

Computer Security Issues

Hello, Everyone,

I HOPE YOU are aware that the Airman Medical Certification Subsystem (AMCS) was audited by the Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General in 2010. They identified several deficiencies in the equipment owned and maintained by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that required our attention. We devoted a lot of resources in the effort to eliminate those discrepancies, and we have now completed that work.

One finding directly affects you as an aviation medical examiner. For security reasons, your computer display must be locked out after 15 minutes of computer inactivity. Many of you probably already



have such a function activated on your computer, but for those who do not, you must implement the screen lockout feature on any computer in your office used to access the AMCS by September 30, 2011. It is very important that you take this action so as to protect the personally identifiable information (PII) of the FAA medical certification applicants you examine.

This initiative is so important that I am dedicating this editorial to remind you to make these changes. By the time you read this article, you should already have:

- ◆ received a letter and an E-mail directing you to make these changes; and
- ◆ noted that the AMCS login page has been modified so that you are forced to acknowledge this requirement on a one-time basis.

To assist you with the installation of this feature on your computer, we have provided instructions on two FAA Web sites:

www.faa.gov/go/ame
and
www.faa.gov/go/amcssupport

I have also found that you can access AMCS by using your favorite Internet search engine. All you have to do is type in *aerospace medical certification subsystem*, and it takes you to a link to the online directions you need to make the modifications.

Please note that the instructions provided are operating system-specific, so you will need to know the operating system used on your computer. If you use an operating system not covered by these instructions or if you have problems with this reconfiguration, you should call the Office of Aviation Safety's National Service Desk at (877) 287-6731 for assistance.

I apologize if this requirement has caused or causes you any inconvenience. However, the modification is essential to help protect our examinees' data.

Once again, as always, thanks so much for all you do for the FAA and our airmen.

—Fred

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Personnel Change in Central Region

Federal Air Surgeon Dr. **Fred Tilton** recently announced that Dr. **Larry Wilson** has taken a new position in the Office of Aerospace Medicine's Medical Specialties Division. Dr. Tilton said that he plans to take advantage of Larry's strong experience in medical certification to help standardize medical policy.

Named as acting Central Regional Flight Surgeon is **Daniel K. Berry**, DO, who was formerly the Central Region's Deputy Regional Flight Surgeon.