



ONLINE RESOURCES

FLHSMV

(Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)
www.flhsmv.gov/MedicalReview



Florida GrandDriver Program

www.flhsmv.gov/FloridaGrandDriver



Florida Driver License Handbook

www.flhsmv.gov/handbooks



Florida Statutes pertaining to the Medical Advisory Board and the medical review process.

(Chapter 322, Florida Statutes)

www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm



Medical Advisory Board Guidelines

(15A-5, F.A.C.)

www.flrules.org/



Safe Mobility for Life

www.safemobilityfl.com



Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists

www.aded.net



Transportation Alternatives

www.findarideflorida.org

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND DRIVER SAFETY

*The Florida Medical
Advisory Board
and the Medical
Review Process*

For questions regarding
medical conditions and
driver safety, contact the
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WHAT IS THE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD?

The Medical Advisory Board is a panel of physicians that advises the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) with medical criteria and vision standards relating to the licensing of drivers. Board members also provide FLHSMV with recommendations after reviewing physician evaluations received as part of the medical review process.

HOW ARE MEDICAL REVIEWS INITIATED?

Florida law authorizes any physician, person or agency to report to FLHSMV an applicant or licensed driver who may not safely operate a motor vehicle due to a medical condition.

These referrals must be based on medical conditions or symptoms that could affect safe driving and not the age of the driver. FLHSMV receives referrals from courts, doctors, law enforcement, other state agencies, driver license personnel and concerned relatives or citizens.

Medical reporting is confidential under section 322.126, Florida Statutes.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER FLHSMV RECEIVES A REFERRAL?

The referral is carefully screened to ensure the legitimacy of the information. If questionable, an investigation is performed to assure the complaint is substantiated before further action is taken. After FLHSMV ensures the validity of a report, the applicant or licensed driver may be required to take a re-examination or submit a medical report from their doctor for review by the Medical Advisory Board.

In some cases, the driver may be required to provide a report from a medical specialist. The medical report must be returned to the department within **45 days** or the individual's driving privilege will be revoked.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE MEDICAL REPORT IS RETURNED TO FLHSMV?

The report is forwarded to the Medical Advisory Board for its review and recommendation. If approved, the driver may be required to take a re-examination and/or submit a follow-up medical report as a condition of licensure. However, if the driver has a medical condition that affects their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle and their records indicate they pose a risk to public safety, their driving privilege will be denied.

HOW IS THE DRIVER NOTIFIED OF FLHSMV'S DECISION?

Florida law requires that FLHSMV's decision be rendered within **90 days** of receipt of all requested medical information from the applicant or licensed driver. Once a decision is made, the applicant or licensed driver is notified in writing.

WHAT IF THE DRIVING PRIVILEGE IS DENIED?

The driver may, at any time, provide additional or updated medical information or a Certified Driver Evaluation by a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist for reconsideration by the board.

The objective of this program is not to prevent an individual with a medical condition from driving, but to assure the condition does not interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle.