

UNEXPLAINED ALTERATION / LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

The Functional Ability Profile (FAP) for alteration/loss of consciousness shall pertain to drivers who have an **unexplained** alteration in their thought process that would preclude safe operation of a motor vehicle. This is a relatively common occurrence. Through medical investigation the cause may be identified or **explained** and the person should then be categorized under the appropriate FAP. Medical work up should evaluate possible cardiac and/or neurologic causes. An explained alteration of consciousness (AOC) with low to no likelihood of recurrence is not generally subject to the FAP rules. Examples of this include concussion with recovery, adverse drug reaction, or medical illness with recovery such as pneumonia, sepsis, vasovagal episode, cough syncope, or anaphylactic reactions.

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FUNCTIONAL ABILITY PROFILE
Unexplained Alteration of Consciousness (AOC)¹

| Profile Levels | Degree of Impairment²/ Potential for At Risk Driving | Condition Definition / Example | Interval for Review and Other Actions |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. | No diagnosed condition | No known disorder | N/A |
| 2. | Condition fully recovered | History of unexplained AOC but none in 4 years | N/A |
| 3. | Active impairment | | |
| | a. Mild | History of AOC greater than 1 year ago. | 2 years |
| | b. Moderate | History of any unexplained AOC within 6 months – 1 year ago. | 1 year |
| | c. Severe | Any unexplained AOC within the past 6 months | No driving |

¹ For further discussion regarding UNEXPLAINED ALTERATION OF CONSCIOUSNESS, please refer to NARRATIVE found at beginning of this section.

² For further explanation of degree of impairment, please refer to SECTION 3.