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MEDICAL PRIORITY BOARDING FORM

Physician: Scan/email this completed 2-page form to PCFERRY@piercecountywa.gov at least **2 WEEKS** before requested travel date(s). Include in the email subject line: MEDICAL PRIORITY BOARDING FORM.

When a physician indicates by signing this form that an extended wait to board the Pierce County Ferry would cause detrimental health risks to a vehicle occupant, that vehicle and occupants **may** be allowed priority boarding onto the ferry.

Note:

1. Medical appointments do **NOT** qualify.
2. Pierce County Ferry does not have medical facilities or trained medical practitioners on board any of its vessels.
3. Vehicle occupant must arrive at the ferry landing at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled sailing time.

Patient Information:

Patient Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Vehicle: make, color, and license number: _____

Physician:

Date(s) requested for priority loading: _____

Priority loading requested:

To Anderson Island
 To Ketron Island

From Anderson Island
 From Ketron Island

By signing below, physician attests that patient has a bona fide medical need for priority boarding on the date(s) indicated.

Physician signature Date

Print physician's name & address of practice _____

Physician's phone # _____

For Ferry Administration

Approved:

Authorized signature

Date

Instructions for Use

1. Patient or patient's representative should fill out the Patient Information section. Then scan/email the form to your physician or take it to the medical facility; have your physician fill out the remaining information, sign this form, and scan/email it to PCFERRY@piercecountywa.gov at least 2 weeks prior to your travel date. The physician's office should include in the email subject line: MEDICAL PRIORITY BOARDING FORM to identify what's being sent to us.
2. Physician should list your surgery or procedure date (or date you'll be discharged). Do not include details of medical history or other issues of privacy.
3. If the doctor is unsure when you will be discharged from the hospital, the doctor should list your surgery/hospitalization date and provide a range of dates on the form for traveling home (such as: Surgery on October 1, 2017; travel by October 15, 2017). Include dates of follow-up appointments if priority boarding is needed for them.
4. We will email the approved form back to you to let you know you've been authorized for priority boarding.
5. Print and bring the County-approved form with you to show the ferry crew upon arrival.
6. If you are approved for priority boarding on your way to the island, please call the ferry terminal (253-588-1950) immediately after being discharged from the medical facility to alert ferry staff: 1) that you have an approved priority boarding, and 2) which ferry you intend to take. If you are approved for priority boarding departing the island on your way to a procedure, please call the terminal prior to leaving home. *You must arrive at least 20 minutes ahead of scheduled departure.*
7. On the Steilacoom side, park in the Ketron Island loading area (right-hand side at the bottom of the lanes); you will be loaded first on the next scheduled boat. From Anderson Island, park below lane 1; you will be loaded first on the next scheduled boat (please note that no special runs will be added to accommodate you).
8. This service is for Pierce County ferries only with service between Steilacoom and Anderson and Ketron islands.

If you have a true emergency, please call 911. Ambulances and medical transport vehicles are always loaded first.