

FANY

Age: 28 years | Rider

Hometown: San Luis Potosi, Mexico

Fany works in an isolated region of Maryland for 8 months of the year during the crab season.

In the area Fany works, there is no public transportation. If she needs care, she will use a taxi, in which a one-way trip can cost \$50.

Fany wishes that her employer supported the crab workers with transportation and increased access to outside services.

QUOTE

"Sometimes (the taxi drivers) say, 'No, that's too far', and you miss your appointment, and then you have to try to find another day for it."

Fany is a crab worker who travels from Mexico to Maryland for seasonal work. Due to the area she is in, she does not have access to consistent transportation. However, during the crab season, the local community health center brings medical professionals to the processing plant where Fany and her colleagues work and live.

In the case of more urgent medical situations, the plant does not offer any transportation options. Fany has to rely on expensive taxis or pay the gas for her friends to take her to medical appointments. Due to social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, it became more challenging to access transportation, especially since the mobile unit halted its services.