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## **Local Physician Assistant Joins National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners**

Certification Issued by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

**Roanoke Rapids, NC (May 29, 2013)** – Halifax Works, an occupational health clinic operated by Halifax Regional, congratulates Physician Assistant, PA-C, Kim Anh Dang, for her recent certification by The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Certified in May, Dang is now part of a The U.S. Department's of Transportations national registry of certified medical examiners.

Having completed rigorous training and testing, Dang is now qualified to perform physical qualification examinations for commercial motor vehicle drivers in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Her certification is valid for ten years.

The National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners is a new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration program. It requires all medical examiners who wish to perform physical examinations for interstate commercial motor vehicle drivers to be trained and certified in FMCSA physical qualification standards. Medical examiners who have completed the training and successfully passed the test are included in an online directory on the National Registry website.

The goal of the National Registry is to promote and preserve the highest level of professional standards, training and care among medical examiners. Therefore, the National Registry requires that medical examiners performing commercial motor vehicle driver examinations be trained and certified.

According to The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the objectives of the National Registry are to:

- Ensure that medical examiners understand the medical standards in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and related guidance and how they apply to commercial motor vehicle drivers
- Maintain ongoing competency of medical examiners through training, testing, certification and recertification
- Promote public confidence in the quality of the medical examinations of commercial motor vehicle drivers
- Ensure that the list of certified medical examiners is easily accessible

For more information or to schedule an appointment for a commercial motor vehicle driver physical exam, contact Halifax Works at 252-535-8463. Halifax Works office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. and walk-ins are welcome.

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