

The FMCSA provides medical advisory criteria as recommendations for use by medical examiners in determining whether drivers with certain medical conditions and drivers who have undergone certain procedures and/or treatments should be certified to operate CMVs in interstate commerce in accordance with the various physical qualification standards in 49 CFR part 391, subpart E. The advisory criteria are currently set out in Appendix A to 49 CFR part 391. The advisory criteria for section 391.41(b)(4) provide, in part, that:

The term "has no current clinical diagnosis of" is specifically designed to encompass: "a clinical diagnosis of" (1) a current cardiovascular condition, or (2) a cardiovascular condition which has not fully stabilized regardless of the time limit. The term "known to be accompanied by" is designed to include a clinical diagnosis of a cardiovascular disease (1) which is accompanied by symptoms of syncope, dyspnea, collapse or congestive cardiac failure; and/or (2) which is likely to cause syncope, dyspnea, collapse, or congestive cardiac failure.

It is the intent of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations to render unqualified, a driver who has a current cardiovascular disease which is accompanied by and/or likely to cause symptoms of syncope, dyspnea, collapse, or congestive cardiac failure. However, the subjective decision of whether the nature and severity of an individual's condition will likely cause symptoms of cardiovascular insufficiency is on an individual basis and qualification rests with the medical examiner and the motor carrier.

In the case of persons with ICDs, the underlying condition for which the ICD was implanted places the individual at high risk for syncope (a transient loss of consciousness) or other unpredictable events known to result in gradual or sudden incapacitation. ICDs may discharge, which could result in loss of ability to safely control a CMV. See the Evidence Report on "Cardiovascular Disease and Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Safety," April 2007.<sup>2</sup> A focused research report entitled "Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators and the Impact of a Shock on a Patient When Deployed," completed for the FMCSA in December 2014, indicates that the available scientific data on persons with ICDs and CMV driving does not support that persons with ICDs who operate CMVs are able to meet an equal or greater level of safety and upholds the findings of the April 2007 report. Copies of the April 2007 report and the

December 2014 report are included in the docket for this notice.

### Discussion of Public Comments

On August 8, 2016, FMCSA published in a **Federal Register** Notice the names of 11 individuals seeking ICD exemption and requested public comment. The public comment period closed on September 7, 2016. A total of 29 commenters responded to the notice. Each of the comments was favorable towards the applicants continuing to drive CMV's with ICD's. Many commenters believed that the individuals seeking exemptions were safe drivers with safe professional work histories, and that their exemption request should be considered on an individual case basis based on merit. Several commenters expressed that individual driving records and experience should be factors in allowing persons with ICD's to operate CMVs.

### FMCSA's Response

FMCSA acknowledges the commenters' concerns. The Agency reviews and considers each applicant's request individually. Based on the available medical literature cited above, however, FMCSA believes that a driver with an ICD is at risk for incapacitation if the device discharges. This risk is combined with the risks associated with the underlying cardiovascular condition for which the ICD has been implanted as a primary or secondary preventive measure.

### Conclusion

FMCSA evaluated the 11 individual exemption requests on their merits, available data from Evidence Reports and Medical Expert Panel opinions on the impact of ICDs on Commercial Motor Vehicle driving, and the public comments received. The Agency has determined that the available medical literature and data does not support a conclusion that granting these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on his/her exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published today summarizes the Agency's recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4).

The following 11 applicants are denied exemptions from the cardiovascular standard.

Charles R. Allen (MI)  
William Blake (NH)  
Roosevelt Tyrone Brown (SC)

Kevin Coulter (CA)  
John Dudar (CT)  
Timothy Godwin (NC)  
James Goslee (MD)  
Richard Hacker (MD)  
Kathryn Kosse (AZ)  
Joseph Skrzyniarz (MI)  
Wylanne Deon Sanders (IL)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2001-11426; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-2003-16564; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-21711; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2005-23099; FMCSA-2006-23773; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2008-0021; FMCSA-2009-0011; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2009-0321; FMCSA-2010-0050; FMCSA-2011-0142; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-0366; FMCSA-2011-0379; FMCSA-2011-0380; FMCSA-2012-0039; FMCSA-2013-0174; FMCSA-2014-0002; FMCSA-2014-0003; FMCSA-2014-0004]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 131 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions was effective from the dates stated in the discussions below. Comments must be received on or before January 17, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. [Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2001-11426; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-

<sup>2</sup> Now available at [http://ntl.bts.gov/lib/30000/30100/30123/Final\\_CVD\\_Evidence\\_Report\\_v2.pdf](http://ntl.bts.gov/lib/30000/30100/30123/Final_CVD_Evidence_Report_v2.pdf).

2003–16564; FMCSA–2004–19477; FMCSA–2005–21711; FMCSA–2005–22727; FMCSA–2005–23099; FMCSA–2006–23773; FMCSA–2006–24015; FMCSA–2008–0021; FMCSA–2009–0011; FMCSA–2009–0303; FMCSA–2009–0321; FMCSA–2010–0050; FMCSA–2011–0142; FMCSA–2011–0299; FMCSA–2011–0366; FMCSA–2011–0379; FMCSA–2011–0380; FMCSA–2012–0039; FMCSA–2013–0174; FMCSA–2014–0002; FMCSA–2014–0003; FMCSA–2014–0004], using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail*: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier*: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.
- *Fax*: 1–202–493–2251.

*Instructions*: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

*Docket*: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time 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., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) 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 DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-year period if it finds “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381.

**Exemption Decision**

This notice addresses 131 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 131 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. Each individual is identified according to the renewal date.

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual has a physical examination every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provides a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the

exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

**Basis for Renewing Exemptions**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. The following group(s) of drivers will receive renewed exemptions effective in the month of May and are discussed below.

As of May 7, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 11 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (69 FR 64806; 70 FR 2705; 71 FR 6826; 71 FR 19602; 72 FR 1054; 73 FR 11989; 74 FR 26464; 74 FR 60022; 75 FR 4623; 75 FR 13653; 76 FR 49528; 76 FR 61143; 76 FR 70212; 77 FR 543; 77 FR 5874; 77 FR 17107; 77 FR 17117; 78 FR 76707; 78 FR 77782; 79 FR 1908; 79 FR 10611; 79 FR 13085; 79 FR 14331; 79 FR 14333; 79 FR 14571; 79 FR 18391; 79 FR 18392; 79 FR 22003; 79 FR 28588; 79 FR 29498):

Stephan P. Adamczyk (ME)  
Otto J. Ammer, Jr. (PA)  
Alphonso A. Barco (SC)  
Teddy S. Bioni (PA)  
Darrell Canupp (MI)  
John A. Carroll, Jr. (AL)  
James A. Champion (WA)  
Larry Chinn (WI)  
Michael Gargano (FL)  
Ronald L. Walker (FL)  
Charles G. Warshun, Jr. (NY)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket Nos. FMCSA–2003–16241; FMCSA–2007–28695; FMCSA–2004–19477; FMCSA–2006–23773; FMCSA–2009–0303; FMCSA–2011–0142; FMCSA–2011–0366; FMCSA–2013–0174; FMCSA–2014–0002; FMCSA–2014–0003; FMCSA–2014–0004. Their exemptions are effective as of May 7, 2016 and will expire on May 7, 2018.

As of May 11, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 10 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (77 FR 15184; 77 FR 27850; 79 FR 21996):

Robert L. Brauns (IA)  
Bobby R. Brooks (GA)  
Clifford W. Doran, Jr. (NC)  
Ryan C. Dugan (NY)  
Glenn C. Grimm (NJ)  
Charles J. Kennedy (OH)  
Richard A. Pucker (WI)  
John M. Riley (AL)  
Jeffery A. Sheets (AR)

Randy L. Stevens (GA)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA–2001–0299; FMCSA–2011–0379; FMCSA–2011–0380. Their exemptions are effective as of May 11, 2016 and will expire on May 11, 2018.

As of May 12, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 14 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (67 FR 68719; 68 FR 2629; 68 FR 74699; 69 FR 10503; 69 FR 71100; 70 FR 71884; 71 FR 4632; 71 FR 6826; 71 FR 6829; 71 FR 19602; 73 FR 5259; 73 FR 11989; 73 FR 15567; 73 FR 27015; 73 FR 76440; 75 FR 9480; 75 FR 13653; 75 FR 19674; 75 FR 22176; 77 FR 17109; 77 FR 23797; 77 FR 27845; 79 FR 23797):

Leo G. Becker (KS)  
Stanley W. Davis (TX)  
Ray L. Emert (PA)  
John W. Forgy (ID)  
Julian R. Hall (TX)  
Neil W. Jennings (MO)  
Mark Meacham (NC)  
David A. Miller (NE)  
Paul D. Schnautz (TX)  
William T. Smiley (MD)  
Richard M. Smith (CO)  
Aaron S. Taylor (WI)  
William B. Thomas (SC)  
Michael J. Tisher (AK)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA–2002–12844; FMCSA–2003–16564; FMCSA–2005–22727; FMCSA–2006–23773; FMCSA–2008–0021; FMCSA–2011–0380. Their exemptions are effective as of May 12, 2016 and will expire on May 12, 2018.

As of May 16, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 36 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (79 FR 14571; 79 FR 28588):

Luis A. Agudo (MN)  
Dmitriy D. Bayda (WA)  
Marvin J. Bensend, Jr. (MS)  
Cody W. Christian (OK)  
Michael T. Deaton (WI)  
Billy D. Devine (WA)  
James G. Donze (MO)  
Jeffrey D. Duncan (IN)  
Charles R. Early (IN)  
Dennis A. Feather (SC)  
Nicholas C. Georgen (IA)  
Robert E. Johnston, Jr. (WA)  
Gregory J. Kuhn (NE)  
David W. Leach (IL)  
Kerry M. Leeper (WA)  
Jason S. Logue (GA)  
David F. Martin (NJ)  
Martin L. Mayes (GA)

Daniel A. McNabb, Jr. (KS)  
Phillip L. Mello (CA)  
Roberto C. Mendez (TX)  
Robert L. Murray (IL)  
Barry L. Pylant (GA)  
Steve W. Quenzer (SD)  
Bradley W. Reed (AL)  
Erik M. Rice (TX)  
Ricky D. Rostad (MN)  
Tatum R. Schmidt (IA)  
Harry J. Scholl (PA)  
Jacob A. Shaffer (PA)  
Thomas G. Smedema (WI)  
James S. Smith (AR)  
Thomas W. Smith (PA)  
Richard H. Solum (MN)  
Scott R. Sorensen (CA)  
Elston L. Taylor (VA)

The drivers were included on the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0003. Their exemptions are effective as of May 16, 2016 and will expire on May 16, 2018.

As of May 21, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 8 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (70 FR 48797; 70 FR 61493; 73 FR 6246; 75 FR 9480; 75 FR 14656; 75 FR 19674; 75 FR 22176; 75 FR 28684; 77 FR 15184; 77 FR 23797; 77 FR 23800; 77 FR 27850; 79 FR 22000):

David A. Brannon (FL)  
Steven R. Felks (TX)  
Herbert C. Hirsch (MO)  
Michael D. Kilgore (TX)  
Douglas L. Norman (NC)  
Carroll R. Rogers (CA)  
Wayne J. Savage (VA)  
Marion Tutt, Jr. (GA)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA–2005–21711; FMCSA–2009–0011; FMCSA–2010–0050; FMCSA–2011–0379. Their exemptions are effective as of May 21, 2016 and will expire on May 21, 2018.

As of May 22, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 28 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (79 FR 18392; 79 FR 29498):

Britton J. Anderson (KS)  
James E. Baker (OH)  
Aaron D. Barnett (IA)  
Stanley R. Cap (SD)  
Michael T. Craddock (CA)  
Eric C. Dettrey (NJ)  
Timothy C. Dotson (MO)  
Roger L. Frazier (NC)  
Danny J. Goss (MO)  
James P. Griffin (WA)  
Dennis P. Hart (OR)  
Kyle C. Holschlag (IA)  
Michael T. Huso (MN)

James D. Kessler (SD)  
Robin D. Kurtz (CT)  
Sherell J. Landry (TX)  
Ronald N. Lindgren (MN)  
Robert P. Malarkey, Sr. (NY)  
Michael L. Manning (MO)  
Rodney J. McMorran (IA)  
John L. Meese (MO)  
Thomas G. Ohlson (NY)  
Robert D. Reeder (MI)  
Craig Robinson (FL)  
Michael E. Schlachter (WY)  
Kenneth W. Sigl (WI)  
Elmer F. Winters (NC)  
Eugene T. Wolf (IA)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0004. Their exemptions are effective as of May 22, 2016 and will expire on May 22, 2018.

As of May 25, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 18 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (64 FR 68195; 65 FR 20251; 67 FR 10471; 67 FR 17102; 67 FR 19798; 69 FR 17267; 69 FR 19611; 71 FR 4194; 71 FR 13450; 71 FR 14566; 71 FR 16410; 71 FR 19604; 71 FR 30227; 73 FR 27014; 75 FR 1835; 75 FR 9480; 75 FR 9482; 75 FR 22176; 75 FR 27622; 77 FR 10604; 77 FR 17108; 77 FR 20879; 77 FR 26816; 77 FR 31427):

Dwight A. Bennett (MD)  
Juan Castanon (NM)  
Ronald Flanery (KY)  
Joshua G. Hansen (ID)  
Daniel W. Henderson (TN)  
Edward W. Hosier (MO)  
Craig T. Jorgensen (WI)  
Jose A. Lopez (CT)  
Earl E. Martin (VA)  
Brian E. Monaghan (IL)  
Joseph C. Powell (VA)  
Albert L. Rensburg, 3rd (MD)  
David L. Schachle (PA)  
Dennis R. Schneider (NM)  
Michael See (NY)  
Steven Simone (KS)  
Mark Sobczyk (WI)  
Frankie A. Wilborn (GA)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA–1999–6480; FMCSA–2001–11426; FMCSA–2005–23099; FMCSA–2006–24015; FMCSA–2009–0011; FMCSA–2009–0321; FMCSA–2012–0039. Their exemptions are effective as of May 25, 2016 and will expire on May 25, 2018.

As of May 30, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 6 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (67 FR 15662; 67 FR 37907; 69 FR 26206; 71 FR 26602; 73 FR 27017; 75 FR 27621; 77 FR 27849):

Joe W. Brewer (SC)  
James W. Ellis, 4th (NJ)  
David A. Inman (IN)  
Lawrence C. Moody (NJ)  
Stanley W. Nunn (TN)  
Kevin R. Stoner (PA)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA-2002-11714. Their exemptions are effective as of May 30, 2016 and will expire on May 30, 2018.

Each of the 131 applicants listed in the groups above has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements.

These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

#### Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by January 17, 2017.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 131 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision

requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

#### Submitting Comments

You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket numbers FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2001-11426; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-2003-16564; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-21711; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2005-23099; FMCSA-2006-23773; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2008-0021; FMCSA-2009-0011; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2009-0321; FMCSA-2010-0050; FMCSA-2011-0142; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-0366; FMCSA-2011-0379; FMCSA-2011-0380; FMCSA-2012-0039; FMCSA-2013-0174; FMCSA-2014-0002; FMCSA-2014-0003; FMCSA-2014-0004 and click the search button. When the new screen appears, click on the blue "Comment Now!" button on the right hand side of the page. On the new page, enter information required including the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. FMCSA may issue a final rule at

any time after the close of the comment period.

#### Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2001-11426; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-2003-16564; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-21711; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2005-23099; FMCSA-2006-23773; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2008-0021; FMCSA-2009-0011; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2009-0321; FMCSA-2010-0050; FMCSA-2011-0142; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-0366; FMCSA-2011-0379; FMCSA-2011-0380; FMCSA-2012-0039; FMCSA-2013-0174; FMCSA-2014-0002; FMCSA-2014-0003; FMCSA-2014-0004 and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" and you will find all documents and comments related to this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-24210; FMCSA-2010-0162; FMCSA-2012-0162; FMCSA-2012-0163; FMCSA-2014-0018]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions of 125 individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from this rule if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these CMV drivers.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions are effective from the dates