



# Railroad Safety Advisory Committee

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## Medical Standards Working Group Presentation

to

## The 44<sup>th</sup> Railroad Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

May 20, 2011  
Washington, DC

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## Task 06–03:

# Medical Standards for Safety-Critical Personnel

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## Current position:

## *Evolution of focus*

- Covered safety-critical personnel limited to:
    - Locomotive engineers      Part 240
    - Conductors                      Part 242
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## Current positions:

## *Evolution of focus*

- Medical assessments limited to:
    - Impairments of visual acuity, visual field, color perception
    - Impairments of hearing acuity
    - Medical conditions that cause sudden incapacitation
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WG Meeting: November 18-19, 2010

- Proceedings:
    - Dispute resolution
    - Short Lines proposal
    - Working Group Draft (text reviewed)
    - Outstanding issues
    - Action plan
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## FRA Medical Standards Team Tasks:

- Review Industry & Labor positions on “dispute resolution”
  - Draft “dispute resolution” text
  - Revise medical assessment sections of draft: *Evolution of focus*
    - Medical assessment based on medical records review by RP
    - Move away from examinations – particularly by non-treating health care professionals
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## Physicians Task Force

- Meetings Held:
    - January 11-12, 2011
    - March 3 - 4, 2011
    - May 16 -17, 2011
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## Physicians Task Force

- Current Tasks from WG
    - Define: sudden incapacitation & covered medical conditions
    - Recommend screening protocols: vision, hearing, BP, & OSA
    - Recommend medical qualification criteria & protocols
    - Physician Task Force deliverables due: June 30, 2011
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Scheduled WG Meetings:                      July / August 2011 (TBD)

*Agenda:*

- FRA Team & Physician TF – presentation of deliverables
- WG to proceed to finalize draft NPRM

Target Dates:

- Final Draft to Committee by:      December 31, 2011
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Thank you for your attention

