**Safe-guards: WV Bioptic Driving Program**

* **Set vision standards** (i.e. specify the parameters of visual acuity and visual field that you wish to have potential applicants for bioptic driving in WV to meet and maintain, the level of improved visual acuity required when looking through the telescopic portion of the prescribed bioptic lens system, etc.)
* **Pre, post and annual vision re-examinations** (i.e. set time limits for having preliminary, updated and annual clinical low vision examinations to verify visual stability of bioptic driving candidates)
* **Functional vision screening and driver screening** (i.e. provide a preliminary on-road passenger-in-car and behind-the-wheel (actual driving) screening to determine baseline of visual habits, driving abilities, knowledge about the driving task, road laws and road signs, driving environments, etc.)
* **Certificate of Eligibility** (assures compliance with set vision standards and baseline functional performances appropriate for participation in formalized bioptic driver training)
* **Passage of instructional permit – 2 weeks prior to training** (assures basic knowledge of state road laws and road signs, may be restrictive in nature – i.e. only allows permit bearer to drive with driving instructor or specially trained driver examiner, may also be longer in nature to compensate for interruptions in services due to situations beyond control of applicant)
* **90 hours of required training for novice candidates** (assures adequate exposure to needed classroom, passenger-in-car and behind-the-wheel skills to promote safe driving)
* **Standardized driving assessment (**assures that an acceptable level of actual driving and bioptic usage competency has been achieved by training end)
* **Certificate of Completion** (assures compliance re satisfactory completion of driver’s training, proficient integration of bioptic usage during the driving task, and set vision standards)
* **Comprehensive driver license testing** (assures competency in the driving task, useful in appeals or court process, helpful when driver training is limited or not required)
* **Driving restrictions** (encourages gradual exposure to more challenging types of driving)
* **Removal of driving restrictions** (provides an avenue for more challenging types of driving)
* **Out-of-state restricted (bioptic) drivers** (affords out-of-state already licensed bioptic drivers an avenue to transfer existing bioptic driving privileges)
* **License renewal criteria** (assures compliance with set vision standards and method for driver re-training if needed pending accrued driving records)
* **DMV regulatory and oversight practices** (monitors no. of bioptic driver licenses issued and accrued driving records)
* **DRS regulatory and oversight practices** (monitors number of program applicants, satisfactory completions, and rationale for those unable to complete program satisfactorily)