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# Memorandum

**Federal Motor Carrier  
Safety Administration**

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**Subject:** Reimbursement for Commercial  
Vehicle Safety Alliance Decals

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This memorandum establishes the cost eligibility standards for reimbursement for Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) decals purchased by Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) agencies.

A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit of the MCSAP reported a need for improved oversight by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration FMCSA. In response to the GAO audit, FMCSA has initiated new oversight strategies. In the process we became aware of apparent excessive purchases of CVSA decals. When compared to the number of CVSA decals identified in the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS), the data indicates that some grantees may be purchasing far more CVSA decals than are being applied or captured in MCMIS. FMCSA does not believe it is fiscally responsible to reimburse States for excessive purchase of decals.

The agency understands that through the normal course of business there will be some surplus, but based on the data reviewed, some States have purchased nearly three times the number being uploaded to the system. FMCSA understands that improper or incomplete uploading of the decal information into the system may be contributing to this situation. This policy is intended to make a positive correction in that direction as well.

Effective in FY 2007, the FMCSA will only reimburse States for the number of CVSA decals actually affixed and uploaded to MCMIS, plus 20 percent.

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