



# REGULATORY ALERT

April 23, 2012

## *National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (National Registry)*

Effective Date : 05/21/12

Compliance Date: 05/21/14

## Final Rule

Take notice that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (**FMCSA**) set May 21, 2012, as the effective date for the changes required to establish the new National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (**National Registry**). Compliance is required beginning on May 21, 2014. This Final Rule was published in the Federal Register on April 20, 2012.

This rulemaking establishes training, testing and certification standards for medical examiners responsible for certifying that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers (**Those subject to 49 CFR 391.11**), meet established physical qualifications standards; provides for a database (**National Registry**) of medical examiners that meet prescribed standards and receive a certification number. Motor carriers, drivers, and Federal and State enforcement personnel may only use those listed on the **National Registry** in determining whether a medical examiner is qualified to conduct examinations of interstate truck and bus drivers.

The revised 49 CFR 391.42 states that on and after May 21, 2014 each medical examination required under Part 391 shall only be conducted by medical examiners listed on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners. As such , you have until 05/20/14 to make sure those persons conducting the medical certification for your drivers are listed on the National Registry. As of 05/21/14, FMCSA, drivers and motor carriers will only be allowed to accept as valid medical examiner's certificates issued by medical examiners listed on the National Registry.

If you have any questions you can reach our technical staff through our NJ office at **609-426-0555**.

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