

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice: 7445]****Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII)**

The Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (Title VIII) will convene on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. and last until approximately 12:30 p.m. The meeting location is Room 1205 of the U.S. Department of State, Harry S Truman Building, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Advisory Committee will recommend grant recipients for the FY 2011 competition of the Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union in accordance with the Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983, Public Law 98-164, as amended. The agenda will include opening statements by the Chair and members of the committee, and, within the committee, discussion, approval and recommendation that the Department of State negotiate grant agreements with certain "national organizations with an interest and expertise in conducting research and training concerning the countries of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union," based on the guidelines contained in the call for applications published in Grants.gov and GrantSolutions.gov on February 3, 2011. Following committee deliberation, interested members of the public may make oral statements concerning the Title VIII program in general.

This meeting will be open to the public; however attendance will be limited to the seating available. Entry into the Harry S Truman building is controlled and must be arranged in advance of the meeting. Those planning to attend should notify the Title VIII Program Office at the U.S. Department of State on (202) 736-4661 by Thursday, May 26, providing the following information: Full Name, Date of Birth, Driver's License Number and Issuing State, Country of Citizenship, and any requirements for special accommodation. All attendees must use the 2201 C Street entrance and must arrive no later than 10 a.m. to pass through security before entering the building. Visitors who arrive without prior notification and without photo identification will not be admitted.

The identifying data from the public is requested pursuant to Public Law 99-

399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Public Law 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the Privacy Impact Assessment for VACS-D at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/100305.pdf> for additional information.

Dated: April 25, 2011.

**Susan Nelson,**

*Executive Director, Advisory Committee for Study of Eastern Europe and Eurasia (the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union).*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration****[Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0362]****Medical Review Board Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), United States Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Medical Review Board (MRB) public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FMCSA announces that the Agency's Medical Review Board will hold a committee meeting on June 30, 2011. The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to observe and participate in MRB deliberations about its recommendations for changes to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation (FMCSR) medical standards, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

**DATES:** The MRB meeting will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on June 30, 2011. Please note the preliminary agenda for this meeting in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for specific information.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Hilton-Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Management System (DMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2011-0362 using any of the following methods:

- **Web Site:** <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20003-3302.

- **Hand Delivery:** Room W12-140 on the plaza level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading for further information.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or Room PL-W12-140 on the plaza level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the U.S. Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477; Apr. 11, 2000). This information is also available at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Elaine M. Papp, Division Chief, Medical Programs, 202-366-4001, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20003-3302. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**INFORMATION ON SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:** For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Elaine M. Papp at 202-366-4001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The preliminary agenda for the meeting includes:

- 10–10:15 a.m. Call to Order, Introduction and Agenda Review
- 10:15–10:45 a.m. Updated Evidence Report Diabetes Mellitus
- 10:45–11:15 a.m. Preliminary Report on Cochlear Implants
- 11:15–11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period
- 11:45A–12:45 p.m. Break for Lunch
- 12:45–2 p.m. Update on 2007 Evidence Report on Sleep Apnea; Overview of 2007 Medical Expert Panel Opinions on Sleep Apnea
- 2–2:30 p.m. Review on Previous MRB recommendations on Sleep Apnea
- 2:30–4 p.m. Public Comment Period

Breaks will be announced on meeting day and may be adjusted according to schedule changes, other meeting requirements.

### Background

The Secretary of the Department of Transportation announced on November 2, 2010, the five medical experts who serve on the MRB. Section 4116 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU, Pub. L. 109–59) requires the Secretary of Transportation with the advice of the MRB to “establish, review, and revise medical standards for operators of Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) that will ensure that the physical condition of operators is adequate to enable them to operate the vehicles safely.” FMCSA is planning revisions to the physical qualification regulations of CMV drivers, and the MRB will provide the necessary science-based guidance to establish realistic and responsible medical standards.

The MRB operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as announced in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 57642, October 3, 2005). The MRB is charged initially with the review of all current FMCSA medical standards (49 CFR 391.41), as well as proposing new science-based standards and guidelines to ensure that drivers operating CMVs in interstate commerce, as defined in CFR 390.5, are physically capable of doing so.

### Meeting Participation

Attendance is open to the interested public, including medical examiners, motor carriers, drivers, and representatives of medical and scientific associations. Written comments for this MRB meeting will also be accepted beginning on June 30, 2011 and continuing until July 15, 2011, and should include the docket number that

is listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. During the MRB meeting (11:15–11:45 a.m. and 2:30–4 p.m.), oral comments may be limited depending on how many persons wish to comment; and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis as requestors register at the meeting. The comments must directly address relevant medical and scientific issues on the MRB meeting agenda. For more information, please view the following Web site: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mrb>.

Issued on: May 5, 2011.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator of Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0040]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to exempt seventeen individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions will enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The exemptions are May 11, 2011. The exemptions expire on May 13, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, (202) 366–4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Room W64–224, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and/or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey

Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of DOT’s dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, or other entity). You may review DOT’s Privacy Act Statement for the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8–785.pdf>.

### Background

On March 29, 2011, FMCSA published a notice of receipt of Federal diabetes exemption applications from seventeen individuals and requested comments from the public (76 FR 17478). The public comment period closed on April 28, 2011 and one comment was received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of the seventeen applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to these individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3).

### Diabetes Mellitus and Driving Experience of the Applicants

The Agency established the current standard for diabetes in 1970 because several risk studies indicated that drivers with diabetes had a higher rate of crash involvement than the general population. The diabetes rule provides that “A person is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control” (49 CFR 391.41(b)(3)).

FMCSA established its diabetes exemption program, based on the Agency’s July 2000 study entitled “A Report to Congress on the Feasibility of a Program to Qualify Individuals with Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus to Operate in Interstate Commerce as Directed by the Transportation Act for the 21st Century.” The report concluded that a safe and practicable protocol to allow some drivers with ITDM to operate CMVs is feasible.

The September 3, 2003 (68 FR 52441) **Federal Register** notice in conjunction with the November 8, 2005 (70 FR 67777) **Federal Register** notice provides the current protocol for allowing such drivers to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.