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MEMORANDUM FOR Military Personnel Management Officers of all States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Line of Duty (LOD) Procedures for the Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) Process

1. References:

- a. AR 40-400, Patient Administration, 13 October 2006.
- b. AR 600-8-4, Line of Duty Policy, Procedures, and Investigations, 15 April 2004.
- c. MILPER Message Number 05-273, 3 November 2005, Line of Duty (LOD) Post Deployment Health Reassessment Policy.
- d. MILPER Message Number 04-341, 16 December 2004, Line of Duty (LOD) Contingency Operations Policy.
- e. Memorandum, AHRC-PED-S, 16 November 2005, subject: Delegation of Authority for Line of Duty.
- f. Memorandum, DA, 23 January 2006, subject: Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) Implementation Plan.
- g. Memorandum, NGB-ARP, 10 March 2006, subject: Army National Guard (ARNG) Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) Program Personnel Instructions.
- h. Memorandum, NGB-ARS, 21 April 2006, subject: Army National Guard Post Deployment Health Re-Assessment (PDHRA) Screen.
- i. Memorandum, NGB-ARP, 1 December 2006, subject: Army National Guard (ARNG) Line of Duty (LOD) Module (Revised).

2. The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify LOD Procedures for injuries, illness, or conditions resulting from a combat deployment and identified during the Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA).

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3. The PDHRA Program was designed as an extension of the Force Health Protection Program to identify health concerns, which may not manifest until several months following return from operational deployment.

4. The PDHRA Program requires completion of the DD Form 2900, Post Deployment Health Reassessment. The DD Form 2900 includes a section for Soldiers to identify potential health concerns as a result of their deployment and a subsequent healthcare provider assessment.

a. The PDHRA screening is intended to identify and document potential health concerns. No diagnosis or treatment is provided in conjunction with the PDHRA screening.

b. A subsequent "referral" appointment is required in order to diagnosis any conditions reported as a result of the PDHRA. The completion of an initial DA Form 2173, Statement of Medical Examination and Duty Status during the PDHRA screening, IAW paragraph 1.c., authorizes this appointment.

c. Appointments may be made through the Veteran's Administration Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities, Military Medical Treatment Facilities, or through TRICARE Network Providers.

(1) All eligible Veterans' are entitled to seek care through the VA for illness, injury, or condition related to their military service. Combat Veterans are eligible for no-cost care from the VA during their first two years after release from Active Duty. The only documentation required for Soldiers to seek treatment through VA facilities is a copy of their DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. Soldiers not covered by the two years of no-cost care, may incur a co-pay for care received through a VA facility, without a DA Form 2173.

(2) Reserve Component Soldiers, are authorized to seek care for injury, illness, or condition, incurred In the Line of Duty, at Military Treatment Facilities, IAW paragraph 1.a.

(3) In case of referral to a TRICARE provider, prior authorization through the Military Medical Support Office is required to ensure that Soldiers are not improperly billed for this appointment. Soldiers utilizing their TAMP benefit for deployment related care will incur a co-pay.

d. The DA Form 2173 that is completed as a result of the assessment is to be used as a referral document only. Soldiers must ensure that the outcome of their diagnosis


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appointment, and any subsequent care, is appropriately communicated back to their chain of command so that their medical readiness can be accurately assessed throughout their treatment. If a diagnosis of an injury, illness, or condition has been provided, a review of the medical evaluation will be completed by the State Surgeon or his designee. A new DA Form 2173 will be initiated and completed to document the finding of In the Line of Duty. If the determination is not in the Line of Duty, a DD Form 261, Report of Investigation Line of Duty and Misconduct Status must be initiated. The DA Form 2173 will be completed and submitted through the ARNG LOD Module as a Title 10 LOD IAW paragraph 1.i.

e. The PDHRA identifies and facilitates treatment for injuries, illness, or conditions that occurred as a result of an operational deployment while the Soldier was serving on a federalized status. As a result, the NGB is the final approval authority for all LODs initiated as a result of the PDHRA.

5. Please direct all questions regarding the PDHRA Program to CW3 Bonny Bell, at DSN 327-9472 or 703-607-9472, bonny.bell@us.army.mil and regarding LODs and the LOD Module


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