

# HIMS AME - STEP DOWN TRANSITION SUPPLEMENT

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**THIS SUPPLEMENT IS FOR HIMS AME USE ONLY. DO NOT SUBMIT TO THE FAA.**

Use for pilots on a Special Issuance (SI) for substance dependence with or without any other condition.

While the current SI is in effect, the HIMS AME may be able to reduce some of the requirements at a specific point in time if it can be determined that:

- The pilot is in good recovery;
- There are no concerns on the required documentation; and
- The minimum time-in-phase has been fulfilled. (**Verify the DATE of the SI used and required Time-in-Phase.**)

PHASE TRANSITION	HIMS AME can initiate phase transition?
Initial Phase-1 to Early Phase-2	NO
Early Phase-2 to Advanced Phase-3	YES
Advanced Phase-3 to Maintenance Phase-4	YES

Date of the SI Authorization which began the monitoring\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If there is a relapse or withdrawal of authorization, the Time-in-Phase date is re-set **to date of the most recent Authorization Letter.**

## EARLY PHASE-2 TO ADVANCED PHASE-3

**A. COMPLETED** at least **four (4) full consecutive years** of successful SI Authorization monitoring. (e.g., no relapses, SI Authorization withdrawals, etc.) **AND**

YES	NO
YES	NO

**B. COMPLETED** At least **one (1) full year** of successful SI Authorization monitoring in the Early Phase-2.

**Note:** For pilots with substance dependence for anything other than alcohol, or with a polysubstance dependence diagnosis/issue/concern, the testing required in the Advanced Phase should be at a minimum frequency of 4 tests every 12-month period for BOTH below:

1. PEth tests, AND
2. Urine Drug Screens

## ADVANCED PHASE-3 TO MAINTENANCE PHASE-4

**A. COMPLETED** at least **seven (7) full consecutive years** of successful SI Authorization monitoring. (e.g., no relapses, SI Authorization withdrawals, etc.) **AND**

YES	NO
YES	NO

**B. COMPLETED** at least **one (1) full year** of successful SI Authorization monitoring in the Advanced Phase-3.

### NOTES:

If any **NO** answers above, any **HIMS AME concerns**, or if the authorization letter explicitly advises that the **HIMS AME cannot initiate step down do NOT** transition the pilot to the next phase.

The **FAA** retains the option to modify the requirements put into effect by the **HIMS AME** and/or require the pilot to remain in the prior phase.