Following Virginia laws and medical review policies, DMV will evaluate:

- Information received in the initial impaired driver report
- The individual’s medical and/or mental health information
- The individual’s driving record
- Driver’s license test results and comments from the DMV examiner
- If applicable, results of the driver evaluation conducted by a driver rehabilitation specialist

Based on the evaluation, DMV may take one or more of the following actions:

- Suspend driving privileges
- Restrict driving privileges
- Require the driver to submit periodic medical and/or vision reports. These may be required every three, six, 12 or 24 months.

Possible driving restrictions include:

- Driving with corrective lenses
- Driving during daylight hours only
- Driving within a specified radius of home
- Prohibition of interstate driving

In cases where the driver’s physician, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, or other provider submits an initial impaired driver report which recommends that the person no longer drive, DMV sends the driver a suspension order which takes effect in five days.

If the physician, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, or other provider is unsure about the patient’s ability to drive safely, he or she may recommend that DMV require the patient to pass the knowledge and/or road skills test. He or she may also refer the patient for a complete driver evaluation conducted by a driver rehabilitation specialist.

If DMV suspends your driving privilege as a result of medical review action, you will not be required to present legal presence proof documents to reinstate your driving privilege unless required to do so for another suspension/revocation, or if your license expires.

If the driver is under medical review, then the driver may apply for an ID card without proof of legal presence if the license was suspended for medical reasons.

### Exchanging Your Driver’s License for an ID Card

If you hold a valid Virginia driver’s license that is not suspended or revoked you may exchange it for an ID card. For those younger than 70, ID cards are valid for eight years and expire on your date of birth. If you are 70 or older, the ID card expires on your birthday when your age is divisible by five. ID cards cost $2 per year, with a minimum cost of $10 and a maximum cost of $16. If you are age 70 or older, there is no charge for the exchange for your first ID card.

### The Experts

Medical review requirements are based on the Code of Virginia and guidance from DMV’s Medical Advisory Board. Appointed by the Governor, the Board consists of seven licensed physicians of various specializations currently practicing medicine in Virginia. The Board’s responsibilities include:

- Establishing medical review policies and guidelines
- Consulting with DMV on medical issues related to agency programs
- Reviewing complex medical cases
- Reviewing medical cases contested by the driver

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When you apply for or renew a driver’s license, you are required to provide information about any physical or mental condition that may impair your ability to drive safely. The Virginia driver’s license application asks questions about:

- Vision impairments
- Physical and/or mental conditions that require medication
- Seizures, blackouts or loss of consciousness
- Conditions that require the use of special equipment

Answering the application questions fully and honestly will assist DMV in identifying medical or health conditions that could affect your ability to drive safely.

DMV’s goal is to allow individuals to drive for as long as they can safely operate a motor vehicle.

In this brochure, you will find information about:

- Your responsibility to provide medical information to DMV
- The agency’s medical review process
- Tips for reporting a medically impaired driver

DMV prompts all impaired driver reports. The agency notifies the driver that he or she is required to complete one or more of the following actions.

- Submit a medical and/or vision report from a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant
- Pass the road skills test
- Pass the two-part driver’s license exam

DMV Medical Review Services only accepts reports in its original form. Mail your report to DMV at Post Office Box 27412, Richmond, Va. 23269-0001. DMV will accept a faxed report only if it is faxed directly from your healthcare provider, medical doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant to (804) 367-1604 or (804) 367-0520.

DMV recommends using the Medical Review Request form (MED 3), available on the DMV website at www.dmvNOW.com.

Virginia law prohibits DMV from releasing information on the source or reason for the report submitted by a relative or medical professional treating the driver. Information on the source of other reports may be released, if requested.