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## 391.41 CMV DRIVER MEDICATION FORM

Responsibilities, work schedules, physical and emotional demands, and lifestyles among commercial drivers vary by the type of driving that they do. Some of the main types of drivers include the following: turn around or short relay (drivers return to their home base each evening); long relay (drivers drive 9-11 hours and then have at least a 10-hour off-duty period), straight through haul (cross country drivers); and team drivers (drivers share the driving by alternating their 5-hour driving periods and 5-hour rest periods.) The following factors may be involved in a driver's performance of duties: abrupt schedule changes and rotating work schedules, which may result in irregular sleep patterns and a driver beginning a trip in a fatigued condition; long hours; extended time away from family and friends, which may result in lack of social support; tight pickup and delivery schedules, with irregularity in work, rest, and eating patterns, adverse road, weather and traffic conditions, which may cause delays and lead to hurriedly loading or unloading cargo in order to compensate for the lost time; and environmental conditions such as excessive vibration, noise, and extremes in temperature. Transporting passengers or hazardous materials may add to the demands on the commercial driver. There may be duties in addition to the driving task for which a driver is responsible and needs to be fit. Some of these responsibilities are: coupling and uncoupling trailer(s) from the tractor, loading and unloading trailer(s) (sometimes a driver may lift a heavy load or unload as much as 50,000 lbs. of freight after sitting for a long period of time without any stretching period); inspecting the operating condition of tractor and/or trailer(s) before, during and after delivery of cargo; lifting, installing, and removing heavy tire chains; and, lifting heavy tarpaulins to cover open top trailers. The above tasks demand agility, the ability to bend and stoop, the ability to maintain a crouching position to inspect the underside of the vehicle, frequent entering and exiting of the cab, and the ability to climb ladders on the tractor and/or trailer(s). In addition, a driver must have the perceptual skills to monitor a sometimes complex driving situation, the judgment skills to make quick decisions, when necessary, and the manipulative skills to control an oversize steering wheel, shift gears using a manual transmission, and maneuver a vehicle in crowded areas.

### CERTIFIED MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

**Driver Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

The above patient/driver is being evaluated to determine whether he/she meets the medical standards of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. During the medical evaluation, it was determined this individual is taking medication(s) that may impair his/her ability to safely operate a CMV. As the certified Medical Examiner (ME), I request that you review the regulations as noted below, complete this form, and return it to me at the mailing address, email address, or fax number specified below. The final determination as to whether the individual listed in this form is physically qualified to drive a CMV will be made by the certified ME.

**49 CFR 391.41(b), Physical Qualifications for Drivers:** A person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person ... (12)(i) Does not use any drug or substance identified in 21 CFR 1308.11 Schedule I, an amphetamine, a narcotic, or other habit-forming drug. (ii) Does not use any non-Schedule I drug or substance that is identified in the other Schedules in 21 part 1308 except when the use is prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner, as defined in § 382.107, who is familiar with the driver's medical history and has advised the driver that the substance will not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a CMV.

Printed Name of Certified Medical Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Certified Medical Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRESCRIBING HEALTHCARE PROVIDER DATA**

1. List all medications and dosages that you have prescribed to the above named individual.

2. List any other medications and dosages that you are aware have been prescribed to the above named individual by another treating health care provider.

3. What medical conditions are being treated with these medications?

4. It is my medical opinion that, considering the mental and physical requirements of operating a CMV and with awareness of a CMV driver's role (consistent with "The Driver's Role" statement on page 1), my patient:

(a) has no medication side effects from medication(s) that I prescribe that would adversely affect the ability to safely operate a CMV; and

(b) has no medical condition(s) that I am treating with the above medication(s) that would adversely affect the ability to safely operate a CMV.

**Yes      No**

Printed Name of Prescribing Healthcare Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Licensure: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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