

Client Services Update



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Training!

NOTES FROM CLAY EPPARD



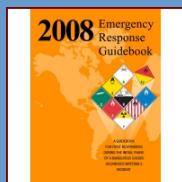
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The NEW 2008 ERG

(Emergency Response Guide)



Will be here soon!

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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have examined Joe Driver in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49) and with knowledge of the driving duties. I find this person is qualified, and, if applicable, only when:

wearing corrective lenses driving within an exempt intracity zone (49 CFR 391.62)
 wearing hearing aid accompanied by a Skill Performance Evaluation Certificate (SPE)
 accompanied by a _____ waiver/exemption qualified by operation of 49 CFR 391.64

The information I have provided regarding this physical examination is true and complete. A complete examination form with any attachment embodies my findings completely and correctly, and is on file in my office.

SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER <i>Terry Price</i>	TELEPHONE 555-1212	DATE 4/1/08
MEDICAL EXAMINER'S NAME (PRINT) Terry Price MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MD <input type="checkbox"/> DO <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Physician Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Practice Nurse
MEDICAL EXAMINER'S LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE NO / ISSUING STATE 217478 MA		
SIGNATURE OF DRIVER <i>Joe Driver</i>	DRIVER'S LICENSE NO MAA13131	STATE MA
ADDRESS OF DRIVER 1212 First St		
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION DATE 7/1/09		

DISTRIBUTION: 1 COPY TO THE DRIVER, 1 COPY TO THE MOTOR CARRIER

Double Check that Driver Medical Examiner's Certificate

Federal and state DOT regulations mandate that all drivers of commercial motor vehicles be medically qualified. A driver's medical examiner's certificate (DOT medical card) is evidence of that qualification. The majority of drivers receive a card which is valid for a maximum of 24 months. However, it is not unusual for a driver to be issued a card which valid for a period of only 3, 6 or 12 months, so don't assume that all medical cards are valid for the full two years.

DOT regulations mandate that the medical examiner's certificate include, among other things, the telephone number and license number of the examiner. If you have any doubt about the validity of the card, you can call the examiner to verify it. Be aware that false medical certificates are on the rise. Rational for falsifying a DOT medical card may be something as simple as driver laziness or could be due to a medical condition which might render the driver medically unqualified to drive a commercial vehicle.

A common way drivers falsify a medical card is to simply change the expiration date. Review it closely for dates which may have been altered or other information which does not seem to add up. Keep in mind that the medical examiner can make errors on the card, so it also could be an honest mistake.

The medical card must be retained for at least 3 years - Do not retain the medical examiner's long form. DOT regulation 49 CFR Part 391.51 only requires an employer to retain the actual medical examiner's certificate. The medical long form should be retained with the driver and/or medical examiner - not with the employer.

Fleet Safety's services include reviewing medical examiner's certificate for our driver qualification file clients, but as the old saying goes, two sets of eyes are better than one. Double check that DOT medical card! Please contact Fleet Safety with any questions at all.

See above example: The driver was issued a three month card on 4/1/08, but the expiration date has been changed from 2008 to 2009. Many falsifications are not this obvious but surprisingly, many are.

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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DRIVER LISTS ARE UP TO DATE
Second Quarter Random Testing Selections will be sent out in Mid-April
Don't forget to Fax or Mail copies of Alcohol Tests to: 508-459-3099
Fleet Safety Services, 12 Harvard Street Worcester, MA 01609

United Carrier Registration (UCR) Reminder for 2008

States involved with registration for the United Carrier (UCR) program have started to mail out renewal applications for the year 2008.

Important facts for registration with the United Carrier Registration (UCR) program:

- 1) If you **did not register** with UCR in 2007, you will not receive a notice from your base state and will have to register for both 2007 and 2008. Visit <http://www.safersys.org/UCRQueryForm.aspx> to view your 2007 registration with the FMSCA Safety and Fitness Electronic Records System (SAFER).
- 2) Registration deadlines are May 15, 2008.
- 3) Roadside enforcement will begin by June 1, 2008.
- 4) **UCR online registration** can be found at: <http://www.ucr.in.gov/>.
- 5) Although not a regulation, Fleet Safety recommends that a photo copy of your company 2008 UCR form is available in all company vehicles to avoid any roadside inspection delays.