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| **NOTICE TO NEW JERSEY MOTOR CARRIERS & PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES** |

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) granted **a one year extension to January 30, 2015 for Commercial Driver License (CDL) holders to continue to carry a valid paper copy of their medical certificate when operating a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)**. This also extends the requirement for employers to obtain a copy of their employee’s medical certificate from their drivers. CDL holders are still required to submit a self-certification to the MVC as to the type of commerce in which they operate and a valid medical certificate, if needed. The MVC will review self-certifications and medical certificates to ensure commercial drivers are qualified to operate a CMV.

As you are aware, Federal regulations CFR 383.73 were enacted on December 1, 2008 requiring all CDL holders to submit a self-certification and valid copy of their medical physical qualification (if needed) to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). This rule was then amended on November 15, 2011 extending the date for CDL holders to carry a valid paper of their medical certificate and has recently been amended again.

Under the revised rule, the MVC will coordinate a program that enters all information on the Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS) to record if a driver is medically qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). The amended rule states that as of January 31, 2014 all CDL holders are no longer required to carry a valid paper copy medical certificate with them when operating a CMV. The amended rule also mandates that employers are responsible to verify that their drivers are qualified by reviewing a driver history abstract for their employees to ensure they submitted a self certification and medical certificate if required. These requirements cover large and small companies as well as owner operators in New Jersey.

The MVC understands the importance of motor carrier and passenger transportation industries in New Jersey as well as commercial drivers and the support they provide. We have attempted to make it easy for employers and CDL holder’s drivers to meet requirements of this new regulation. This information, including the self certification form and Frequently Asked Questions are also available on the Web site at [www.njmvc.gov](http://www.njmvc.gov).

Should you have any questions concerning background checks, please contact the MVC CDL Unit at 609-292-6500, ext. 5077.