

AASI for Anxiety, Depression, and Related Conditions PATH

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AME Assisted Special Issuance (AASI) is a process that provides AMEs the ability to re-issue an airman medical certificate under the provisions of an Authorization for Special Issuance of a Medical Certificate (Authorization) to an applicant who has a medical condition that is disqualifying under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 67.

An FAA physician provides the initial certification decision and grants the Authorization in accordance with 14 CFR § 67.401. The Authorization letter is accompanied by attachments that specify the information that the treating physician(s) must provide for the re-issuance determination. If this is a first-time application for an AASI for the above disease/condition, and the applicant has all the requisite medical information necessary for a determination, the AME must defer and submit all the documentation to the AMCD or RFS for the initial determination.

AMEs may re-issue an airman medical certificate under the provisions of an Authorization, if the applicant provides all the following:

1. An Authorization granted by the FAA which **states that AASI PATH has been approved**;
2. **All interim Detailed Clinical Progress Notes (DCPN). At a MINIMUM, this must include:**
 - a. **At least ONCE A YEAR:** A DCPN from a clinic visit to the primary doctor (MD/DO);
 - b. **Every 6 months** (or more often as clinically indicated) progress notes from the treating physician or extender (PA-C/NP/midlevel);
 - c. The most recent clinical progress note must be no more than 90 days before the AME exam;
 - d. Detailed Clinical Progress Notes must include a detailed interim summary; current medications, dosages, and side effects (if any); any changes in medication dose or type since last visit; physical exam findings; results of all testing performed; diagnosis; assessment and plan (prognosis); and follow-up; and
3. **Anxiety, Depression, and Related Conditions PATH Status Summary** completed by the treating physician and AME.

AME must defer and describe in Block 60 what item(s) caused the deferral if the psychiatrist, treating physician, or AME identifies any of the following:

- Any NEW “Yes*” answers on the PATH Status Summary;
- Any new (or not previously reported) psychiatric symptoms, signs, or diagnosis;
- Any new history of substance use disorder or FAA substance dependence;
- Any progression (change in symptoms that persist despite modifications to medication and/or therapy) of the disease; and/or
- AME, treating physician, or treating provider has concerns.

The AME must notify the FAA Aeromedical Certification Division (405-954-4821) if there is a significant clinical deterioration in my client's cognition, judgment, emotional stability, or insight.