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Addition

1.4 - Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act (MCSIA)

Added to list under #2:

- Texting while operating a CMV.
- Talking on a cell phone when operating a CMV.

New section

1.5 – Self certification Requirements

In accordance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations C.F.R. 383.71(b)(1), all New Jersey Commercial driver License (CDL) holders must submit a self certification to the Motor Vehicle Commission certifying what type of commerce (e.g., non-excepted interstate, excepted interstate, non-excepted intrastate, excepted intrastate) you operate in. Please carefully review the categories listed on your self-certification form and choose the category that best fits your type of driving. If you meet the excepted requirements outlined on your self-certification, please check the appropriate box for category 2 or 4. If you checked boxes 2 or 4 you will only need to submit the attached self certification, you need not send a medical certificate or variance unless you hold a P (passenger) endorsement on your CDL. Only Class A, B, or C drivers who check the box for category 1 or 3 self-certification below must submit a copy of their medical certificate.

New section

1.6 – Medical Certificate Requirements

If you meet any of the requirements listed below you must submit a valid medical certificate to the MVC.

Interstate and subject to 49 C.F.R. part 391. This is for all Class A, B, and C drivers who do NOT fall under any of the exceptions listed below and any Class A, B, and C drivers granted a federal vision or diabetes exemption; or SPE-limb impairment Skill Performance Evaluation.

Intrastate and subject to state driver qualification requirements. **(Medical certificate and self certification must be submitted)**. This is for all Class A, B, and C drivers who do NOT fall under any of the exceptions listed below:

- Transportation performed by the federal government, a state, or any political subdivision of a state.
(Note: The Motor Vehicle Commission requires ALL P (passenger) endorsement holders, including government workers, to submit a valid medical certificate in order to maintain the P endorsement on their CDL. N.J.A.C. 13:21-14.5(c) (6))
- The transportation of human corpses or sick and injured persons.
- The operation of fire trucks and rescue vehicles while involved in emergency and related operations.
- Apiarian industries (Beekeepers).
- Farm vehicle drivers operating within a 150 mile radius of the farm.

New section

1.6(a) – Medical Certificate Changes

In addition to the requirements listed above, three new fields will be added to the Medical Certificate, as per FMCSA standards:

- The Medical Examiner will be given a registration number which must be clearly identified on the Medical Examiner’s Certificate.
- A commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver must declare if they are going to be Intrastate only by checking the proper box (YES/NO) in the required field.
- The Medical Examiner’s Certificate will be used to determine if the driver on the certificate has passed all necessary driving and skills tests, etc. by checking the YES/NO box in the CDL field. If “NO” is checked, then this driver is only a permit holder, and does not have a valid driver license number yet.

New section

1.7 – National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners

The Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration has established a National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (National Registry). This National Registry requires all medical examiners who conduct physical examinations for interstate (and intrastate per NJ regulations) commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers meet the following criteria:

FMCSA will require that motor carriers and drivers use **only** those medical examiners on the Agency’s National Registry, and will **only** accept as valid medical examiner’s certificates issued by medical examiners listed on the National Registry.