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Dear Medical Providers:

Since early in 2014, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has required any health care provider who administers Department of Transportation Physicals (DOT Physical) to be registered on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (NRCME). This new requirement has caused confusion regarding the physicals required for school bus drivers in Pennsylvania.

Depending on the type of driving he/she does, a school bus driver may be required to have a DOT Physical. The health care provider who administers the DOT Physical must be listed on the NRCME.

In contrast, all School Bus drivers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must satisfactorily pass the Pennsylvania School Bus Driver Physical Examination (PSBDPE). The PSBDPE is an annual requirement. The PSBDPE must be completed by a physician, physician assistant, certified registered nurse practitioner, or a chiropractor. To pass the PSBDPE, school bus drivers must show they meet the following physical standards:

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/067/chapter71/s71.3.html>

The results of the annual PSBDPE must be submitted to PennDOT on Form (DL-704) for each School Bus driver. Unlike the DOT Physical, the health care provider who completes the Form DL-704 does not have to be listed on the NRCME.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact the PennDOT School Bus Unit at 717-787-6453 or email [ra-pdSchoolBusHelp@pa.gov](mailto:ra-pdSchoolBusHelp@pa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara N. Templeton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "K".

Kara N. Templeton, Director  
Bureau of Driver Licensing