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FMCSA announces its decision to renew provisionally for one year an exemption to allow drivers with a commercial learner's permit (CLP) or commercial driver's license (CDL) issued by the State of Alaska, and their employers, to rely on a paper copy of the medical examiner's certificate (MEC) as proof of the driver's medical certification for up to 60 days after the MEC was issued. Alaska is the only State that has not implemented the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration (NRII) final rule. Drivers licensed in all other States and the District of Columbia, and their employers, may no longer rely on the paper MEC as proof of the driver's medical certification for any period of time as of October 12, 2026. The provisional exemption renewal for the State of Alaska is limited to one year.

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