FMCSA Extends COVID Emergency Declaration Through August 31, 2021

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued additional extensions in response to the coronavirus pandemic. This includes extensions to the general emergency declaration and to the specific emergency declarations below.

- **Notice of Enforcement Discretion Determination Concerning Certain Requirements for States in 49 CFR Parts 383 and 384** (May 26, 2021)
- **Notice of Enforcement Policy Regarding Expiring Driver’s Licenses and Medical Examiner’s Certificates During COVID-19 National Emergency** (May 26, 2021)
- **Waiver for States Concerning Third Party CDL Skills Test Examiners in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency** (May 26, 2021)
- **Three-Month Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency – For States and CLP Holders Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles** (May 26, 2021)
- **Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 National Emergency – For States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles** (May 26, 2021)
- **FMCSA Guidance on Cross-Border Transportation and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)** (May 26, 2021)
- **Revised Expanded Frequently Asked Questions for State Driver Licensing Agencies and Commercial Drivers Regarding Permissible Actions During the COVID-19 Emergency** (May 26, 2021)

Emergency waivers and notices of enforcement discretion in these areas were previously scheduled to expire at the end of May of this year. From these actions, the new waivers and enforcement discretion extend emergency relief through **August 31, 2021.**

Among other things, the waivers extend the maximum period of CDL validity for CDLs due for renewal pending state requirements. The declaration also extends waiver relief for testing requirements and extends relief from federal medical certification requirements. It is important to note that state driver’s license agencies retain ultimate discretion on whether to use the emergency declarations to inform their own commercial driver program requirements.