## CDL-DOT Medical Merge Project

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The Colorado Department of Revenue is changing what happens when a DOT medical expires and it is not updated. <u>Note</u>: This only applies to drivers with a Commercial Drivers License (CDL).

The change involves the DOT medical expiration date and how it is tracked. The DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) is now responsible for collecting and storing the DOT Medical Certificate itself. The DMV is also responsible for tracking the expiration date of the DOT Medical Certificate and marking a driver's record as "Not Medically Certified" whenever an individual's DOT medical has expired and the individual has not provided an updated certificate.

After January 30th 2012, a copy of the drivers DOT Medical Certificate must be provided to the DMV each time the DOT physical is renewed.

There are three ways to provide the certificate:

1. The certificate may be presented in person to <u>all State</u> DMV's and <u>some County</u> DMV's. This may be accomplished by the driver or district staff. The DMV does not need to keep the original. You can either bring an additional copy of the certificate or they will make a copy.

Beginning January 30, 2012, the DMV will accept any form (photocopy, fax, laminated copy, etc.) of the DOT Medical Certificate, including out of state DOT Medical Certificates, providing they are complete, legible and have no appearance of being altered.

- 2. The certificate may be faxed to the CDL unit at 303-205-5709 (available after mid-January 2012). Some fax machines have experienced problems connecting with the DMV fax machine. If this occurs, please try a different fax machine.
- Or it may be mailed to the following address: Colorado Department of Revenue Attn: CDL Unit 1881 Pierce Street, Room 164 Lakewood CO 80214

At the same time, the driver must certify that they are either an interstate (drive a commercial vehicle across state line) driver or intrastate driver (only drive a commercial vehicle within the state of Colorado). Certification as an intrastate driver means a "K" restriction will be placed on your CDL. It is recommended that school district drivers certify as an interstate driver.

If the DOT Medical Certificate is submitted to a DMV in person, a copy of the MVR may be obtained on the spot.

If the Medical Certificate is faxed or mailed, an updated CDLIS MVR may be obtained after 36 hours.

As in the past, on the first day of an individual's DOT Medical Certificate expiring, that individual is no longer qualified to operate a commercial vehicle requiring a CDL.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the DMV not receiving an updated DOT Medical Certificate, the DMV will change the individual's Medical Certification status to "Not Certified" and the DMV will also mail out a letter to the individual explaining that they cannot operate a commercial vehicle and what the individual needs to do to comply.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the DMV not receiving an updated DOT Medical Certificate, the DMV will cancel the individual's entire license and at this point the individual has no driving privileges for any vehicle.

For additional questions, the CDL customer service line may be contacted at 303-205-5613.

Additional information may be obtained at: <u>http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/Revenue-MV/RMV/1251609017278</u>