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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, July 26 has an actuality on medical examinations for commercial vehicle drivers and a story on mass transportation. First, an actuality on commercial vehicle drivers.

"The Federal Highway Administration's Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety has issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making on a proposal to allow periodic medical examinations of commercial vehicle drivers by chiropractic physicians. Present regulations permit only licensed doctors of medicine or osteopathy to perform examinations. Bureau Director Robert A. Kaye explained:

"The objective of this regulation is to have drivers examined by medical examiners who are capable of diagnosing conditions affecting the ability of drivers to operate a commercial motor vehicle safely and which would disqualify a driver from doing so. In the final analysis, we need to determine whether chiropractic physicians as a group are trained and skilled to diagnose these conditions."

Next, a story by a Department spokesman on another grant in the Department's continuing program of providing mass transportation for the elderly and handicapped.

"The Central New York Regional Transportation Authority has received a Federal grant to assist in the purchase of four new specially equipped buses for personalized service to the elderly and handicapped residents of the Syracuse area. The grant, made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, is for \$133,000 dollars, and covers two-thirds of the cost. More grants of this type for other cities are expected to be announced in the future. The four buses will be equipped with special slats and grab rails, lighted step wells, short rise steps and convenient doors for entry and exit. Two of the buses will have lifts and tie-downs for wheelchairs. The Transportation Authority expects between 200 and 500 calls per day for the buses which will be radio dispatched."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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