

FMCSA Proposes Delay of Integration with SLDAs until June 2025.

The FMCSA proposes to amend its regulations by allowing an extension of the compliance date for the electronic integration of the Medical Examiner's Certificates and State Drivers Licensing Agencies (SDLA). The most recent launch date was June 22, 2021. The proposal would extend the deadline another four years.

There is a 30-day comment period, beginning today, April 23, 2021

4 Medical Examiner Provisions to be Delayed:

- FMCSA to electronically transmit driver identification information, examination results, and restriction information from examinations performed for holders of CLPs or CDLs (interstate and intrastate), to SDLAs.
- FMCSA to electronically transmit to SDLAs medical variance information for all CMV drivers.
- SDLAs to post on the Commercial Driver's License Information System the driver identification, examination results, and restriction information received electronically from FMCSA.
- Motor carriers to no longer be required to verify that CLP/CDL drivers were certified by a certified medical examiner listed on the National Registry.

So What Does This Mean for Medical Examiners?

Basically, nothing changes from the way things currently are.

- Continue issuing MECs to qualified CLP/CDL drivers.
- Drivers continue to provide a copy of their MEC to the SDLA.
- SDLAs continue processing paper copies of MECs they receive from Drivers.
- Motor carriers continue verifying that drivers are certified by a medical examiner listed on the National Registry.