Driver Physical Qualification Examination

## Guidance Q&A

***Question 3:*** Must a driver who is returning from an illness or injury undergo a medical examination even if his current medical certificate has not expired?

***Guidance:*** The FMCSRs do not require an examination in this case unless the injury or illness has impaired the driver’s ability to perform his/her normal duties. However, the motor carrier may require a driver returning from any illness or injury to take a physical examination. But, in either case, the motor carrier has the obligation to determine if an injury or illness renders the driver medically unqualified.