



## CDL MEDICAL CARDS Q & A



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Over the past few weeks, the Union has received numerous calls with regard to several common questions. Below please find the most common questions with answers for your reference:

**Q: Where do I get the forms my doctor needs to fill out?**

A: All forms are available at DMV locations.

**Q: What forms do I need to give to DOT to be in compliance?**

A: You will be asked for a copy of your medical card and your license to be kept on file with DOT. You do NOT need to supply any other medical documentation to DOT. You should keep your medical provider's report with your personal records. Also, your doctor should keep a copy of his/her report at their office.

**Q: If I go to my own doctor, will I have to charge the time to my own sick time?**

A: The Union has asked the State to provide all members with the 3 hours State paid leave time, regardless of whether they go to their own doctor or the State's provider. The State has indicated that their policy is to require a member to charge time spent going to your own private physician under your own sick time. We will fight this policy decision. However, the State has agreed that these visits will NOT count as an occurrence.

**Q: What if I incur out of pocket medical expenses—can I get reimbursed?**

A: The Union's position is that the State should pay if you are charged a fee for a CDL physical. You should submit a copy of your billing statement to the Union for us to submit on your behalf to the State.

**Q: My doctor says I need a waiver form—how do I get one?**

A: The DMV forms you obtain at DMV have a phone number which you call in order to obtain all waiver information.

**Q: What happens if I do not qualify for a medical card?**

A: The State has been unwilling to negotiate with the Union as to what will happen to members if they are medically disqualified. Therefore, we have to represent each member who is disqualified on a case by case basis. As soon as you know you will be disqualified, contact the Union immediately.

**Q: If I am medically disqualified, am I automatically entitled to a disability retirement?**

A: **Your inability to obtain a medical card does NOT automatically qualify you for a disability retirement.** Some medical conditions which keep you from getting a medical card do not rise to the level of a complete disability.

**If you or your fellow members have questions regarding CDL Medical Cards please contact Cara Wachsman at (860) 343-8719 or 1-800-622-3359x719.**

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