Driver Physical Qualification Standards

## Guidance Q&A

***Question 5:*** If an interstate driver tests positive for alcohol or controlled substances under [part 382](file:///C%3A/Users/ssharda/Desktop/1355), must the driver be medically re-examined and obtain a new medical examiner’s certificate to drive again?

***Guidance:*** The driver is not required to be medically re-examined or to obtain a new medical examiner’s certificate *provided* the driver is seen by an SAP who evaluates the driver, does not make a clinical diagnosis of alcoholism, and provides the driver with documentation allowing the driver to return to work. However, if the SAP determines that alcoholism exists, the driver is not qualified to drive a CMV in interstate commerce. The ultimate responsibility rests with the motor carrier to ensure the driver is medically qualified and to determine whether a new medical examination should be completed.