

houses, will be available in a project coordination plan on the study Web site. All public meetings related to the study will be held in locations accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person who requires special assistance, such as a language interpreter, should contact the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier 1 NEPA Team at (410) 537-5650 or via email at [info@baycrossingstudy.com](mailto:info@baycrossingstudy.com) at least 48 hours before the open house or meeting.

Letters inviting agencies to be cooperating or participating in the environmental review process are being sent to those agencies that have jurisdiction or may have an interest in the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier 1 NEPA. FHWA and MDTA will notify cooperating and participating agencies of a separate agency scoping meeting to be held October 25, 2017, in Annapolis, Maryland.

Written comments or questions on the scope of the Tier 1 EIS should be mailed to the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier 1 NEPA, c/o Ms. Melissa Williams, Director, Division of Planning & Program Development, Maryland Transportation Authority, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore, MD 21224; sent via email to [mwilliams9@mdta.state.md.us](mailto:mwilliams9@mdta.state.md.us); or submitted on the study Web site ([www.baycrossingstudy.com](http://www.baycrossingstudy.com)).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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**Gregory Murrill,**

*Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2009-0155; FMCSA-2011-0125; FMCSA-2011-0144; FMCSA-2011-0145; FMCSA-2013-0019; FMCSA-2013-0181; FMCSA-2015-0062; FMCSA-2015-0063]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 127

individuals from its prohibition in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions enable these individuals with ITDM to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, 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 5:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. 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., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

#### II. Background

On July 27, 2017, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 127 individuals from the insulin-treated diabetes mellitus prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (82 FR 35029). The public comment period ended on August 28, 2017, and one comment was received.

As stated in the previous notice, FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions 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).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding diabetes found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person:

Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control.

### III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received one comment in this preceding. An anonymous commenter stated they believe the rule preventing drivers with ITDM operating CMVs in interstate commerce should be removed and the medical examiners should determine whether a driver is fit to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. On May 4, 2015, FMCSA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (80 FR 25260) proposing changes to the Diabetes standard and requesting comments from the public. FMCSA is currently evaluating comments received and drafting a Final Rule. Information related to this action can be found in the Docket at FMCSA-2005-23151.

### IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 127 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA announces its' decision to exempt the following drivers from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce in 49 CFR 391.64(3):

As of August 1, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 35 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (80 FR 37719; 80 FR 59223):

Adele M. Aasen (ND)  
 Kyle E. Beine (WI)  
 Joseph M. Blackwell (GA)  
 Joseph G. Blastick (SD)  
 Gary W. Boninsegna (OH)  
 Billy J. Bronson (OR)  
 Michael L. Campbell (NC)  
 Steven C. Cornell (PA)  
 Josiah L. Crestik (MN)  
 Richard L. Cunningham (NE)  
 Thomas M. Delasko (FL)  
 William T. Eason (NC)  
 Douglas J. Garrison (IA)  
 Daniel W. Gregory (NC)  
 Barry L. Grimes, Sr. (MD)  
 Dennis J. Grimm (DE)

Stephen G. Helmer (NE)  
 Marco K. Higgs (OR)  
 Jeffrey T. Hunley (NC)  
 Colin S. Jackson (WA)  
 Peter E. Mizialko (NJ)  
 Michael I. Moore (IN)  
 Richard M. Ohland (MN)  
 James D. Parrish (NC)  
 Justin D. Redding (MT)  
 Alex R. Rumph (MT)  
 Kenneth S. Schoenberger (PA)  
 Jarred E. Shawles (CA)  
 Howard L. Smith (IL)  
 Jeffrey S. Snyder (PA)  
 Jerry L. Stevens (NE)  
 Todd Stover (PA)  
 Dennis P. Walker, Jr. (OH)  
 Horace V. Watson (GA)  
 Jeremy W. Wolfe (MO)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2015–0062. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 1, 2017, and will expire on August 1, 2019.

As of August 3, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following seven individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (74 FR 28097; 74 FR 38481):

Joseph Jurewicz (CT)  
 Dana N. Larsen (UT)  
 Jason G. Leavitt (UT)  
 Thomas M. Petee (MI)  
 Jim A. Phelps (MI)  
 James F. Rabideau, Jr. (NY)  
 John E. Spano (MA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2009–0155. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 3, 2017, and will expire on August 3, 2019.

As of August 4, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following eight individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (76 FR 34127; 76 FR 47288):

Richard A. Bosma (IL)  
 Ronnie E. Combs, Jr. (KY)  
 Barbara A. Farrell (WA)  
 Tony D. Gayles (KY)  
 Joshua D. Kohl (IA)  
 Judah A. Nell (PA)  
 Peter J. Wasko, Jr. (PA)  
 Alfred Zalana (CA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2011–0125. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 4, 2017, and will expire on August 4, 2019.

As of August 5, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following ten individuals

have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (76 FR 34127; 76 FR 47288):

Justin C. Brewer (NY)  
 Roger W. Carr (MD)  
 Stanley D. Ingram (TN)  
 Rondal W. Kennedy (KY)  
 Jerry W. Miller (VA)  
 Gregg O. Price (MS)  
 Gary D. Pugliese (NJ)  
 Jeffrey A. Radel (PA)  
 Vladimir V. Tays (PA)  
 Jady R. Tengs (ID)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2011–0144. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 5, 2017, and will expire on August 5, 2019.

As of August 15, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 43 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (80 FR 41550; 80 FR 59229):

Henry Andreoli (NH)  
 Jonathan A. Boston (NY)  
 James G. Bracegirdle (GA)  
 Joseph C. Brewster (VA)  
 Bradley R. Brown (NH)  
 Annette F. Bryant (CA)  
 Brian G. Carter (GA)  
 Daniel B. Craig (OR)  
 Sean W. Dempsey (OH)  
 Patrick L. Feely (MN)  
 Garry W. Garrison (WI)  
 James Gennello (NJ)  
 John T. Gorman (NJ)  
 Joel K. Hawkins (IL)  
 Gary L. Hulslander (PA)  
 Daniel E. Jackowski (WI)  
 John W. Johnson (TN)  
 Samuel S. Johnson (WI)  
 Charles A. Kelley (IA)  
 Omer E. King (PA)  
 Eric R. Knutson (MN)  
 Bruce E. Koehn (KS)  
 Douglas L. Kugler (MN)  
 Andrew S. McKinney (MN)  
 Douglas D. Miller (WY)  
 Robert F. Perez (PA)  
 Ray E. Phipps (IL)  
 Bruce F. Sanderson (LA)  
 Raymond Santiago (NJ)  
 Travis D. Shadden (IN)  
 Randy S. Steinbach (WA)  
 Paul R. Thorkelson (MN)  
 Michael J. Toth (PA)  
 Christopher O. Trent (KS)  
 Charles H. Turner (WI)  
 Jesse W. Turner (MI)  
 Donovan A. Van Houten (WA)  
 Matt S. Volk (NE)  
 Daniel M. Waldner (ND)  
 Timothy L. Wilkinson (OH)

Gatherine A. Wilcox (CT)  
 Kenneth P. Wing (MI)  
 Timothy W. Young (PA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2015–0063. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 15, 2017, and will expire on August 15, 2019.

As of August 16, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 14 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (78 FR 32704; 78 FR 50140):

Herlen D. Barner (TN)  
 James W. Bledsoe (AL)  
 Daniel L. Bosley (KY)  
 Verland G. Casper (WI)  
 Kyle P. Cerra (PA)  
 Raymond K. Harper (KS)  
 Shane B. Henninger (IA)  
 Jeffrey S. Hubbell (PA)  
 Kevin T. Johnson (SD)  
 Randall L. Krider (IN)  
 William J. Panoch (WI)  
 James E. Smith (TN)  
 Kevin R. Treichel (IA)  
 Thomas R. Yecker (PA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0019. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 16, 2017, and will expire on August 16, 2019.

As of August 29, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following nine individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (76 FR 40439; 76 FR 53707):

Bryan K. Aaron (UT)  
 Donald M. Bergman (MN)  
 Ronald J. Boehm (IN)  
 Vernon W. Elmore (MS)  
 Michael J. Gilbert (WA)  
 Andrew W. Richey (MS)  
 Thomas M. Shafer (IN)  
 Allen D. Stevenson (NJ)  
 Oleg Tarasov (NJ)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2011–0145. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 29, 2017, and will expire on August 29, 2019.

As of August 30, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, Lloyd K. Steinkamp (WV) has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (78 FR 38435; 78 FR 63294).

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0181. The exemption is applicable as of August 30,

2017, and will expire on August 30, 2019.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years from the applicable date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (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 prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0058]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

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

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 91 individuals for an exemption from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 13, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2016-0004 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online 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:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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

**Instructions:** Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number(s) for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

**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., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The 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 online.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, [fmcamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for a five-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 statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the five-year period. FMCSA grants exemptions from the FMCSRs for a two-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver's medical certification.

The 91 individuals listed in this notice have requested an exemption from the hearing requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11). Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person:

First perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5-1951.

This standard was adopted in 1970 and was revised in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid, 35 FR 6458, 6463 (April 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 3, 1971).

On February 1, 2013, FMCSA announced in a Notice of Final Disposition titled, Qualification of Drivers; Application for Exemptions; National Association of the Deaf, (78 FR 7479), its decision to grant requests from 40 individuals for exemptions from the Agency's physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers. Since the February 1, 2013 notice, the Agency has published additional notices granting requests from hard of hearing and deaf individuals for exemptions from the Agency's physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers.

##### II. Qualifications of Applicants

*Mario Alvarado:* Mr. Alvarado, age 28, holds an operator's license in California.

*Shey C. Amberson:* Mr. Amberson, age 39, holds an operator's license in Florida.

*Kasseth Andrews:* Mr. Andrews, age 33, holds an operator's license in Massachusetts.

*Steven Andrews:* Mr. Andrews, age 33, holds an operator's license in Florida.

*Randy Bailey:* Mr. Bailey, age 36, holds an operator's license in New Jersey.

*Ivan Batista:* Mr. Batista, age 36, holds an operator's license in New Jersey.

*Larry G. Beeson:* Mr. Beeson, age 75, holds a class B CDL in North Carolina.

*Deontae Blanks:* Mr. Blanks, age 34, holds an operator's license in Texas.

*Daryl A. Broker:* Mr. Broker, age 63, holds a class A CDL in Minnesota.