FMCSA Extends Certain Medical Certificate Expiration Dates

Applies to Interstate and Intrastate CDL holders, CLP holders, and non-CDL drivers.

Given the importance of keeping drivers on the road delivering essential goods and the difficulty of obtaining a Medical Examiner Certificate, FMCSA is extending the expiration date of certain medical certificates to June 30, 2020.

The FMCSA MEC waiver temporarily amends the requirement to have a <u>current</u> medical certificate until June 30, 2020 for interstate and intrastate CDL, CLP and Non-CDL drivers of commercial vehicles that:

 have proof of having a valid medical examiner's certificate that was issued for a period of 90 days or longer and that expired on or after March 1, 2020.

The FMCSA Waiver also removes the requirement for the driver to provide their State Driver Licensing Agency with an original or copy of a subsequently issued MEC provided:

the driver has proof of a valid medical certificate that expired on or after March
 1, 2020.following requirements of the State Driver's Licensing Agency

The waiver also removes the requirement that the State Driver Licensing Agency initiate a CDL or CLP downgrade provided:

 the driver has proof of a valid medical certificate or medical variance that expired on or after March 1, 2020

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To Whom Does This Waiver NOT Apply?

- (1) This waiver does not apply to a CDL or CLP holder if the driver's privileges have been suspended or withdrawn for traffic offenses.
- (2) Drivers who cannot produce evidence of a prior medical certification that expired on or after March 1, 2020, are not covered under this waiver, including new drivers who have never obtained a medical certification.
- (3) Drivers who have been diagnosed with a medical condition that would disqualify them from operating in interstate commerce, or drivers who have developed a condition that requires an exemption or Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) from FMCSA are not covered under this waiver.
- (4) This waiver does not apply to medical examiner's certificates originally issued for less than 90 days.



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