improve safety, mobility, and environmental sustainability. To learn more about the Connected Vehicle program please visit *www.its.dot.gov.*

If you have any questions or you need any special accommodations, please contact Adam Hopps at *Ahopps@itsa.org* or 202–680–0091.

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Managing Director, ITS Joint Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0109]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to exempt 22 individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions will enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions are effective July 24, 2012. The exemptions expire on July 24, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine M. Papp, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366–4001, *fmcsamedical@dot.gov,* FMCSA, Room W64–224, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: *http://www.regulations.gov.*

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and/or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of DOT's dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, or other entity). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit *http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf.*

Background

On June 6, 2012, FMCSA published a notice of receipt of Federal diabetes exemption applications from 22 individuals and requested comments from the public (77 FR 33554). The public comment period closed on July 6, 2012, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of the 22 applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to these individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3).

Diabetes Mellitus and Driving Experience of the Applicants

The Agency established the current requirement for diabetes in 1970 because several risk studies indicated that drivers with diabetes had a higher rate of crash involvement than the general population. The diabetes rule provides that ''A person is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control'' (49 CFR 391.41(b)(3)).

FMCSA established its diabetes exemption program, based on the Agency's July 2000 study entitled ''A Report to Congress on the Feasibility of a Program to Qualify Individuals with Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus to Operate in Interstate Commerce as Directed by the Transportation Act for the 21st Century.'' The report concluded that a safe and practicable protocol to allow some drivers with ITDM to operate CMVs is feasible. The September 3, 2003 (68 FR 52441), **Federal Register** notice in conjunction with the November 8, 2005 (70 FR 67777), **Federal Register** notice provides the current protocol for allowing such drivers to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

These 22 applicants have had ITDM over a range of 1 to 41 years. These applicants report no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness or seizure, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning symptoms, in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the past 5 years. In each case, an endocrinologist verified that the driver has demonstrated a willingness to properly monitor and manage his/her diabetes mellitus, received education related to diabetes management, and is on a stable insulin regimen. These drivers report no other disqualifying conditions, including diabetes-related complications. Each meets the vision requirement at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The qualifications and medical condition of each applicant were stated and discussed in detail in the June 6, 2012, **Federal Register** notice and they will not be repeated in this notice.

Discussion of Comments

FMCSA did not receive any comments in this proceeding.

Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) if the exemption is likely to achieve an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved without the exemption. The exemption allows the applicants to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

To evaluate the effect of these exemptions on safety, FMCSA considered medical reports about the applicants' ITDM and vision, and reviewed the treating endocrinologists' medical opinion related to the ability of the driver to safely operate a CMV while using insulin.

Consequently, FMCSA finds that in each case exempting these applicants from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Conditions and Requirements

The terms and conditions of the exemption will be provided to the applicants in the exemption document and they include the following: (1) That each individual submit a quarterly monitoring checklist completed by the treating endocrinologist as well as an annual checklist with a comprehensive medical evaluation; (2) that each individual reports within 2 business days of occurrence, all episodes of severe hypoglycemia, significant complications, or inability to manage diabetes; also, any involvement in an accident or any other adverse event in a CMV or personal vehicle, whether or not it is related to an episode of hypoglycemia; (3) that each individual provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (4) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in his/her driver's qualification file if he/she is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the certification when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 22 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts Jack D. Alt (NH), Hallie L. Ayers (AR), Tony O. Billman (PA), Tracy M. Dowton (MT), Anil D. Gharmalkar (KS), Larry A. Hamilton (MO), Gregory S. Heun (OK), Irene M. Howard (UT), Allen K. Kates (NJ), Andrew L. Lyman (PA), Franklin L. Oberender (IA), Nancy A. Plunk (MO),Victor C. Port (ND), Scott D. Roles (MN), Jeffrey A. Ryan (IA), Keith A. Siekmeier (AK), Tom L. Simmons (IA), James H. Stichberry, Jr. (MD), Loyd J. Wagner (MO), John F. Watson (IN), Melvin E. Welch (NJ), and Leroy R. Wille (IA) from the ITDM requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), subject to the conditions listed under ''Conditions and Requirements'' above.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the 1/exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. If the exemption is still effective at the end of the 2-year period, the person may apply to FMCSA for a renewal under procedures in effect at that time.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of Allocation Availability (NOAA) Inviting Applications for the CY 2012 Allocation Round of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program

Announcement Type: Announcement of NMTC allocation availability.

DATES: Electronic applications must be received by 5 p.m. ET on September 12, 2012. Applications sent by mail, facsimile or other form will not be accepted. Please note the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) will only accept applications and attachments (i.e., the CDE's authorized representative signature page, the Controlling Entity's representative signature page, investor letters and organizational charts) in electronic form (see Section IV.D. of this NOAA for more details). Applications must meet all eligibility and other requirements and deadlines, as applicable, set forth in this NOAA. NMTC allocation applicants that are not yet certified as Community Development Entities (CDEs) must submit an application for CDE certification that is postmarked on or before August 3, 2012 (see Section III of this NOAA for more details).

Executive Summary: This NOAA is issued in connection with the calendar year 2012 allocation round of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program, as initially authorized by Title I, subtitle C, section 121 of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–554) and amended by section 221 of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–357), section 101 of the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 108–357), Division A, section 102 of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109–432), and section 733 of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 (the Act). Through the NMTC Program, the CDFI Fund provides authority to CDEs to offer an incentive to investors in the form of tax credits over seven years, which is expected to stimulate the provision of private investment capital that, in turn, will facilitate economic and community development in Low-Income Communities. Through this NOAA, the CDFI Fund announces, subject to Congressional authorization, the availability of up to $5 billion of NMTC investment authority.

In this NOAA, the CDFI Fund specifically addresses how an entity may apply to receive an allocation of NMTCs, the competitive procedure through which NMTC allocations will be made, and the actions that will be taken to ensure that proper allocations are made to appropriate entities.

I. Allocation Availability Description

A. *Programmatic changes from CY 2011 round:*

1. *Allocation amounts:* As described in Section IIA, the CDFI Fund anticipates that it will provide NMTC allocation awards for not more than $100 million of allocation per Allocatee.

2. *Prior QEI Issuance Requirements:* In order to be eligible to apply for NMTC allocations in the CY 2012 round, as described in Section III.A.2(a), applicants that have received NMTC allocation awards in previous rounds are required to meet minimum Qualified Equity Investment (QEI) issuance thresholds with respect to their prior-year allocations. These thresholds have been revised in comparison to the CY 2011 NOAA.

3. *Updated eligibility data on Low-Income Communities.* As of May 1, 2012, CDEs will be able to use the 2006–2010 American Community Survey (ACS) eligibility data to determine if Qualified Low Income Community Investments (QLICIs) are located in NMTC-eligible 2010 census tracts. The ACS has replaced the decennial Census long form data as the source of tract-level data on income and poverty for all states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. The income and poverty data provided by the 2006–2010 ACS data determines whether the 2010 census tracts will qualify as NMTC-eligible Low-Income Communities. Updating Low-Income Community eligibility ensures the CDFI Fund's NMTC Program will continue to effectively target Low-Income Communities based on the most current information.

Additionally, the 2006–2010 ACS eligibility data will define Non-Metropolitan Counties as counties not contained within a Metropolitan Statistical Area, as such term is defined in OMB Bulletin No. 10–02 (Update of Statistical Area Definitions and Guidance on Their Uses) and applied to the 2010 census tracts.

Timeline for Using NMTC Program Eligibility Data: CDEs that have been awarded allocation authority in the CY 2011 round or earlier and have QLICIs that are closed before May 1, 2012 must use 2000 Census data for determining eligibility. QLICIs closed between May 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 may use either 2000 Census data or 2006–2010