

Department of Interior Medical Standards Program

Dear Applicant/Employee:

You are required to participate in the Department of Interior Medical Standards Program (DOI MSP), http://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/index.html. Listed below are web links, frequently asked questions, and general information to assist you during the exam and Risk Mitigation/Waiver process.

- Review the *Essential Functions of a Wildland Firefighter*, https://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/documents/Essential%20Functions%20WLFF.pdf
If you feel you cannot meet the physical requirements you are encouraged to begin a fitness program prior to participation in the DOI MSP. The FireFit program <http://www.nifc.gov/FireFit/> has components for fitness, nutrition, and general wellness that will assist you in your goals.
- As an applicant/employee, you need to be familiar with the *Department of the Interior Wildland Firefighter Medical Standards*: http://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/documents/Federal_Interagency_Wildland_Firefighter_Medical_Standards.pdf prior to attending your exam.
- Once an exam has been scheduled for you by Comprehensive Health Services (CHS) a “Medical History Questionnaire” will be sent to your email address to complete prior to your medical examination. An online “Examinee Access System” (EAS) account will also be created to allow you to follow your medical determination process. The EAS can also be used to upload your medical information to assist in expediting your medical determination.
- If you feel you may not meet a medical standard, you are encouraged bring all medical information from your personal physician(s) to reconcile any pre-existing conditions found or disclosed during the medical examination. You can also upload medical information into your online EAS account prior to your scheduled medical exam appointment, this will expedite your clearance should you not meet one or more of the medical standards.
- Following your exam, it may take up to 10 days to receive a medical determination. You will receive an email alerting you of the determination. You will need to log into the Comprehensive Health Services (CHS), EAS, at <https://eas.chsmedical.com> website for information on your medical examination.
- The Risk Mitigation/Waiver process can take up to sixty (60) days, providing timely and proper medical documentation when requested will speed up the process. If you are unsure what information is being requested, please feel free to visit with me.
- Should you fail to attend a scheduled exam without cancelling or rescheduling the appointment at least one business day (24 hours) prior to your scheduled appointment, you will be suspended from participating in the BIA wildland fire program for one year due to the missed appointment. You must contact a CHS Scheduling Representative at 1-888-636-8619, option 1 in order to cancel or reschedule your appointment. Do not try to cancel or reschedule your appointment directly with the facility.