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NARR/REF A DIRECTS ENHANCEMENTS TO THE POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS. REF B IS THE UPDATED POLICY FOR PRE AND POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND BLOOD SAMPLES. REF C IS ANNOUNCEMENT OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) TESTING CONTRACT AWARD UPDATE OF HIV SERVICE PROCEDURES. REF D IS NAVADMIN FOR DEMOBILIZATION OF NAVAL RESERVISTS RECALLED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM AND IRAQI FREEDOM.//
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RMKS/1. COMMANDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING COMPLETE REDEPLOYMENT PROCESSING OF THEIR PERSONNEL AND A SMOOTH POST-DEPLOYMENT TRANSITION. PER REF A, THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS) HAS DIRECTED AN ENHANCED POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT (PDHA) PROGRAM TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS. THIS PROGRAM APPLIES TO ALL ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL SUPPORTING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND ENDURING FREEDOM. IT INCLUDES ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE DEPLOYING UNITS WITHIN NAVEUR AOR OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF OIF AND OEF. THIS INCLUDES AVIATION AND SEA-BASED PERSONNEL WHO DO NOT/DID NOT GO ASHORE. IN KEEPING WITH THE INTENT OF REF A, CRITERIA FOR PDHA SHOULD BE

BROADLY APPLIED. WHEN IN DOUBT, PERFORM THE PDHA SCREENING.

2. THE POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT IS A COMMANDERS' PROGRAM AND ITS SUCCESS IS CONTINGENT UPON THE LINE COMMANDERS' INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT. SINCE DEPLOYMENT HEALTH CONCERNS EVOLVE OVER TIME, COMMANDERS MUST INSURE RETURNING SERVICE MEMBERS COMPLETE THE PDHA REQUIREMENTS.

3. DIRECTED ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PDHA INCLUDE:

- A. FOUR-PAGE, REVISED DD FORM 2796 POST-DEPLOYMENT QUESTIONNAIRE.
- B. FACE-TO-FACE HEALTH ASSESSMENT WITH A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.
- C. BLOOD SAMPLE FROM ALL REDEPLOYING PERSONNEL.
- D. QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) PROGRAM TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE.

4. THE FOUR-PAGE, REVISED DD 2796 MUST BE COMPLETED DURING THE REDEPLOYMENT PROCESS OR WITHIN 5 DAYS OF RETURN TO HOME STATION. IT IS AVAILABLE AT: [HTTP://WWW.DIOR.WHS.MIL/FORMS/DD2796.PDF](http://www.dior.whs.mil/forms/dd2796.pdf), OR IN THE ELECTRONIC LIBRARY AT: [WWW.PDHEALTH.MIL/](http://www.pdhealth.mil/). THE FIRST THREE PAGES CONSIST OF A QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE REDEPLOYING SERVICE MEMBER. THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (HCP) WILL THEN COMPLETE PAGE FOUR OF THE REVISED DD 2796 DURING THE FACE-TO-FACE HEALTH ASSESSMENT. THE ORIGINAL COMPLETED DD 2796 WILL BE PLACED IN THE REDEPLOYING SERVICE MEMBER'S HEALTH RECORD. A PAPER OR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE DD 2796 WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE ARMY MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY (AMSA) AT AMSA; BUILDING T-20, ROOM 213; ATTN: DEPLOYMENT FORMS; 6900 GEORGIA AVENUE, NW; WASHINGTON, DC 20307-5001; COMM: 202 782-0471, DSN: 662-0471. AMSA WEBSITE IS: [HTTP://AMSA.ARMY.MIL](http://amsa.army.mil/).

5. FACE-TO-FACE HEALTH ASSESSMENTS WITH PERSONNEL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, NURSE PRACTITIONER, OR INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN. THIS ASSESSMENT WILL INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF: (1) THE REDEPLOYING SERVICE MEMBER'S RESPONSES TO THE HEALTH ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS ON THE REVISED DD FORM 2796, (2) MENTAL HEALTH OR PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH DEPLOYMENTS, (3) SPECIAL MEDICATIONS TAKEN DURING THE DEPLOYMENT, AND (4) CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL OR OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES.

A. ANY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED SHOULD BE EVALUATED USING THE POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE (PDH-CPG), ALONG WITH OTHER APPLICABLE RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT:

[WWW.PDHEALTH.MIL/MAIN.ASP](http://www.pdhealth.mil/main.asp).

B. REFERRALS GENERATED FROM THE PDHA WILL BE DOCUMENTED USING THE PDH-CPG ICD CODE V70.5-6.

C. MEDICAL PERSONNEL WILL BE FAMILIAR WITH THE PDH-CPG FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.PDHEALTH.MIL/CLINICIANS/PDHEM/FRAMESET.HTM](http://www.pdhealth.mil/clinicians/pdhem/frameaset.htm). ADDITIONAL RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT THE BUMED WEB SITE [HTTP://WWW.NEHC.MED.NAVY.MIL/PREVMED/EPI/DEPSURV.HTM](http://www.nehc.med.navy.mil/prevmepi/depssurv.htm).

6. REDEPLOYING MEMBERS WILL HAVE AN HIV BLOOD SAMPLE DRAWN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RETURN TO HOME STATION OR DEMOBILIZATION SITE. TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF MISHANDLING OR LOSING BLOOD SAMPLES, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SIXTH FLEET AFLOAT UNITS OBTAIN BLOOD SAMPLES FROM REDEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS UPON RETURN TO HOMEPORT. BLOOD SAMPLES WILL BE

SUBMITTED FOLLOWING THE CURRENT HIV PROGRAM FORMAT IAW REF B.

7. REF A REQUIRES A QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) PROGRAM TO ENSURE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ENHANCED PDHA ELEMENTS. EACH DEPLOYING UNIT MUST CLOSELY TRACK THE FOLLOWING DATA ELEMENTS. BE PREPARED TO REPORT, AS DIRECTED SEPCOR, FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER ANY DEPLOYMENT.

- A. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL DEPLOYED.
- B. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL REDEPLOYED.
- C. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL SCREENED USING FORM DD 2796.
- D. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL COMPLETING THE POST-DEPLOYMENT BLOOD DRAW.
- E. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL REQUIRING A REFERRAL/CONSULT AS A RESULT OF PDHA SCREENING.
- F. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL COMPLETING INITIAL REFERRAL EVALUATION.

8. RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS SHOULD COMPLETE PDHA UPON REDEPLOYMENT WITH THEIR ACTIVE DUTY UNIT. IF THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE PDHA UPON REDEPLOYMENT, THEN THEY MUST COMPLETE THE PDHA AT NAVAL MOBILIZATION PROCESSING SITES (NMPS) DURING DEMOBILIZATION.

9. REF F DIRECTS PROCEDURES FOR DEMOBILIZATION OF NAVAL RESERVISTS RECALLED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM AND IRAQI FREEDOM. DETAILED DEMOBILIZATION GUIDANCE IS POSTED ON THE BUPERS WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.PERSNET.NAVY.MIL/PERS9/INDEX.HTM](http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers9/index.htm).

10. ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION ARE:

- A. NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE UNIT (NEPMU) TWO, AT COM: (757)444-7671, DSN: 564-7671, EMAIL: NEPMU2(AT)NEPMU2.MED.NAVY.MIL.
- B. NEPMU FIVE, AT COM: (619) 556-7070, DSN: 526-7070, EMAIL: NEPMU5(AT)NEPMU5.MED.NAVY.MIL.
- C. NEPMU SIX, AT COM: (808)473-0555, DSN: 473-0555, EMAIL: NEPMU6(AT)NEPMU6.MED.NAVY.MIL.
- D. NEPMU SEVEN, AT TEL: 39-095-86-9251, DSN: 624-9251, EMAIL: NEPMU7A(AT)NEPMU7.SICILY.NAVY.MIL.

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E. CONTACT THE NAVEUR POC FOR ASSISTANCE IF UNABLE TO ACCESS WEB BASED RESOURCES.//

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