

## *Fact Sheet CMV Driver*

### **The National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (National Registry)**

The National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (National Registry) is a Federal program that establishes requirements for healthcare professionals that perform physical qualification examinations for truck and bus drivers. To become a certified medical examiner (ME) and be listed on the National Registry, healthcare professionals must complete training and testing on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) physical qualifications standards and guidelines.

#### **Background Information**

- The National Registry:
  - Ensures that medical examiners understand how FMCSA medical regulations and guidance apply to CMV drivers.
  - Was created to enhance CMV driver health and reduce highway crashes. Information from NTSB crash investigations indicates that improper medical certification of CMV drivers with serious disqualifying medical conditions has directly contributed to fatal and injury crashes. (National Transportation Safety Board)
- Important Dates
  - The National Registry is effective 30 days after publication with a compliance date of 2 years from the effective date.
  - Two years from the effective date, all interstate CMV drivers must have their physical examination performed by a certified medical examiner listed on the National Registry <<http://nrcme.fmcsa.dot.gov>>.

#### **Impact on Interstate CMV Drivers**

- Required to obtain physical examinations and a medical examiner's certificate from a certified medical examiner listed on the National Registry <<http://nrcme.fmcsa.dot.gov>>.
- Interstate CMV drivers can find certified medical examiners in their area, or anywhere in the country, on the National Registry website.
- Drivers will still receive a medical certificate from the medical examiner after passing their examination; however, medical certificates will now include the certified medical examiner's National Registry Number.

