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FMCSA Grants Waiver Extension for National Registry II Implementation

The **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** issued a waiver extension for the National Registry II (NRII) rule implementation that is **effective January 11th, 2026, and expires on April 10th, 2026.**

The waiver allows interstate commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, commercial learner's permit (CLP) holders, and motor carriers to continue to rely on a paper copy of the medical examiner's certificate as proof of the driver's medical certification for up to 60 days after the date the medical examiner's certificate was issued.

California is one of eight states that have not yet implemented NRII and are continuing to rely on paper Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC). **Drivers should continue to submit a copy of the physical qualifications form to the DMV and carry a physical copy of their form.**

View FMCSA's full waiver extension [here](#) or by clicking the button below.

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