§ 1310.13 Maintenance of vehicles.

Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that vehicles used to provide such services are maintained in safe operating condition at all times. The organization operating the vehicle must establish and implement procedures for:

(a) a thorough safety inspection of each vehicle on at least an annual basis through an inspection program licensed or operated by the State;

(b) systematic preventive maintenance on such vehicles; and

(c) daily pre-trip inspection of the vehicles by the driver.

§ 1310.14 Inspection of new vehicles at the time of delivery.

Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that bid announcements for school buses and allowable alternate vehicles for use in transporting children in its program include the correct specifications and a clear statement of the vehicle’s intended use. Such agencies must ensure that there is a prescribed procedure for examining such vehicles at the time of delivery to ensure that they are equipped in accordance with the bid specifications and that the manufacturer’s certification of compliance with the applicable FMVSS is included with the vehicle.

§ 1310.15 Operation of vehicles.

Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that there is an applicant review process for use in hiring drivers, that applicants for driver positions must be advised of the specific background checks required at the time application is made, and that there are criteria for the rejection of unacceptable applicants. The applicant review procedure must include, at minimum:

(a) all elements specified in 45 CFR 1304.52(b), with additional disclosure by the applicant of all moving traffic violations, regardless of penalty;

(b) a check of the applicant’s driving record through the appropriate State agency, including a check of the applicant’s record through the National Driver Register, if available in the State; and

(c) after a conditional offer of employment to the applicant and before the applicant begins work as a driver, a medical examination, performed by a

§ 1310.16 Driver qualifications.

(a) Each agency providing transportation services must ensure that persons who drive vehicles used to provide such services, at a minimum:

(1) in States where such licenses are granted, have a valid Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) for vehicles in the same class as the vehicle the driver will operating; and

(2) meet any physical, mental, and other requirements established under applicable law or regulations as necessary to perform job-related functions with any necessary reasonable accommodations.

(b) Each agency providing transportation record through the appropriate State agency, including a check of the applicant’s record through the National Driver Register, if available in the State; and

(3) after a conditional offer of employment to the applicant and before the applicant begins work as a driver, a medical examination, performed by a