

Notice: The maximum monthly statutory limit for transit benefits decreased from \$230 to \$125 per month on 1 January 2012.

Click on the link below for an important notice on how this change will affect your SmartBenefits Account:

- **Attention riders of Metrorail, Metrobus, DC Circulator, PTRC – OMNI, ART, DASH, CUE Bus System, Fairfax Connector, The Bus, Loudoun Commuter Bus, Montgomery County Ride On and REX.** The DoD NCR Mass Transportation Benefit Program (MTBP) has set all participant records not to exceed the new maximum statutory limit of \$125 per month beginning 1 January. Please be aware that after the transit benefit is expended, the card will revert to the personal purse, regardless of what the display reads.
- **Attention riders of MTA Commuter buses: Dillon, Keller, and Eyre Bus.** Many MTA Commuter Bus riders have already ordered a January 2012 pass at the MTA webstore using more than \$125 in potential future benefits. However, MTA will honor only the allowable \$125 in benefits. Riders will need to arrange an alternate payment method for the remainder of their purchases before MTA will mail passes. The MTA credit card payment form is available at https://mta.maryland.gov/sites/default/files/Credit_Card_Payment_Form.pdf. Please include the order number provided on your January monthly pass email confirmation and use the MTA's secure fax 410-454-7972. The MTA web store can be reached by phone at 410-454-7973 or transitstore@mta.maryland.gov.
- **Attention Riders of MARC and VRE:** CommuterDirect.com mail customers. If your January pass cost more than \$125, CommuterDirect will charge your alternate payment method in Mid January for the difference above \$125. If you no longer wish to ride MARC or VRE due to the decrease in the federal maximum allowed benefits, please contact CommuterDirect immediately to stop your allocation and arrange the return of the next monthly pass. CommuterDirect can be reached at 703-228-7433 or questions@CommuterDirect.com
- If you allocate your benefits to a single third party, such as vanpools, commuter trains (MARC, VRE), buses (MTA BUSES), etc, no action is needed. If you allocate your benefits to more than one third party, the percentages of your allocation to each transit company will need to be adjusted on WMATA's passenger allocation website. http://www.wmata.com/business/employer_fare_program/vanpool_transit.cfm
- A FAQ sheet regarding the new Federal maximum allowed subsidy is available at <http://www.whs.mil/DFD/Info/documents/FAQMaxLimit125Jan2012.docx>.