



To All Clients with DOT Drivers or CDL Holders:

Workwell Occupational Medicine, LLC is notifying you of an important change to our certification process for commercial drivers using prescription narcotic or long active sedative medications. These changes are necessary due to recommendations from the expert panels advising FMCSA regarding use of these controlled medications, and our need to standardize our certification process. We also feel that this is in the best interest of your company to ensure that your commercial drivers are not operating equipment while under the influence of sedating medications.

Beginning November 1, 2017, our providers will no longer be able to certify drivers using these medications. We ask that you notify your drivers of this policy so that we do not have to disqualify them at the time of the certification examination. This applies to both short term and long term prescriptions. If a driver has a short term condition requiring these medications, then the underlying condition would also likely disqualify them as a driver, regardless of the medication use.

Until October 31st, 2017, our providers may be able to certify a driver, within very strict limitations. At a minimum, a [letter](#) from the driver's personal prescribing provider will need to be brought with the driver for the examination. [A copy of this letter](#) is listed on Workwell Occupational Medicine, LLCs website for your reference. Please be aware that even with a letter of this nature from the prescribing provider, we may not be able to certify a driver. Due to the inherent risk that the certifying provider takes with qualifying a driver, ultimate certification is to the discretion of that certifying provider.

While these changes are necessary and safety sensitive, our estimation is that this policy change will impact a very small percentage of CDL holders. Please be aware that the driver is responsible for obtaining all of the necessary information for qualification, and ensuring that is provided to our office. We will complete the physicals as recommended by FMCSA, and repeat evaluations will require a complete repeat physical examination. This repeat examination is a requirement by FMCSA.

Thank you,  
Workwell Occupational Medicine, LLC