

2011 Medical Standards Information

The contract with the medical exam provider (MDI Government Healthcare Services) was cancelled in February, 2011 and a new system will not be functional until FY2012. In the meantime, an interim firefighter medical exam policy still exists and is outlined in detail at our R6 fire website (<http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/fire/policy.html>). A summary of these measures include:

- all existing personnel, who have already had a Baseline exam, will use the Health Screening Questionnaire (HSQ) found @ http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/wct/wct_index.html. If any questions are answered with a "yes" then the employee must take a physical exam using the SF-78 form.
- permanent or term employees taking a new position who have not taken a physical exam within the last year must take a physical exam using the SF-78 form. These employees will need to take a Baseline exam (if they have never taken one) with the new providers within 60 days after the new medical standards contract is enacted.
- seasonal (1039) hires, whose job requires a medical exam/fitness score as a condition of hire, must take a physical exam using the SF-78 form.
- 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.
- AD/EFF hires 45 years old or older must take a physical exam using the SF-78 form.

Individuals participating in *non-arduous* fire positions at the light or moderate level are not required to take a medical exam or follow the interim policy but are required to complete the HSQ before attempting the light (walk) or moderate (field) fitness test. A medical examination may be requested by the supervisor for any employee if there is a question about their ability to safely perform a physical fitness test.