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Re: FMCSA Clearinghouse

FSSolutions has been busy getting ready for the release of the FMCSA Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. We want to share with you some recent updates we have received and some tools to help you prepare for compliance with the clearinghouse regulation.

Updates:

- Registration
  - Registration is now open. For detailed instructions on the registration process:
    1. Visit <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/FAQ/Topics/Registration>
    2. From the list of questions choose "How do authorized users sign up to access the Clearinghouse?"
  - Registration is through login.gov. Users will be able to create a new account or use an existing account. US DOT Carriers account will be linked through the FMCSA portal
  - You will not be able to change the email address you provide at registration. If your email address changes, you will need to re-register
  - Assign FSSolutions as your C/TPA
- Queries
  - Query batches can be purchased starting in November according to FMCSA
  - If you purchase the unlimited annual query package, it will not go into effect until 1/1/2020
  - If you have multiple DOT numbers, query packages can NOT be shared among them. Each DOT # must have its own query package
  - Queries can be purchased using pay.gov. Payment methods accepted will be credit card, PayPal, EFT, or AmazonPay
  - There will be notifications to employers if their query balance begins to run low
  - The first annual query must be completed by 1/5/2021
- The clearinghouse will use the existing DataQ system for drivers to dispute information

Timeline:

- October
  - Registration is open with user guides available to walk through the process
- November
  - Queries can be purchased
  - FSSolutions will host an updated webinar on the clearinghouse which will cover new clearinghouse service offerings, any industry updates, and any updates to our system to ensure compliance
- December
  - FSSolutions will host an updated webinar on the clearinghouse
- January 6, 2020
  - The clearinghouse goes live

To help you prepare, we have included a Clearinghouse Checklist and an article to provide to your driver fleet with information on their obligations concerning the clearinghouse.

If you have any questions regarding the clearinghouse, please email [clearinghouse@fssolutions.com](mailto:clearinghouse@fssolutions.com).