

Criteria” should now read: “Organizational structure and commitments—depth, clarity, and potential effectiveness of the organization’s structure; evidence of commitments by key partners to participate. Only State departments of transportation are eligible to apply. Non-State departments of transportation may partner with State entities to submit an application.”

(3) The deadline to submit an application for this program is extended to January 3, 2012.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 511; Section 5211 of SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109–59; 119 Stat. 1144).

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**Victor M. Mendez,**  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. FMCSA–2006–26367 and FMCSA–2011–0131]

#### Public Meeting of Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee and Joint Public Meeting With Medical Review Board

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that MCSAC will hold a meeting on Monday–Thursday, December 5–8, 2011, which will include a joint meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, with the MRB. All four days of the meeting will be open to the public for their duration.

**DATES: Time and Dates:** The MCSAC meeting will be held on Monday–Tuesday, December 5–6, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time (E.T.), and on Thursday, December 8, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., E.T. On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, the Cross-Border Trucking Pilot Program subcommittee will meet from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., E.T. Additionally, the joint MCSAC–MRB meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T. The meetings will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 in the Washington and Jefferson Rooms on the 2nd floor. The Hilton Alexandria Old Town is located across the street from the King Street Metro station.

**Matters To Be considered:** The MCSAC will consider the report of its EOBR Implementation Subcommittee established in response to Task 11–04. The MCSAC will also return to Task 11–02 regarding roadside violation severity weightings in the Carrier Safety Measurement System in FMCSA’s CSA program and will meet to be updated on data regarding the cross border trucking pilot program with Mexico.

Additionally, during their joint meeting, the MCSAC and MRB will consider expert presentations on obstructive sleep apnea and its relationship to the population of CMV drivers. Finally, the MCSAC will meet to be updated on recently completed, FMCSA-sponsored research on motorcoach HOS and to begin the process of setting up a subcommittee to consider ideas and concepts on motorcoach HOS for recommendation to the MCSAC and for its consideration and submission to the FMCSA Administrator. Copies of all MCSAC Task Statements and an agenda for the entire 4-day meeting are available at <http://mcsac.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shannon L. Watson, Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 385–2395, [mcsac@dot.gov](mailto:mcsac@dot.gov).  
**Services for Individuals with Disabilities:**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Elizabeth Turner at (617) 494–2068, [elizabeth.turner@dot.gov](mailto:elizabeth.turner@dot.gov), by Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

###### MCSAC

Section 4144 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109–59, 119 Stat. 1144, August 10, 2005) required the Secretary of Transportation to establish the MCSAC. The MCSAC provides advice and recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator on motor carrier safety programs and regulations, and operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, 5 U.S.C. App 2).

###### MRB

Section 4116 of the SAFETEA-LU requires the Secretary of Transportation, with the advice of the MRB, to “establish, review, and revise medical

standards for operators of CMVs that will ensure that the physical condition of operators of CMVs is adequate to enable them to operate the vehicles safely.” On November 2, 2010, the Secretary of Transportation announced the five medical experts who serve on the MRB. FMCSA is planning revisions to the physical qualification regulations of CMV drivers, and the MRB will provide the necessary science-based guidance to establish realistic and responsible medical standards. The MRB operates in accordance with FACA.

##### *Sleep Apnea and Other Sleep Disorders*

The MCSAC and the MRB will discuss ideas and concepts the Agency should consider for regulatory guidance or future rulemaking on obstructive sleep apnea.

##### *EOBR Implementation Task*

The MCSAC EOBR Implementation Subcommittee will report back to the full committee on its work on Task 11–04, examining technical issues relating to the electronic transfer of hours-of-service information from trucks to law enforcement personnel at the roadside.

##### *Roadside Violation Severity Weightings Task*

The MCSAC will continue its deliberations on Task 11–02, concerning violation severity weightings under the CSA program.

##### *Cross Border Trucking Pilot Program Task*

The MCSAC Subcommittee will receive an update on the opening of the Southern Border to long-haul Mexican trucks.

##### *Hours-of-Service for Passenger-Carrying Drivers of CMVs*

The MCSAC will begin consideration of Task 11–06, to begin the process of setting up a subcommittee to consider ideas and concepts on motorcoach HOS.

## II. Meeting Participation

Oral comments from the public will be heard during the last hour of the meetings on Monday–Wednesday, and during the last 15 minutes of the meeting on Thursday. Members of the public may submit written comments on the topics to be considered during the meeting by Wednesday, November 30, 2011, to Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2006–26367 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the

online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0301]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 18 individuals for exemption from the prohibition against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals with ITDM to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 21, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0301 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.
- *Fax:* 1-(202) 493-2251.

*Instructions:* Each submission must include the Agency name and the

docket numbers for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. For acknowledgment of receipt of your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the FDMS published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine M. Papp, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, [fmcamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for a 2-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The 18 individuals listed in this notice have recently requested such an exemption from the diabetes prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b) (3), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each

applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by the statutes.

#### Qualifications of Applicants

##### Mark A. Aspden

Mr. Aspden, age 51, has had ITDM since 2011. His endocrinologist examined him in 2011 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Aspden understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Aspden meets the requirements of the vision requirements at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2011 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) from Massachusetts.

##### Rodney C. Backus

Mr. Backus, 28, has had ITDM since 1997. His endocrinologist examined him in 2011 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Backus understands diabetes management and monitoring, has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Backus meets the requirements of the vision requirements at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2011 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class D operator's license from New York.

##### Peter A. Briester

Mr. Briester, 48, has had ITDM since 2004. His endocrinologist examined him in 2011 and certified that he has had no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the last 5 years. His endocrinologist certifies that Mr. Briester understands diabetes management and monitoring,