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# SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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### **License Plates Stay with Drivers Beginning in 2024**

Updated vehicle registration database allows for easier vehicle ownership procedures for drivers in Kentucky

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 21, 2023) – Building on the state's plans to migrate from an outdated vehicle registration database to a modern, more efficient system beginning in January, Kentuckians will now keep their license plates when transferring vehicle ownership- a move that will improve convenience and save money for Kentuckians. This is a change from the current practice where plates were linked to the vehicle.

"Upgrading to a new vehicle information system unlocks opportunities for us to implement new ways to make the process of transferring vehicle ownership better for Kentuckians, and in some cases, keep more money in their pockets," said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Jim Gray.

Kentuckians will now retain both unexpired registration and the license plate when transferring ownership- a common practice when selling a vehicle. Also, owners of specialty license plates – nonprofit and military plates - will save money by no longer paying for a standard license plate to go with the transferred vehicle and paying to place their specialty plate on the new vehicle.

Currently, when a vehicle with an unexpired registration is transferred, a standard issue plate and registration are transferred with the vehicle to the new owner. Once the new Kentucky Automated Vehicle Information System (KAVIS) is available statewide in mid-January, when a vehicle is transferred with unexpired registration, the plate is retained by the seller.

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## Making Workers' Compensation Work Better for Your Workforce

A construction site can be a hive of activity. It's one reason why construction is one of the <u>most dangerous industries</u>. According to the <u>2023 Travelers Injury Impact Report</u>, the construction industry has the highest average of missed workdays per injury: 99. Construction employees are exposed to various hazards on the job. Injuries such as cuts, burns, sprains and strains can result in lost work time, reduced productivity, increased medical expenses and costly workers' compensation claims.

For minor injuries, a visit to a hospital emergency department may not be the best solution. And based on the time of day or location of a worksite, urgent care might not be an option. Many of these injury types can be treated virtually using telemedicine, a technology that allows health care providers to communicate with patients via video, phone or online platforms. Telemedicine visits can be conducted using an employee's smartphone or mobile device. Today's mobile device and smartphone features are sophisticated enough to offer an exceptional video and audio experience, and constant upgrades to these devices enable health care providers to effectively conduct medical evaluations virtually.

#### TREATABLE CONDITIONS

Telemedicine can be used to treat a variety of minor injuries and illnesses that commonly occur on construction sites, such as:

Minor strains (e.g., pulled muscles)

Minor sprains

**Bruises/contusions** 

Tendonitis/repetitive-use injuries

Minor burns

Minor cuts and scrapes

Work-related rashes

#### About The KYTC

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on KYTC contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.





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