

## **DOT PHYSICALS MUST BE PERFORMED BY A “CERTIFIED MEDICAL EXAMINER” EFFECTIVE MAY 21, 2014**

Are you aware of FMCSA’s new requirement that after May 21, 2014, DOT physicals can only be performed by a medical provider listed in the “Registry of Certified Medical Examiners”. If not, the medical card is invalid subjecting you to possible fines and additional information for an attorney if a crash happens.

You need to check with your current provider to make sure they are certified, and if not, to find one that is. If you allow your owner-operators or drivers to bring in their own card, you need to be assured that if the physical was performed after May 21, 2014 that it was performed by a “certified medical examiner”.

To access the list: [nationalregistryfmcsa.dot.gov](http://nationalregistryfmcsa.dot.gov)

If this requirement is not complied with, a motor carrier could be fined if a compliance review is conducted at their location. When drivers are stopped and an officer reviews the driver’s medical card and it does not meet the new requirement, the driver will be cited for a violation. If a crash happens and the driver had a “medical concern” that could have been a factor in the crash and the driver’s medical card is either expired or the physical has not been performed by a “certified medical examiner”, the plaintiff’s attorney has another “fact” to seek money.

### **Certified Medical Examiners** **Driver Medical Cards**

Remember effective May 21, 2014, your drivers and owner operators will have to choose a Medical Examiner from a list of certified examiners approved by the FMCSA. Industry is concerned that there are not enough certified examiners available, especially in rural traditionally underserved areas. Industry may ask for a delay, but FMCSA says there are enough.