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New Medical Certification Requirements:

Starting January 2012 and no later than January 2014, all CDL holders must provide information to their state drivers licensing agency regarding the type of commercial motor vehicle operation they drive in or expect to drive in with their CDL. Drivers operating in certain types of commerce will be required to submit a current DOT physical to their state drivers licensing agency to obtain a "Certified" medical status as part of their driving record. CDL holders required to have a "Certified" medical status who fail to provide and keep up-to-date their DOT physical with their state drivers licensing agency will become "Not-Certified" and they may lose their CDL.

Please contact your state drivers licensing agency to submit a current copy of your long form physical and medical card, and remember every time you re-new your physical you will need to submit a copy to your state drivers licensing agency.

State driver licensing agencies will be adding your medical certification status and the information on your medical examiner's certificate to your Commercial driver's license record.

Questions & Answers:

Q: What if I am an existing CDL holder who does not have license renewal, upgrade or transfer between January 30, 2012 and January 30, 2014?

A: You are responsible for following the steps above and providing your state drivers licensing agency with your self-certification of operating status by January 30, 2014. If required, you must also provide your current medical examiner's certificate and any variance document by January 30, 2014. Your state driver's licensing agency will tell you how you can provide this information.

Q: after, I provide my state driver's licensing agency with my unexpired medical examiner's certificate, do I still have to carry an original or copy of my medical examiner's certificate?

A: Yes. Until the program is fully implemented, you will still have to carry an original or copy of the medical examiner's certificate with you.

Q: What if I do not provide my state driver's licensing agency with my self-certification and if required, my medical examiner's certificate and any required variance document by January 30, 2014?

A: Your state driver's licensing agency will notify you that you are no longer medically certified to operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle. The state driver's licensing agency will then remove all of your CDL privileges from your license.

Q: What should I do when my medical certificate is about to expire?

A: As of January 2014 there will be a national registry of physicians approved to complete DOT physicals and you will only be allowed to use one of these doctors to complete your physical.

Drivers who have a CDL that will expire before January 2014 will need to turn in the DOT physical and medical card at the time of the CDL renewal. Drivers with CDL's expiring after January 2014 must submit their DOT Physical/Medical Card to the DMV before January 2014.