and Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network Chair, "we appreciate this DOT announcement as it comes at a critical time and we look forward to working with policymakers to increase access to DMV offices through the remainder of 2020 and in the next biennial budget."