

## **2009 Firefighter Medical Examination Process (after 3/13/09)**

The contract with Comprehensive Health Services (CHS) to perform firefighter medical exams has expired and a new contract has not been issued. More information concerning the new contract is expected after it is issued.

Until a new contract is established, several stop-gap measures will be followed to ensure that all firefighters will be able to take their pack tests and/or receive redcards. Please read the attached FWS policy, NWCG guidance, and FAQ documents which describe these temporary measures.

A summary of these measures includes:

- all existing personnel, who have already had a Baseline exam, will use the Health Screening Questionnaire (HSQ) found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/wct/2006/5100-31.pdf>. If any questions are answered with a "yes" then the employee must take a physical exam using the SF-78 form, which available at [http://www.nifc.gov/medical\\_standards/NWCG/SF78%20Fire%20Control.pdf](http://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/NWCG/SF78%20Fire%20Control.pdf).
- newly hired permanent or term employees who have not already taken a Baseline exam must take a physical exam using the SF-78 form. These employees will need to take a Baseline exam with the new providers within 60 days after the new medical standards contract is enacted.
- seasonal (1039) hires and AD/EFF hires under the age of 45 will use the HSQ. If any questions are answered with a "yes" then the employee must take a physical exam using the SF-78 form.
- seasonal (1039) hires and AD/EFF hires 45 year old or older must take a physical exam using the SF-78 form.

Payment for the exams will be made by FWS NIFC using the funding string stated in the attached FWS policy document.

Please contact Region 6 Service Human Resource Officers (SHRO) Jennifer Hanson (303-236-4733) or Carol Schafer (303-236-4496), or R6 Medical Standards Program Coordinator, David Carter (303-236-8110) if you have any questions.