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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Medical Qualifications

Question: Can I be placed out of service if I forget my medical card or if it's expired?

Answer: Yes, but only if you have had a history failing to carry your medical card, or if it's expired.

Question: Why are doctors looking at body mass and neck size?

Answer: Excessive neck size and body mass are risk for sleep apnea. If you are diagnosed with sleep apnea, you may be temporarily disqualified until the condition is determined or treated.

Question: Can I be qualified if I have diabetes?

Answer: Yes, if your condition can be controlled by using oral medication and diet. If you are using insulin, no. But you may qualify for an exemption.

Question: Do I need to carry a copy of my long form medical exam?

Answer: No, it does not need to be in the vehicle.

Question: The state is asking for my medical card. Do I have to give it to them?

Answer: Yes. Federal rules require states to collect medical cards (original or a copy) from certain CDL holders by early 2014, especially those involved in interstate commerce. Your medical qualification status will be entered on your motor vehicle record (MVR), and you must give the state each new medical card you receive.

Question: Do I need to carry my medical card?

Answer: Yes, at least until January of 30, 2014. After that date certain CDL holders who are giving their medical cards to the state will no longer need to carry them.

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