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Question: Is it within the role and scope of the registered nurse (RN) to perform Department of Transportation (DOT) medical examinations for purposes of determining qualifications for driving in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49)?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina acknowledges that it is **NOT** within the role and scope of responsibility for the RN to perform the DOT medical examination. The Board recognizes that certain assessment and data collection components of the examination are within the role and scope of responsibility of the RN, but not the actual medical examination and determination of medical clearance as a commercial driver.

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This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.