Driver, It is your responsibility to know what date your current medical card expires and to give yourself enough time to get this done so that your CDL doesn't get downgraded or that you get shut down and can't be dispatched

As of June 23, 2025 the following changes will occur for EVERY STATE (some states are already active with this change)

FMCSA will electronically submit DOT physical results for CDL holders to the National Registry then to the State Drivers Liscencing Agency

This means that CDL holders and Motor Carriers (Oakley) will no longer be required to submit a paper Certificate to their state.

FMCSA will electronically transmit if you are medically qualified, unqualified or voided. They will also electronically transmit any medical variance information (exemptions and SPE certificates)

What do you need to do as the CDL holder?

Make sure you get this done in plenty of time. No more waiting until the last minute/same day. There is still a turn around time of 24-48 hours for this process to get you updated. Example: If your card expires on Friday, and you get your physical done on the same day, it could be Tuesday or Wednesday of the next week before you get updated. Time is of the essence, this is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! We are advising you to get it done 1-2 weeks before your current one expires.

Make sure you ask for a copy of your Medical Examiners Certificate (also known as your med card) to send to us so we know that you got it done. This gives us a time frame for when we need to run your MVR.

Make sure all of your information is correct on your documents. (last name, DOB, licensing state, license #).

If it is not correct:

a one-time error message task is sent to the medical examiner to

validate/correct the key identifiers by comparing the information they submitted into the National Registry against the copy of the driver's license that was provided at the time of examination to ensure there is an exact match of the key identifiers.

Until the medical examiner performs the validation/correction, the driver's medical certification information is not available to the SDLA. Therefore, medical examiners need to complete these error message tasks immediately.