

Aviation Group Client Update

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FAA LIFTS LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION CARRYING REQUIREMENT

Today, the FAA removed the requirement for individuals granted special issuance of a medical certificate to have their letter of authorization in their physical possession or readily accessible on the aircraft while exercising pilot privileges. However, FAA operational standards requiring individuals to carry FAA certificates while exercising pilot privileges remain unchanged.

The FAA believes that the series of new regulatory references and instructions added to all U.S. medical certificates provides sufficient information to medical certificate holders regarding the need for compliance with international standards.

The rule will become effective **July 20, 2012** unless adverse comments are received on or before **May 21, 2012**. For help with preparation and submission of comments or additional information on the applicable international aviation standards, please contact our office.

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