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Dear Mr. Helton:

This is in response to your May 21 letter seeking clarification regarding whether a certificated flight instructor (CFI) with a third class medical certificate may give flight instruction and act as pilot in command (PIC) for compensation.

Part 61, Certification Bulletin Number 81-2, discusses the need for a valid airman medical certificate and its relationship to flight instructor certificates. While the bulletin does not specifically address the issue raised in your letter, a careful reading of this bulletin suggests that a CFI may receive compensation and act as PIC during an instructional flight with only a third class medical certificate. We hope this information adequately addresses your question.

Sincerely,

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