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### FMCSA Provides Hours of Service Relief for Emergency Relief Efforts

#### Relief Does Not Affect Routine Commercial Deliveries

RIPA members may have heard that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has issued an [emergency declaration](#) providing targeted, limited relief from Hours of Service for COVID-19 emergency efforts.

It is important for you to know that this Emergency Declaration does not apply to "...routine commercial deliveries, or transportation of mixed loads that include essential supplies, equipment and persons, along with supplies, equipment and persons that are not being transported in support of emergency relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreaks."

Generally, the relief is targeted to commercial motor vehicle operations that are providing direct assistance in support of emergency relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreaks, Transportation that meets immediate needs for:

- (1) medical supplies and equipment related to the testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19;
- (2) supplies and equipment necessary for community safety, sanitation, and prevention of community transmission of COVID-19 such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap and disinfectants;
- (3) food for emergency restocking of stores;
- (4) equipment, supplies and persons necessary to establish and manage temporary housing, quarantine, and isolation facilities related to COVID-19;
- (5) persons designated by Federal, State or local authorities for medical, isolation, or quarantine purposes; and
- (6) persons necessary to provide other medical or emergency services, the supply of which may be affected by the COVID-19 response.

RIPA Counsel Rick Schweitzer is in frequent contact with FMCSA officials and will provide an update as soon as any new information is available.