

What to Expect When My Medical Condition Has Been Reported to PennDOT

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Did you know it is the responsibility of health care personnel in Pennsylvania to report a patient's medical condition that could impair his or her ability to safely operate a motor vehicle?

To improve highway safety for everyone, medical reporting assists PennDOT in determining whether those individuals applying for a driver's license or those individuals already possessing a driver's license are medically qualified to safely operate a motor vehicle. Without the cooperation of these medical providers, thousands of medically impaired drivers would remain undetected by PennDOT.

What Happens When Health Care Personnel Report a Patient?

A report triggers an evaluation process. PennDOT will review the information it has received and may contact you to obtain further information. Based on all the information submitted, PennDOT makes the decision to place restrictions on the person's driving, recall the license, ask the person to complete a driver's examination or no action may be taken.

Can I Get My License Back?

Certain medical conditions prevent the safe operation of a motor vehicle. However, in certain instances, these conditions can be corrected or controlled with surgery or medication. Once the medical condition is corrected or controlled, it is possible to regain a driver's license or remove a restriction. You will need to contact PennDOT for information about what you need to do to reapply for your license. Your health care personnel should be able to tell you if your condition is temporary or can be controlled with medication.

Can I Become a Better Driver?

Yes! Most of us could improve our driving skills through very simple actions. It is important to always be aware and pay extra attention to driving conditions, especially when driving at night, during rush hour and in bad weather. Also, a driver who is tired will have a slower reaction time. Use of cell phones is a major distraction while driving and should only be limited to use during an emergency. It is also a good idea to take a driving refresher class.

Contacts and Resources

American Automobile Association (AAA)
1-800-993-7222
www.aaafoundation.org

Administration on Aging
1-800-677-1116
www.aoa.gov

Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (ADED)
1-800-290-2344
www.driver-ed.org or www.aded.net

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
1-888-227-7669
www.aarp.org

Seniors for Safe Driving
1-800-559-4880
www.seniorsforsafedriving.com

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Driver and Vehicle Services
(717) 412-5300 or toll free 1-800-932-4600
www.dmv.state.pa.us
www.drivesafepa.org