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RECENT FMCSA CHANGES AND CURRENT FOCUS AREAS

FleetSafe Solutions is pleased to bring you the second quarter newsletter for 2026. In this edition, we will cover recent FMCSA changes. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has been active in 2026 with major regulatory updates, enforcement initiatives, and system modernizations that will significantly impact trucking and bus operations.

1) Safety Measurement System (SMS) Overhaul

The FMCSA has replaced the old BASIC categories with a leaner, data-driven model that consolidates ~950 violation types into ~116 grouped types. The new system:

- Uses proportionate percentiles instead of rigid safety event groups.
- Limits scoring to the past 12 months.
- Raises the driver fitness threshold from 80% to 90%.
- Splits "Vehicle Maintenance" into two categories.
- Compares carriers directly to peers, giving more weight to recent inspections.
- This change means roadside defects now have a direct, immediate impact on your safety score.

2) Electronic DVIRs Finalized

FMCSA has clarified that electronic Driver Vehicle Inspection Reports (eDVIRs) are now fully legal under federal rules. Key points:

- Must contain all required fields (vehicle ID, date, defects, signatures).
- Accepts digital signatures for both driver and mechanic.
- Requires 3-month electronic retention.
- Encourages integration with ELD systems for streamlined compliance

3) ELD Compliance and Device Decertifications

FMCSA has removed multiple ELD devices from the registered list due to non-compliance with 49 CFR Appendix A to Subpart B of Part 395. Recent decertifications include Safe ELD (iOS/Android) and MYLOGS ELD. Carriers must ensure their ELDs remain on the approved list to avoid enforcement actions.

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4) New Registration System – MOTUS

The agency has rolled out MOTUS, replacing outdated, fragmented registration tools. It aims to reduce fraud and improve data integrity for truck drivers, school bus operators, and motor carriers. While there have been problems with the initial roll out, FMCSA is working to iron out the glitches and this will be the future of registrations and filings.

5) Enforcement and Investment

FMCSA is investing \$217 million to strengthen trucking safety enforcement and restore industry integrity. Enforcement is expected to remain high, especially with roadside inspections tied directly to safety scores.

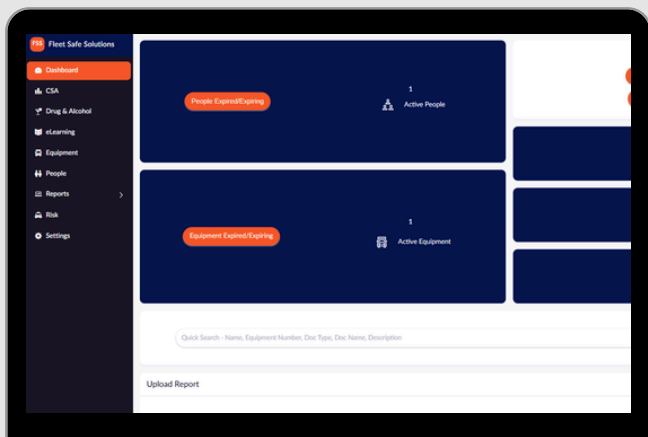
KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR CARRIERS

- Stricter CDL eligibility and English language proficiency rules
- Enhanced medical examiner certification reporting
- Physical qualification standards for drivers with epilepsy
- Update ELDs and ensure compliance with the new SMS scoring model
- MOTUS – understand what you must do
- Maintain accurate, digital DVIRs and integrate with ELDs.
- Monitor enforcement trends and prepare for potential roadside inspections with effective driver and safety team training
- Stay compliant with evolving CDL and medical standards.

These changes reflect FMCSA's focus on modernizing compliance systems, tightening ELD and DVIR rules, and increasing accountability through data-driven safety scoring.

Our team at FleetSafe Solutions can work with to develop an effective Driver Training Program and training for your safety team. Contact us at 804-210-5533 for more information!

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WILL MARIJUANA BE REMOVED FROM THE DOT DRUG TEST?



On April 28, 2026, the acting Attorney General (AG) of the United States issued a directive to the DEA to reclassify Marijuana from a Schedule I to a Schedule III drug. At this time, the ruling immediately applies only to non-DOT testing in states that have state run dispensaries. Employees will be required to produce a Medical Card for all positive THC tests. There are currently 40 states already established with the required components. The remaining states will be under DEA control.

Industry advocates are pressing for a safety carve out for DOT regulated employers even with marijuana reclassified as a Schedule III substance. DEA Hearings on a possible safety carve out begin on June 29. We will keep you posted!

Contact us with any questions about how this may affect your testing program.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Be sure to watch for our upcoming client survey. We will be asking our clients to let us know areas of interest for upcoming webinars and workshops. We want to know what topics you would like us to address.

We also will be asking if there are any services you would like to see added or ways we can improve. Or if we are just right, let us know that, too!

If you have immediate feedback or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out directly.



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- Virtual and Onsite Training available
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- Fleet Maintenance Management
- Hours of Service Monitoring
- MCS-150 Filing
- FMCSA Haz/Mat Training
- SMS Profile and Data Q Management

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