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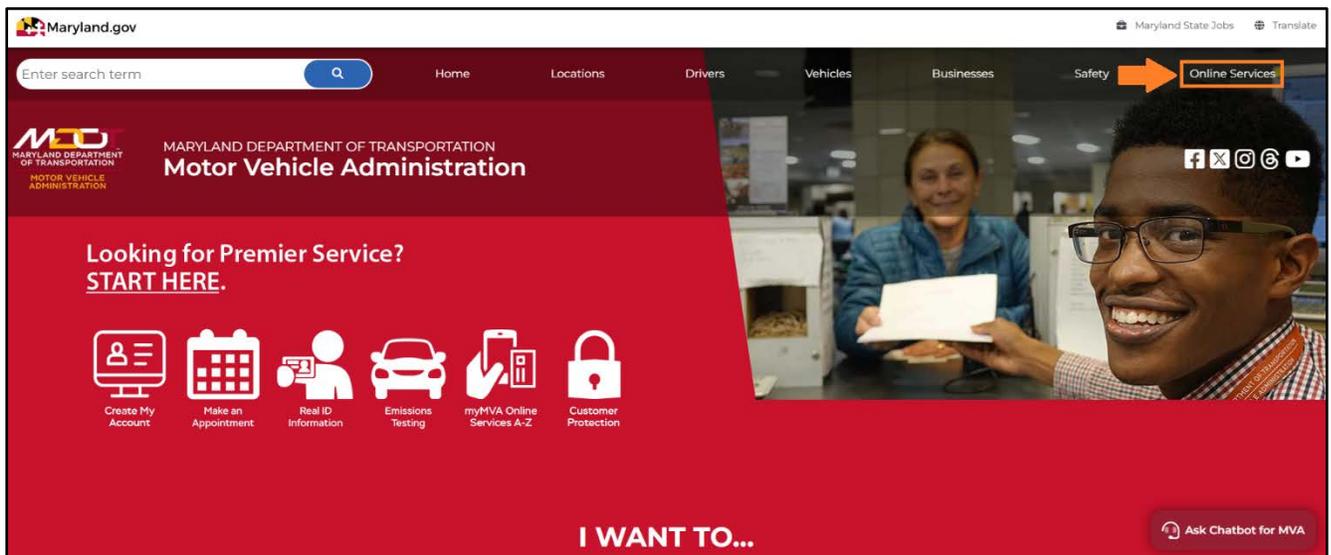
Maryland Vehicle Beneficiary Designation

The State of Maryland recognizes beneficiary designations on motor vehicle titles (Maryland Code Annotated, Transportation Article § 13-115). This will have a positive impact on your estate plan because it provides you with the ability to transfer your vehicles outside of the probate process, which will save your estate time, attorney's fees, and estate creditors' claims. I strongly encourage you to place beneficiary designations for all of your vehicles.

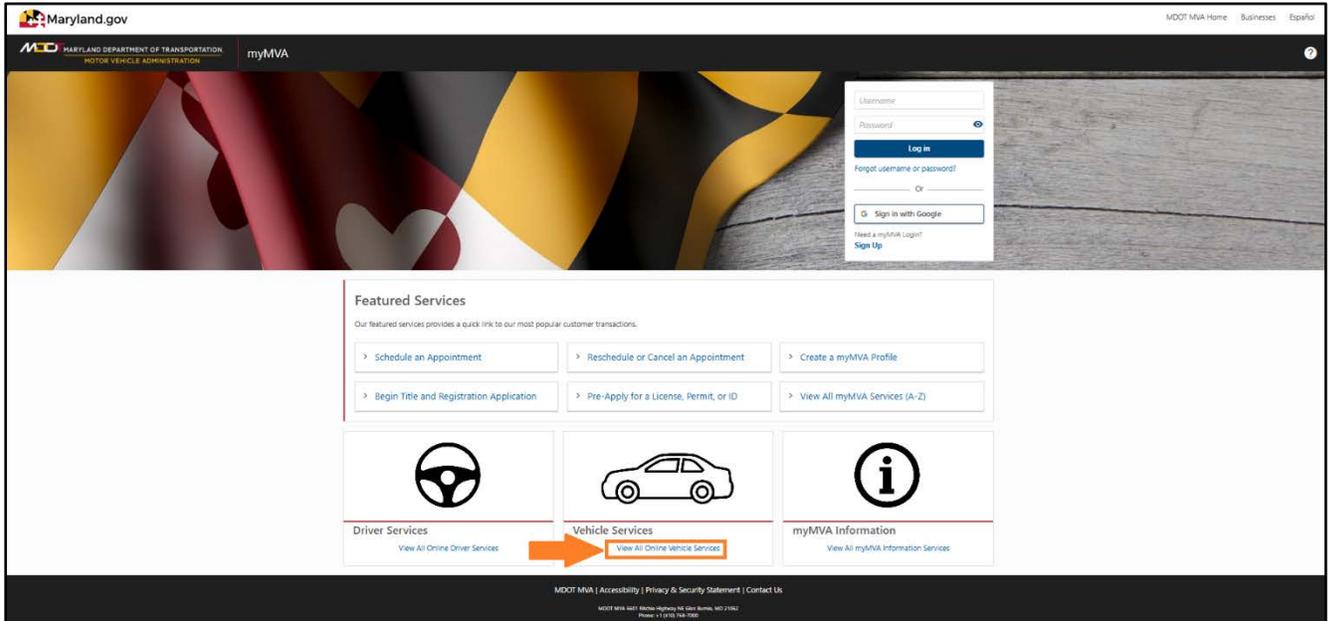
Please note that you can only designate one beneficiary for each vehicle whether or not there is a lien, encumbrance, or other financing agreement on the vehicle. It is important that you do not have your vehicles titled in both spouse's names.

To place a beneficiary designation on your vehicle, follow the steps below:

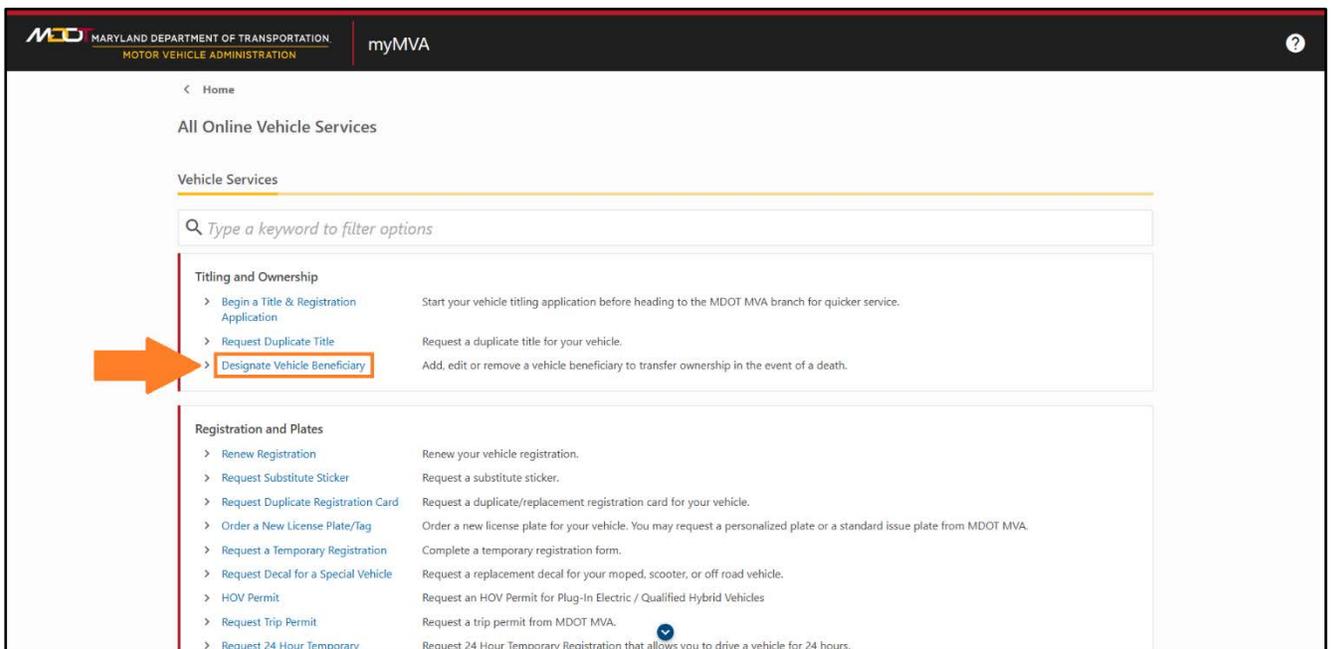
1. Go to the Motor Vehicle Administration's (MVA's) website: <https://mva.maryland.gov/>
2. Select **Online Services**, which is located on the top, right side of your screen.



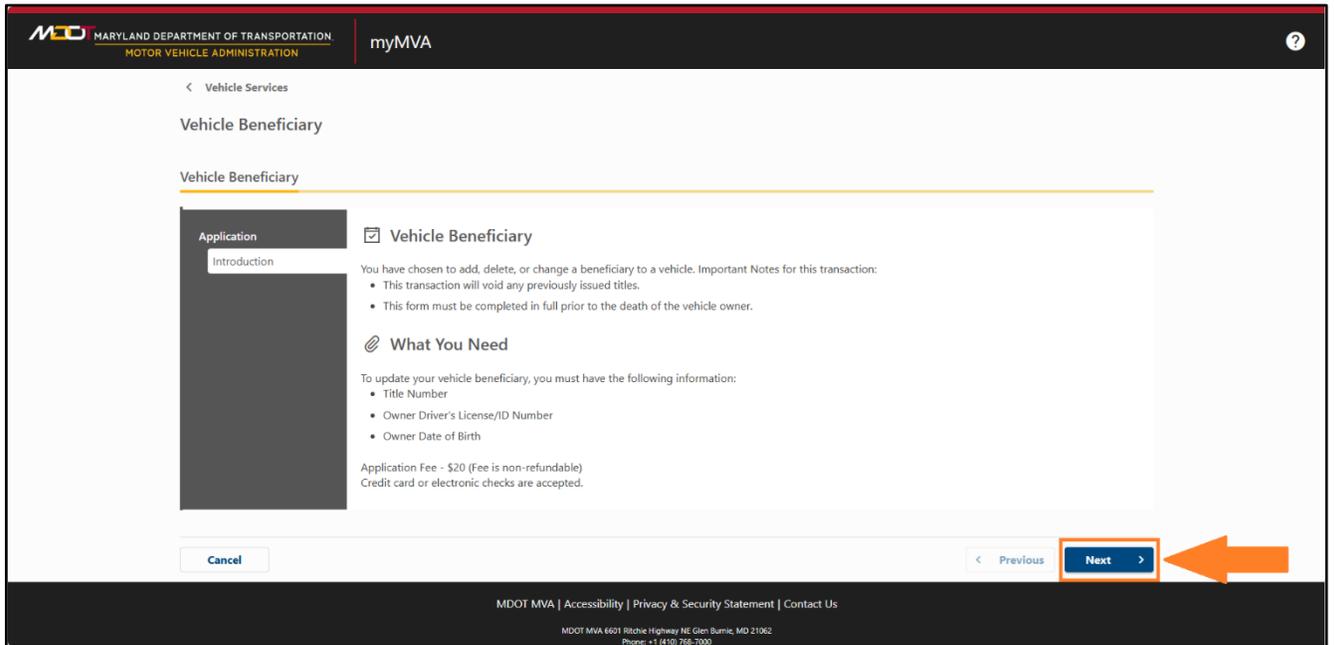
3. Under *Vehicle Services*, select **View All Online Vehicle Services**.



4. On the left-hand side of the screen, under *Titling and Ownership*, select **Designate Vehicle Beneficiary**.



5. Read the instructions displayed on the screen and select **Next** to continue.



Note: You will need your vehicle title number and driver's license number, and the beneficiary's date of birth, to complete the Vehicle Beneficiary Application.

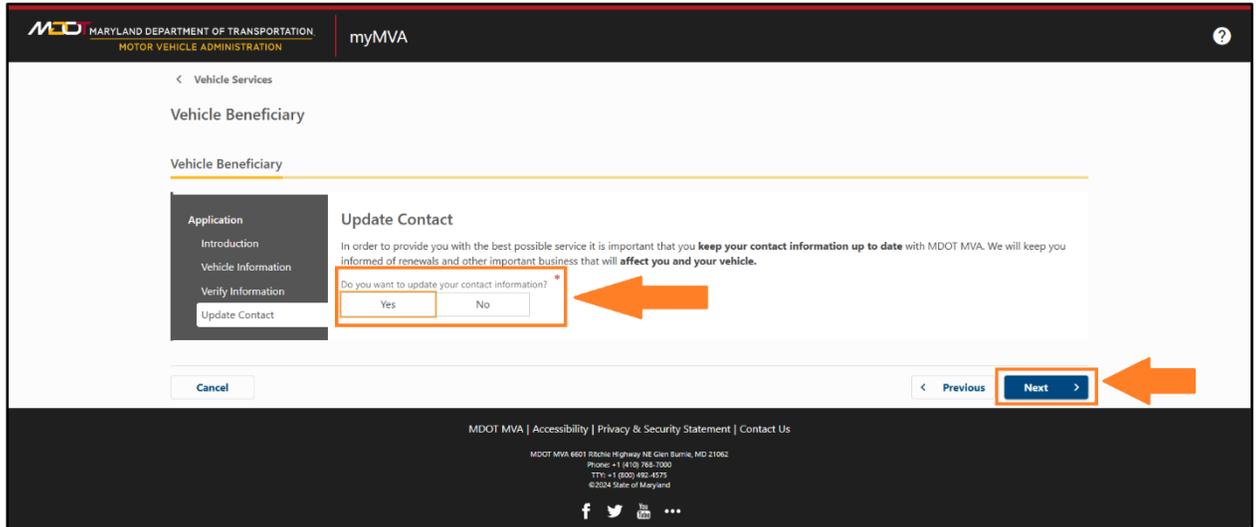
6. Enter your vehicle's **Title Number**, your **Driver's License/ID Number** and your **Date of Birth** where indicated and select **Next** to continue.

The screenshot shows the 'myMVA' website interface for the 'Vehicle Beneficiary' application. The page title is 'Vehicle Beneficiary'. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Application' options: 'Introduction', 'Vehicle Information', and 'Verify Information'. The main content area is titled 'Please enter your vehicle information' and contains three input fields: 'Title Number * Required', 'Driver's License/ID Number * Required', and 'Date of Birth * Required'. Each field has a red asterisk and the word 'Required' next to it. An orange arrow points to the 'Next' button at the bottom right of the form. The footer contains contact information for MDOT MVA and social media icons.

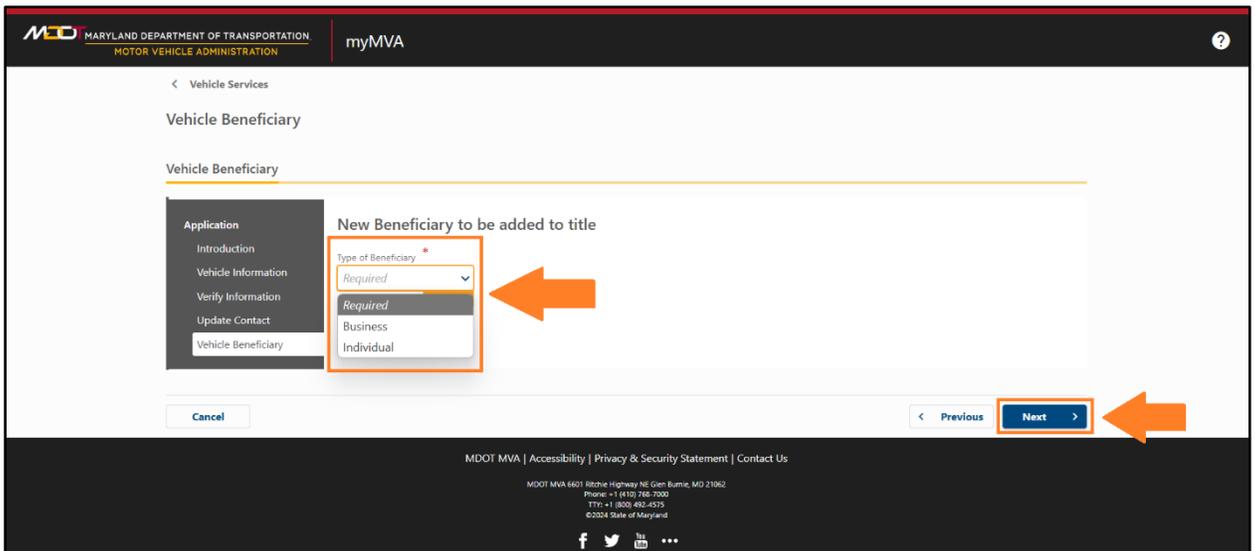
7. Verify that your vehicle's information is correct and select **Next** to continue.

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- You are presented with the option of updating your contact information on file with the MVA. If you need to update your contact information, select **Yes**. Otherwise, select **No**. Then select **Next** to continue.



- In the **Type of Beneficiary** drop-down box select **Individual**, and then select **Next** to continue.



Note: You may also name a business as the beneficiary. These instructions assume you will be naming an individual as the beneficiary.

10. Options will be displayed for you to enter the beneficiary's **Relationship to Owner** (the beneficiary's relationship to you), the beneficiary's **Date of Birth (DOB)**, the beneficiary's **Last Name**, the beneficiary's **First Name**. You may also enter the beneficiary's **Middle Name** and Suffix, which are optional. Once you have entered all of this information, select **Next** to continue.

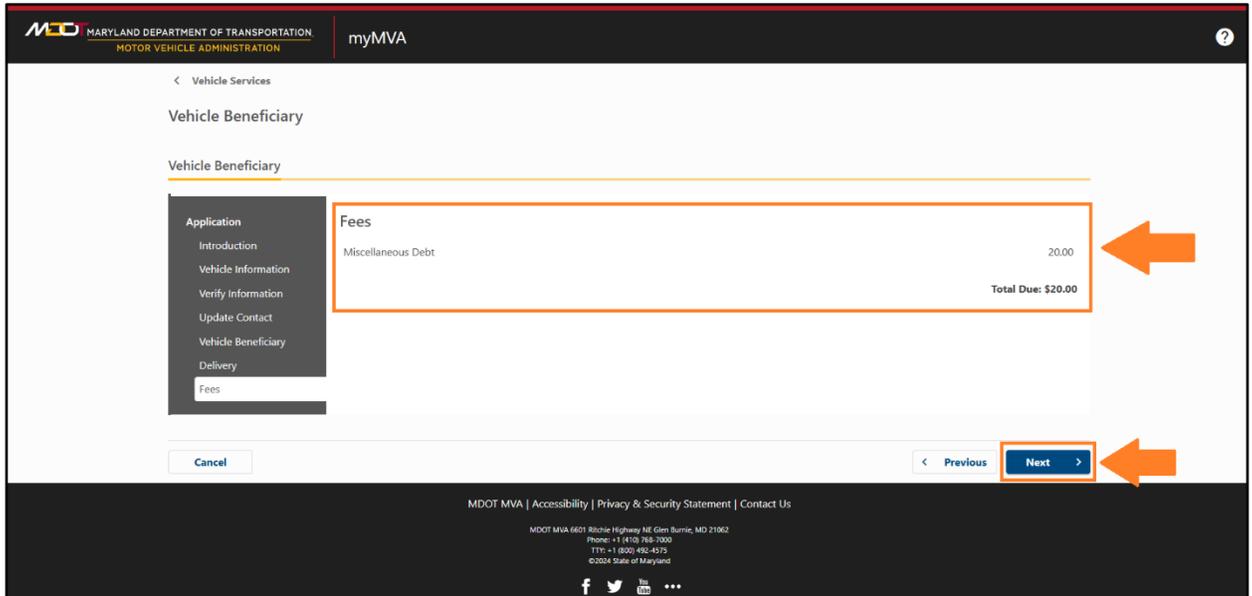
The screenshot shows the 'myMVA' website interface for adding a new beneficiary to a vehicle title. The page title is 'Vehicle Beneficiary'. A sidebar on the left lists application steps: Introduction, Vehicle Information, Verify Information, Update Contact, Vehicle Beneficiary, and Delivery. The main form area is titled 'New Beneficiary to be added to title' and contains the following fields: 'Type of Beneficiary' (dropdown menu with 'Individual' selected), 'Relationship to Owner' (dropdown menu with 'Required' selected), 'Beneficiary DOB' (text input with 'Required' label), 'Beneficiary Last Name' (text input with 'Required' label), 'Beneficiary First Name' (text input with 'Required' label), 'Beneficiary Middle Name' (text input), and 'Beneficiary Suffix' (dropdown menu). At the bottom of the form are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons. Two orange arrows point to the 'Next' button and the 'Beneficiary Suffix' dropdown menu.

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11. Select whether you would like the MVA to mail the new title to the address on record or an alternate address, then select **Next** to continue.

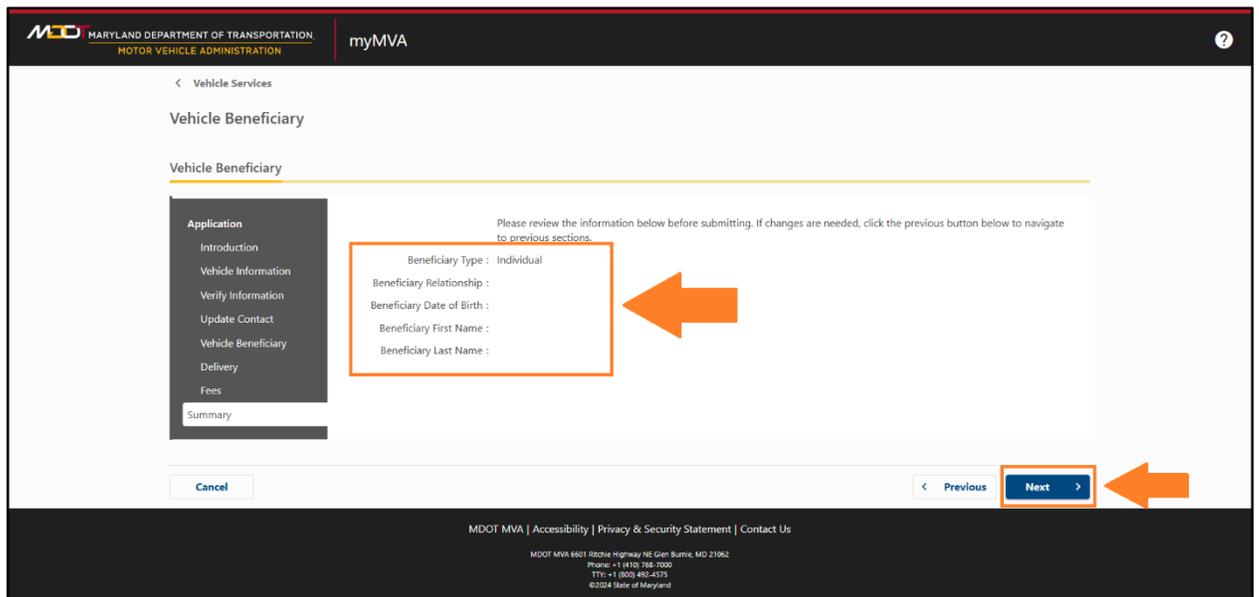
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12. The fees for this transaction will be displayed. Verify that the fees are accurate and select **Next** to continue.

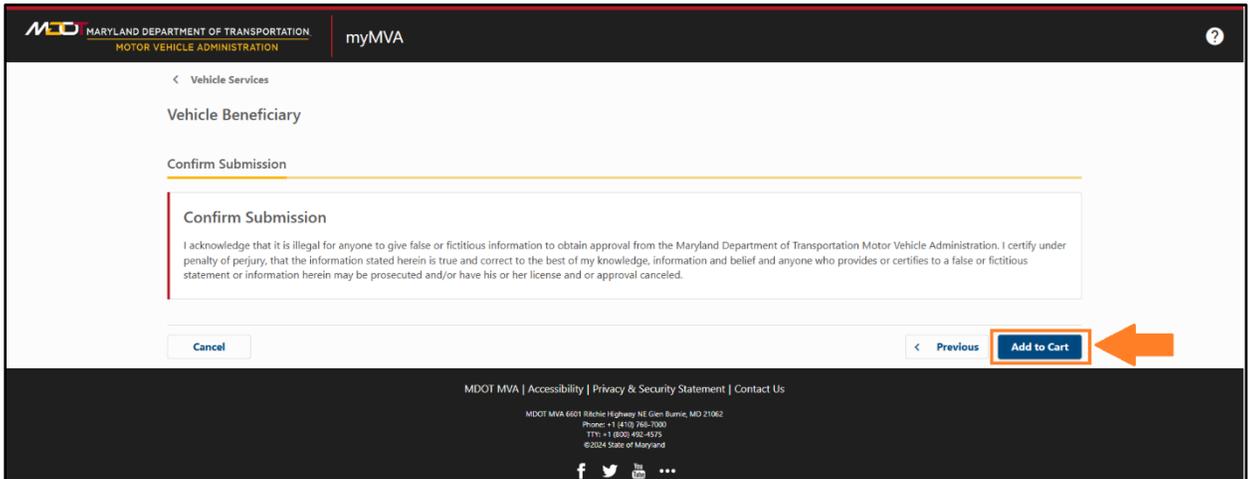


Note: As of September 17, 2024, the fee for each beneficiary designation is \$20.

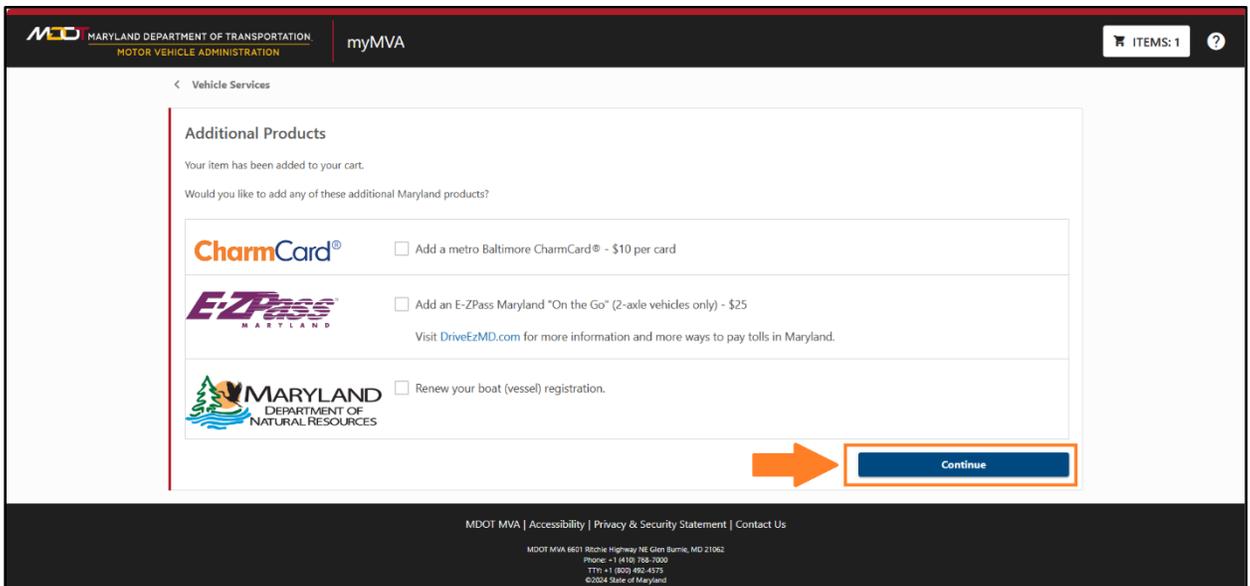
13. The beneficiary's information will be displayed. Verify that the beneficiary's information is correct and select **Next** to continue.



14. Read the Confirmation Submission acknowledgement and select **Add to Cart**.

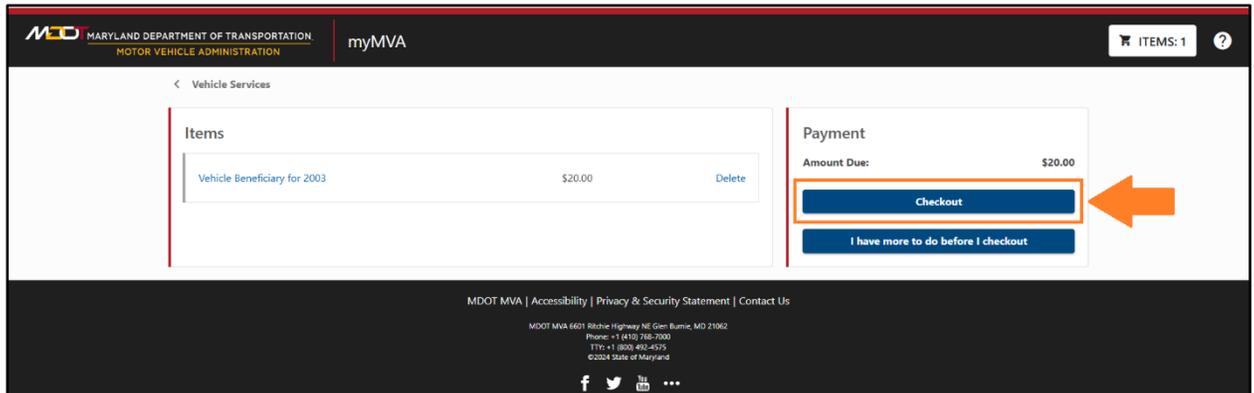


15. Select any of the optional products you would like to add to your cart and select **Continue**.



Note: All of the products listed under *Additional Products* are optional and are not required to place a beneficiary designation for your vehicle.

16. Select Checkout.



17. Pay the \$20 fee via e-check or credit card by following the prompts, entering your payment information and completing the transaction.

18. The new title will be mailed to you. Please keep this new title with your estate planning documents.

19. Repeat steps 1 through 17 for each vehicle you own.