

# Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (QV CDC)

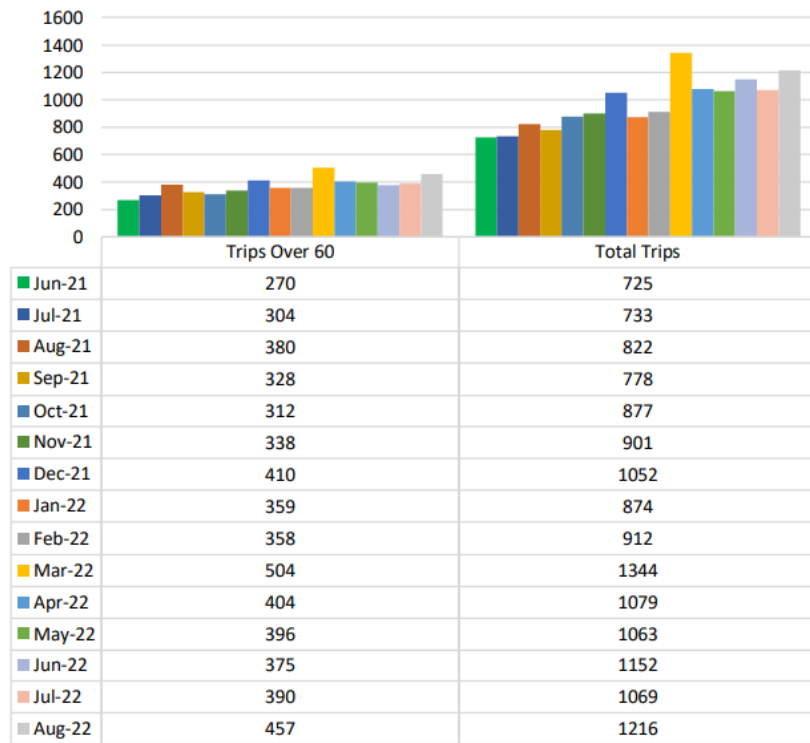


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# Advocacy Pitch

- We are a team of pharmacy and medical students and residents working with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (QVCDC) learning about transportation needs and services in Ware and surrounding rural towns in western MA
- Our aim is to provide community physicians, pharmacists, and other providers with information about the service that the Quaboag Connector provides to all community members: filling the rural transportation gap
- This service is especially important for seniors (appx. 75% do not have driver's licenses) and those with disabilities who need affordable, reliable transportation to get to and from work, medical appointments, pharmacies, and grocery stores
- 30-40% of rides each month are for people over 60 years of age



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- How can providers be involved in rural transportation advocacy?
  - EVERY provider should ask about transportation not just primary care
  - Research/know what resources are available to you
  - Know your state and local representatives & create a personal connection w/ shared goals
  - VOTE



## RIDE CONNECTOR

Community Transportation for ALL



The Quaboag Connector is a demand-response, curb-to-curb transportation service and is not limited to medical appointments. Community members may call ahead to book rides to and from destinations within the service area.

### Service Hours

Monday-Thursday: 6AM-7PM  
Friday: 6AM-5PM  
Saturday: 8AM-4PM  
Sunday: No service

### Towns Served Include:

- Belchertown
- Brookfield
- East Brookfield
- Hardwick
- Monson
- North Brookfield
- Palmer
- Ware
- Warren
- West Brookfield

Contact Us

**Quaboag  
Connector**

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[www.rideconnector.org](http://www.rideconnector.org)

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