

## PILOT INFORMATION - HIMS STEP DOWN PLAN

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### IF YOU ARE A PILOT:

- A. Continue to work with your sponsor/physician/therapist/support group and get/stay healthy.
- B. Do not fly in accordance with 14 CFR 61.53 if you relapse.
- C. Permanent abstinence from mind and mood altering substances is required for the duration of the flying career.
- D. Work with your HIMS AME to obtain any necessary evaluations and documentation.
- E. When submitting information: Coordinate with your AME to ensure ALL ITEMS are COMPLETE. Incomplete packages will cause a DELAY IN CERTIFICATION.

When you have passed the required minimum time AND your HIMS AME recommends you are ready to have a decrease in monitoring requirements, your HIMS AME will submit a report verifying this information. The FAA makes the determination if you meet requirements to reduce monitoring requirements.

- Examples of MINIMUM required items and testing are listed in the [HIMS Step Down Plan illustration](#).
- You may require additional monitoring or testing based on your recovery.
- You may need to repeat a phase based on your recovery.
- In some cases, your HIMS AME may be able to transition you from Early Phase-2 to Advanced Phase-3 and Advanced Phase-3 to Maintenance Phase-4.
- If and when appropriate, you will receive an updated Special Issuance letter with updated Special Issuance requirements.