



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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## **Policy Title:**

**DMV Transient Ischemic Attack and/or Cerebral Vascular Accident Policy**

## **Policy Detail:**

It is the policy of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) based upon guidance and recommendations from the Medical Advisory Board that:

If a driver suffers a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle will be suspended for three months. The three month suspension may be shortened for drivers who have suffered a TIA provided that treatment has been provided mitigating the risk of reoccurrence and there is no impact on a driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. These cases may be referred to the DMV Medical Advisory Board for their guidance and recommendations.

If a driver suffers a Cerebral Vascular Accident (CVA), the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle will be suspended for six months. The six month suspension may be shortened for drivers who have suffered a CVA after DMV receives information from the driver's health care provider to indicate that the driver has fully recovered. These cases may be referred to the DMV Medical Advisory Board for their guidance and recommendations.

Following the 6 month suspension, DMV will request an evaluation with a certified driver rehabilitation specialist if the driver has suffered paralysis or cognitive changes due to the CVA. If the driver's physical and cognitive information is not indicated in the medical report received by the agency, DMV will request it from the health care provider. Based on the information received about the driver's cognitive abilities, the driver may also be subject to the DMV Cognitive Impairment Policy.

The driver is also required to furnish an updated vision report with an examination date that is not older than 90 days and occurring after the TIA/CVA in accordance with Va. Code Section 46.2-311.

DMV may impose additional requirements on the individual depending on the information DMV has received.

### **Commercial drivers**

In the case of commercial drivers who suffer a TIA or CVA, DMV adheres to guidance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov), "Driver Medical Requirements." DMV requires that the commercial driver undergo a full neurological examination to include the results of an EEG, completed vision report, and visual field analysis prior to return to driving. The non-excepted driver will also be required to submit an updated DOT examination certificate.

DMV reserves the right to request that a driver provide additional information from a specialist in order to assess their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

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