

**Substance Use Disorders (DSM);
Substance Abuse or Substance Dependence (DSM or CFR)**

(e.g. Positive DOT or FAA alcohol or drug test; Failed alcohol or drug test; yes to 18n or 18o; or medical complications associated with drug/alcohol)

All Classes
(Updated 09/30/2026)

CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
A. Prior FAA CFR Determination of Substance Abuse or Dependence (previously on Special Issuance or Special Consideration) • CFR Substance Abuse: Has written documentation* from the FAA stating that current and ongoing monitoring is NOT required, • CFR Substance Dependence: Has written documentation* from the FAA stating that current and ongoing monitoring is NOT required AND the letter includes a warning for permanent abstinence <u>AND</u> No evidence or concern of a relapse or new substance-related incident. *Official FAA letter to the individual often referred to as an “Eligibility Letter” or “Warning Letter”.	The AME should: Review any letter(s) from the FAA (for this condition) verifying ongoing monitoring is no longer required. Obtain any additional history necessary to verify no subsequent substance-related events have occurred. If required to remain abstinent, the AME, based on their clinical assessment, should note in Item 60 if they are adhering to this requirement *Note 1	ISSUE In Item 60, summarize findings, record the date (mm/yyyy) of the most recent event and confirm no further events or status changes have occurred. If the individual does not provide evidence of FAA clearance for the specific event(s), or if there are changes/new events see Note 1. If there are any changes or new events, go to row B.
B. Regulatory Factors B1 - Previously warned by the FAA for substance abuse or dependence, with a NEW substance-related event and/or violation of permanent abstinence warning <u>OR</u>	Submit the following for FAA review: 1. DUI / DWI PERSONAL STATEMENT or Drug Use Personal Statement (as applicable) 2. A completed Alcohol Event Status Report for the AME (if applicable) 3. DOT test results (if applicable)	DEFER Submit the information to the FAA for review.

CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
B2 - NEW affirmative answer to any of the following on the 8500-8: • 18N: Failed a drug test ever (including a positive DOT/FAA test or refusal) • 18n or 18o: Alcohol/Substance dependence • 18n or 18o: Alcohol/Substance abuse <u>OR</u> B3 - Two or more alcohol/substance-related events in the individual's lifetime	4. All supporting information used to complete the above Additional information may be required after review of this documentation	
C. Clinical Factors**: C1 – Medical records indicate: • Alcohol/Substance dependence • Alcohol/Substance abuse • Alcohol/Substance Use Disorder <u>OR</u> C2 - Medical consequences of alcohol/substance use, including (but not limited to): • Delirium tremens (DTs) • Withdrawal seizures • Alcoholic cirrhosis • Esophageal varices • Recurrent pancreatitis (not associated with gallstones) • Mallory-Weiss tears • Alcohol/substance related injuries or trauma	Submit the following for FAA review: For a diagnosis of substance use disorder/abuse/dependence, submit all diagnostic and treatment records For diagnoses of medical conditions related to alcohol/substance use, ALSO SUBMIT the required items from those sections (e.g. cirrhosis, esophageal varices, TBI).	DEFER Submit the information to the FAA for review.

Notes:

1. If FAA letter(s) are not available or if the AME has questions, call AMCD at 405-954-4821 or the [RFS](#) to request verification.

****Medical diagnoses or physical complications in the applicant's history that may indicate or stem from alcohol/substance abuse, dependence, or misuse.**