

Subpoena for Medical Records or Testimony: AME Guidance

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SITUATION	AME ACTIONS
A. AME receives a subpoena for an airman medical record or to provide testimony AME minute on subpoena for record - click here AME minute on subpoena for testimony - click here	Subpoena Actions for AMEs: 1. Immediately notify your Regional Flight Surgeon (RFS) upon receiving any court subpoena or order for either airman records or testimony and forward a copy of the subpoena. 2. Do not release airman medical records. The AME is not the owner of these records. The Aerospace Medical Certification Division (AMCD) is the official custodian of the record; only the FAA can release the airman medical record. 3. Do not communicate further with the entity who filed the subpoena or any party to the lawsuit. 4. The RFS will notify the FAA Office of Chief Counsel of the subpoena. Note: FAA Legal may not represent an AME directly. - Because AMEs are not FAA employees, FAA Legal is prohibited from providing direct legal representation. FAA Legal may assist with: - Guidance on the legal aspects of responding to a subpoena. - Providing information/explanations on how testimony procedures work. - Providing aeromedical records, if requested, prior to providing testimony.