

June 25, 2020

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CHANGE TO MEDICAL CERTIFICATE RULES

Dear Washington State CDL holder,

Governor Inslee authorized the Department of Licensing to take advantage of a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) waiver to some CDL medical certificate rules. This temporary change allows commercial drivers to continue operating with an expired medical certificate as part of our state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic while it is difficult to access routine health care and driver licensing services.

For CDL drivers with medical certificates that expired on or after March 1, 2020, DOL will again take steps to prevent your CDL from being downgraded due to an expired medical certificate through September 30, 2020.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) extended their waiver of federal medical certificate requirements through September 30, 2020. However, the Governor may only waive statutes for 30 days at a time during an emergency. DOL plans on seeking the extensions necessary to give CDL drivers the full benefit of the federal waiver. You should make plans to obtain a valid medical certificate as soon as possible, and prior to September 30, 2020, when this temporary change ends.

When you do get a new medical certificate and would like to submit it, DOL has several options available that do not require visiting a driver licensing office:

- **Email:** CDLMED@dol.wa.gov *(This mailbox is only for submitting CDL medical forms, questions won't be answered.)*
- **Fax:** 360.570.4915
- **Mail**
CDL Medical Unit
Department of Licensing
PO Box 9030
Olympia, WA 98507-9030

Questions about this process can be sent to CDLProgram@dol.wa.gov.