

TITLE: Reportable Medical Conditions and Driver Risk

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To describe California's medical reporting law, discuss the literature on medical conditions and crash risk, and present crash rates of California's medically impaired drivers and some aspects of how California DMV deals with medically enhanced driver risk.

SUMMARY:

Presents the above, with detailed discussions of epilepsy, insulin-treated diabetes mellitus, and sleep disorders. These can all be subsumed under "lapse of consciousness," addressed by California's lapse reporting law. Also describes DMV's guidelines for action in the case of seizure disorders. Discusses the literature on dementia; as noted, dementia is now explicitly addressed in the lapse reporting law through a 1988 amendment. Briefly describes DMV's dementia guidelines, adopted in 1993.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not applicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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