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**Saratoga Bridges Transportation Suspension**

Effective November 18, 2021, vehicles that are registered under NYSARC, Inc., Saratoga County Chapter (Saratoga Bridges) have been suspended for 30 days - until December 17, 2021 - by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. The suspension is due to an audit for the period 2017-2019 that reviewed their Class 19-A driver's files. These are extra certifications required to drive the agency's full-sized buses. This was a paperwork audit and the findings were incomplete or resulted from late paperwork. **The agency wants to share that of the 109 vehicles suspended, only 15 vehicles fall under the 19-A certification and that the suspension has absolutely no reflection on the maintenance or safety of their agency vehicles.** This penalty from DMV will limit the transportation services the agency can provide in the next 30 days. Despite a multitude of attempts, they have been unable to avoid the punitive measures issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Chief Executive Officer Jane Mastaitis and her staff have implemented a contingency plan which includes support from neighboring Arc Chapters as well as renting additional vehicles for their residential program. The agency is committed to their mission of providing safe and quality services. They want to express their appreciation in advance to the individuals they support and their family members as they work through this transportation issue.

*Saratoga Bridges has been providing the highest level of programs to people with developmental disabilities and their families for more than 60 years by promoting their abilities and achievements in every aspect of community life. They have been committed to ensuring that the individuals they support are able to empower their hopes and dreams as they work, volunteer, socialize and recreate while leading full, productive and contributing lives.*

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