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STIMULANT AND RELATED MEDICATIONS: U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED INDICATIONS AND DOSAGES FOR USE IN ADULTS/
RMKS/1. (U) THIS IS MODIFICATION FIFTEEN TO USCENTCOM INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION AND INDIVIDUAL/UNIT DEPLOYMENT POLICY. IN SUMMARY, MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PARAGRAPH 15 FROM MOD FOURTEEN, REF B.

1.A. PARAGRAPH 15 REQUIRED CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC; THEREFORE, IT IS BEING REPUBLISHED IN ITS ENTIRETY. MOD 15 SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS. THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FITNESS STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL DEPLOYABILITY (PARAGRAPH 15 AND TAB A) ARE BASED ON GUIDANCE FROM THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (REF OO). CHANGES ARE BASED ON NON-DISCRIMINATORY DATA REGARDING THE CURRENTLY KNOWN MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY RATES FOR COVID-19, TIED TO THE FORCE PROTECTION CONCERN THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS POSE AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK TO THE FORCE AND RISK OF OVERWHELMING THE LIMITED MEDICAL RESOURCES IN A THEATER OF COMBAT. DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, COMMANDERS HAVE THE DISCRETION TO MAKE THE REQUIREMENTS MORE RESTRICTIVE IF THEY FEEL THEIR RISK TO MISSION IS TOO HIGH. THE COVID-19 MODIFICATIONS CONTAINED HEREIN WILL BE LIMITED TO THE DURATION OF THE PANDEMIC AFTER WHICH TIME MOD 16 WILL BE RELEASED.

1.B. PARAGRAPH 15 OF REF A HAS BEEN REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS:

15.A. DEFINITIONS.

15.A.1. DEPLOYMENT. FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES, THE DEFINITION OF DEPLOYMENT IS TRAVEL TO OR THROUGH THE USCENTCOM AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (AOR), WITH EXPECTED OR ACTUAL TIME IN COUNTRY (PHYSICALLY PRESENT, EXCLUDING IN-TRANSIT OR TRAVEL TIME) FOR A PERIOD OF GREATER THAN 30 DAYS, EXCLUDING SHIPBOARD OPERATIONS, AS DEFINED IN REF C.

15.A.2. TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY). TDY MISSIONS ARE THOSE MISSIONS WITH TIME IN COUNTRY OF 30 DAYS OR LESS.

15.A.3. PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS). PCS PERSONNEL, INCLUDING EMBASSY PERSONNEL, WILL COORDINATE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICE COMPONENT MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR MEDICAL GUIDANCE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PCS TO SPECIFIC COUNTRIES IN THE USCENTCOM AOR. AUTHORIZED DEPENDENTS MUST PROCESS THROUGH THE OVERSEAS SCREENING PROCESS AND EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP), IF REQUIRED. ALL PERSONNEL MUST BE CURRENT WITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP) IMMUNIZATION GUIDELINES AND DOD TRAVEL GUIDELINES. HOST NATION IMMUNIZATION AND MEDICAL SCREENING REQUIREMENTS APPLY. PORTIONS OF MOD 15 WILL APPLY AS DELINEATED IN TAB B.


15.B. APPLICABILITY. THIS MOD APPLIES TO U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, TO INCLUDE ACTIVATED RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, DOD CIVILIANS, DOD CONTRACTORS, DOD SUB-CONTRACTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS.
(TCN) TRAVELING OR DEPLOYING TO THE CENTCOM AOR AND WORKING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DOD. LOCAL NATIONALS (LN) WILL MEET THE MINIMAL MEDICAL STANDARDS ADDRESSED IN SECTION 15.C.1.F. MILITARY WORKING DOGS (MWD) AND CONTRACT WORKING DOGS (CWD) WILL MEET MINIMAL STANDARDS ADDRESSED IN SECTION 15.C.1.G.

15.C. MEDICAL DEPLOYABILITY. THE FINAL AUTHORITY FOR ENTRY INTO THE CENTCOM AOR RESTS WITH THE CENTCOM SURGEON AND MAY BE DELEGATED TO CENTCOM SERVICE COMPONENT SURGEONS. THE DEPLOYER’S MEDICAL EVALUATING ENTITY OR DEPLOYING PLATFORM OR COMMANDER ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO WAIVE MEDICAL DEPLOYMENT STANDARDS. DEPLOYED HEALTH SERVICE SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IS DESIGNED AND PRIORITIZED TO PROVIDE ACUTE AND EMERGENCY SUPPORT TO THE EXPEDITIONARY MISSION. ALL PERSONNEL (UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES), CONTRACT WORKING DOGS (CWD) AND MWD TRAVELING TO THE CENTCOM AOR MUST MEET MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FITNESS STANDARDS, AND BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO REMAIN SO FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR DEPLOYMENT. INDIVIDUALS DEEMED UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH CENTCOM DEPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE DISQUALIFIED FOR DEPLOYMENT IAW SERVICE POLICY AND MOD 15. PERSONNEL FOUND TO BE MEDICALLY NON-DEPLOYABLE WHILE OUTSIDE OF THE CENTCOM AOR FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME WILL NOT ENTER OR RE-ENTER THE THEATER UNTIL THE NON-DEPLOYABLE CONDITION IS COMPLETELY RESOLVED OR AN APPROVED WAIVER FROM A CENTCOM WAIVER AUTHORITY IS OBTAINED. SEE REF D, E, F, G, H. DOD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ARE COVERED BY THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973. AS SUCH, AN APPARENTLY DISQUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITION NEVERTHELESS REQUIRES THAT AN INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT BE MADE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE EMPLOYEE CAN PERFORM THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THEIR POSITION IN THE DEPLOYED ENVIRONMENT, WITH OR WITHOUT REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, WITHOUT CAUSING UNDUE HARDSHIP. IN EVALUATING UNDUE HARDSHIP, THE NATURE OF THE ACCOMMODATION AND THE LOCATION OF THE DEPLOYMENT MUST BE CONSIDERED. FURTHER, THE EMPLOYEE’S MEDICAL CONDITION MUST NOT POSE A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM TO THE EMPLOYEE OR OTHERS WHEN TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONDITIONS OF THE RELEVANT DEPLOYED ENVIRONMENT. SEE REF I.

15.C.1. MEDICAL FITNESS, INITIAL AND ANNUAL SCREENING.
15.C.1.A. MEDICAL READINESS PROCESSING. THE MEDICAL SECTION OF THE DEPLOYMENT SCREENING SITE MAY PUBLISH GUIDANCE, IAW MOD15 AND SERVICE STANDARDS, TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING MEDICAL DEPLOYMENT FITNESS. DEPLOYING PERSONNEL MUST HAVE AN EVALUATION BY A MEDICAL PROVIDER TO DETERMINE IF THEY CAN SAFELY DEPLOY AND OBTAIN AN APPROVED WAIVER FOR ANY DISQUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITION(S) FROM THE COMPONENT SURGEON OR CENTCOM SURGEON PRIOR TO DEPLOYING.
15.C.1.C. EXAMINATION INTERVALS. AN EXAMINATION WITH ALL MEDICAL ISSUES AND REQUIREMENTS ADDRESSED WILL REMAIN VALID FOR A MAXIMUM OF 15 MONTHS FROM THE
DATE OF THE PHYSICAL, OR 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENT, WHICHEVER IS FIRST. SEE TAB A AND REF D, J, K, L FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE. GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND DOD CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL DEPLOYED FOR MULTIPLE OR EXTENDED TOURS OF MORE THAN 12 MONTHS MUST BE RE-EVALUATED FOR FITNESS TO STAY DEPLOYED. ANNUAL IN-THEATER RESCREENING MAY BE FOCUSED ON HEALTH CHANGES, VACCINATION CURRENCY, AND MONITORING OF EXISTING CONDITIONS RATHER THAN BEING COMPREHENSIVE, BUT SHOULD CONTINUE TO MEET ALL MEDICAL GUIDANCE AS PRESCRIBED IN MOD 15. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY OBLIGATED BY CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT, EXPEDITIONARY MILITARY MEDICAL ASSETS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR RE-EVALUATION OF CONTRACTORS TO STAY DEPLOYED. IF INDIVIDUALS ARE UNABLE TO ADEQUATELY COMPLETE THEIR MEDICAL SCREENING EVALUATION IN THE AOR, THEY SHOULD BE REDEPLOYED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS YEARLY REQUIREMENT. PERIODIC HEALTH SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS AND PRESCRIPTION NEEDS ASSESSMENTS SHOULD REMAIN CURRENT THROUGH THE DEPLOYMENT PERIOD.

15.C.1.D. SPECIALIZED GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WHO MUST MEET SPECIFIC PHYSICAL STANDARDS (E.G., FIREFIGHTERS, SECURITY GUARDS, POLICE, AVIATORS, AVIATION CREW MEMBERS, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS, DIVERS, MARINE CRAFT OPERATORS, COMMERCIAL DRIVERS, ETC.) MUST MEET THOSE STANDARDS WITHOUT EXCEPTION, IN ADDITION TO BEING FOUND FIT FOR THE SPECIFIC DEPLOYMENT BY A MEDICAL AND DENTAL EVALUATION PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT IAW MOD 15. CERTIFICATIONS MUST BE VALID AND RENEWED AS REQUIRED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF THE DEPLOYMENT. IT IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL TO PLAN FOR AND RECERTIFY THEIR RESPECTIVE REQUIREMENTS.

15.C.1.E. DOD CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES MUST MEET STANDARDS OF FITNESS FOR DEPLOYMENT AND MUST BE DOCUMENTED TO BE FIT FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, WITHOUT LIMITATIONS, BY MEDICAL AND DENTAL EVALUATION PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT IAW MOD 15. CONTRACTORS MUST COMPLY WITH REF J AND SPECIFICALLY ENCLOSURE 3 FOR MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS. EVALUATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE DEPLOYMENT PLATFORM.

15.C.1.E.1. PREDEPLOYMENT AND/OR TRAVEL MEDICINE SERVICES FOR CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING COMPLIANCE WITH IMMUNIZATION, DNA, AND PANOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS, EVALUATION OF FITNESS, AND ANNUAL SCREENING ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTING AGENCY PER THE CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SUPPORTED COMMAND'S CONTRACTING AND MEDICAL AUTHORITY. SEE TAB A AND REF J FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

15.C.1.E.2. ALL CONTRACTING AGENCIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MEDICAL SCREENING FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. SCREENING MUST BE COMPLETED BY A MEDICAL PROVIDER LICENSED IN A COUNTRY WITH OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, AND A COPY OF THE COMPLETED MEDICAL SCREENING DOCUMENTATION, IN ENGLISH, MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE CONTRACTOR. DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUESTED BY BASE OPERATIONS CENTER PERSONNEL PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF ACCESS BADGES AS WELL AS BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR COMPLIANCE REVIEWS. INSTALLATION COMMANDERS, IN CONCERT WITH THEIR LOCAL MEDICAL ASSETS AND CONTRACTING REPRESENTATIVES, MAY CONDUCT QUALITY ASSURANCE AUDITS TO VERIFY THE VALIDITY OF MEDICAL SCREENINGS.

DONE AT CONTRACTOR EXPENSE. THE SOLE EXCEPTION TO THIS POLICY IS ANTHRAX VACCINE, WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED AT MILITARY EXPENSE. SEE REF C, J, O. A DISQUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITION, AS DETERMINED BY AN IN-THEATER QUALIFIED MEDICAL PROVIDER, WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE'S CONTRACTING OFFICER WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CONTRACTOR BE IMMEDIATELY REDEPLOYED AND REPLACED AT CONTRACTOR EXPENSE UNLESS AN APPROVED WAIVER IS OBTAINED. ALL THE ABOVE EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED BY THE CONTRACTOR UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT.

15.C.1.F. LN AND TCN EMPLOYEES. MINIMUM SCREENING REQUIREMENTS ARE:


15.C.1.F.2. ALL LN AND TCN EMPLOYEES WHOSE JOB REQUIRES CLOSE OR FREQUENT CONTACT WITH NON-LN/TCN PERSONNEL (E.G., DINING FACILITY WORKERS, SECURITY PERSONNEL, INTERPRETERS, ETC.) MUST BE SCREENED FOR TUBERCULOSIS (TB) USING AN ANNUAL SYMPTOM SCREEN. A TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST (TST) IS UNRELIABLE AS A STAND-ALONE SCREENING TEST FOR TB DISEASE IN LN/TCN PERSONNEL AND SHOULD NOT BE USED. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REGARDING APPROPRIATE SCREENING OF DETAINEES, PRISON GUARDS AND OTHER HIGHER RISK POPULATIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE THEATER PREVENTIVE MEDICINE CONSULTANT THROUGH UNIT MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

15.C.1.F.3. LN AND TCN EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN FOOD SERVICE, WATER, AND ICE PRODUCTION MUST BE SCREENED ANNUALLY FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE. CONTRACTORS MUST ENSURE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE TYPHOID AND HEPATITIS A VACCINATIONS AND THIS INFORMATION MUST BE DOCUMENTED IN THE EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL RECORD / SCREENING DOCUMENTATION.

15.C.1.F.4. FURTHER GUIDANCE REGARDING MEDICAL SUITABILITY OR FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL TASK FORCE COMMANDER OR EQUIVALENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR MILITARY MEDICAL ASSETS.

15.C.1.G. WORKING DOGS. ONLY THOSE ANIMALS FORMALLY CLASSIFIED AS A MILITARY WORKING DOG (MWD) OR CONTRACT WORKING DOG (CWD), AND DEPLOYED WITH APPROPRIATE HANDLERS FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE, ARE AUTHORIZED. ENSURE APPROPRIATE KENNELING, VETERINARY SUPPORT, AND FOOD PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT. MWD DEPLOYING TO THE CENTCOM AOR MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.

15.C.1.G.1. MWDS/CWDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES TO WHICH THEY TRAVEL. REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT OFFICIAL NOTICE TO DOD. VETERINARY CORPS OFFICERS (VCOS) RESPONSIBLE TO PREPARE DOGS FOR DEPLOYMENT WILL REVIEW HOST NATION IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY COUNTRIES THE MWDS/CWDS MAY TRAVEL TO, OR TRANSIT THROUGH, TO ENSURE ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

15.C.1.G.2. ONLY MWDS/CWDS ASSIGNED DEPLOYMENT CATEGORY 1 WILL DEPLOY INTO THE CENTCOM AOR. MWDS/CWDS ASSIGNED CATEGORIES 2-4 ARE ONLY AUTHORIZED TO DEPLOY INTO THE CENTCOM AOR AFTER RECEIVING A MEDICAL WAIVER FROM THE ARCENT VCO. MWD/CWD DEPLOYMENT CATEGORIES ARE DEFINED IN PARA 2.15 OF REF NN.

15.C.1.G.3. MWD DEPLOYING TO THE CENTCOM AOR MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.


15.C.1.G.3.B. CURRENT ON RABIES AND DISTEMPER/ADENO/PARVOVIRU (DAP) AND LEPTOSPIROSIS VACCINES, GIVEN WITHIN 2 MONTHS OF DEPLOYMENT.

15.C.1.G.3.C. THE RED SEMI-ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION (RSAPE) WITH ALL NECESSARY LABORATORY TESTS COMPLETED PERFORMED PRIOR TO TRAVEL, AS WELL AS 4DX SNAP
TESTS FOR DIROFILARIA AND TICK BORNE DISEASES, AND DETAILED ANESTHETIZED ORAL 313 EXAM TO INCLUDE ALL TEETH.

15.C.1.G.3.D. FLUORESCENT ANTIBODY VIRUS NEUTRALIZATION (FAVN) TITERS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY WORKING DOG THAT IS TRAVELING FROM A GULF STATE (EXCLUDING BAHRAIN) THROUGH EUROPE. VCOS WILL ENSURE THE MOST RECENT FAVN IS SUFFICIENT (> 0.5 IU/ML), LINKED TO THEIR 15 DIGIT ISO MICROCHIP, AND THEIR RABIES VACCINE COVERAGE HAS NEVER LAPPED SINCE THE FAVN WAS PERFORMED.

15.C.1.G.3.E. ANY WORKING DOG DEPLOYING TO THE CENTCOM AOR WILL ARRIVE WITH, AT MINIMUM, THEIR TOUR’S WORTH OF ALL NECESSARY PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, IN ADDITION TO HEARTGUARD AND FLEA AND TICK CONTROL (INCLUDING ADVANTIX AND SCALIBOR/SERESTO COLLARS). DOGS THAT MAY GO TO EGYPT REQUIRE PRAZIQUANTEL FOR THE COUNTRY’S TAPEWORM TREATMENT REQUIREMENT.

15.C.1.G.3.F. WORKING DOGS WITH A HISTORY OF HEAT INJURY ARE INELIGIBLE TO DEPLOY TO THE CENTCOM AOR.

15.C.2. UNFIT PERSONNEL. CASES OF IN-THEATER/DEPLOYED PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED AS UNFIT, IAW THIS MOD 15, DUE TO CONDITIONS THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE COMPONENT SURGEON FOR DETERMINATION REGARDING POTENTIAL MEDICAL WAIVER OR REDEPLOYMENT. FINDINGS/ACTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE CENTCOM SURGEON AT CENTCOM.MACDILL.CENTCOM-HQ.MBX.CCSG-WAIVER@MAIL.MIL.

15.C.3. MEDICAL WAIVERS.

15.C.3.A. MEDICAL WAIVER APPROVAL AUTHORITY.

15.C.3.A.1. MEDICAL WAIVER APPROVAL AUTHORITY LIES AT THE COMBATANT COMMAND SURGEON LEVEL IAW REF I, K, M, AND IS DELEGATED TO THE USCENTCOM COMPONENT SURGEONS FOR ALL DEPLOYING PERSONNEL WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPONENT FOR ALL HEALTH CONDITIONS, EXCLUDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ISOLATED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (SUD) AND ISSUES. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WAIVERS ARE INITIALLY EVALUATED BY THE RESPECTIVE SERVICE COMPONENT, AND MAY BE REFUSED AT THAT LEVEL. SUD MAY BE DISPOSITIONED BY THE SERVICE COMPONENT, HOWEVER APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR ALL OTHER BH CONDITIONS RESIDES WITH THE CENTCOM SURGEON. MWD/CWD WAIVERS WILL BE EVALUATED BY THE ARCENT VETERINARY CORPS OFFICER (VCO). SENDING UNIT COMMANDER OR DESIGNEE ENDORSEMENT OF UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBER WAIVERS IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION IN ORDER TO ENSURE COMMAND AWARENESS.


15.C.3.A.3. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BE MEDICALLY DISQUALIFIED BY THE LOCAL MEDICAL AUTHORITY OR CHAIN OF COMMAND. AN INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT IS STILL REQUIRED FOR DOD. SEE PARA. 15.C AND REF I. AUTHORITY TO APPROVE DEPLOYMENT OF ANY PERSON (UNIFORMED OR CIVILIAN) WITH DISQUALIFYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS LIES SOLELY WITH THE CENTCOM SURGEON AND THE CENTCOM SERVICE COMPONENT SURGEONS WHO HAVE BEEN DELEGATED THIS AUTHORITY BY THE CENTCOM SURGEON.

15.C.3.B.1. AUTHORIZED AGENTS (LOCAL MEDICAL PROVIDER, COMMANDER/SUPERVISOR, REPRESENTATIVE) WILL FORWARD A COMPLETED MEDICAL WAIVER REQUEST FORM (TAB C), TO BE ADJUDICATED BY THE APPROPRIATE SURGEON IAW PARAGRAPH 15.C.3.C. ADJUDICATION WILL ACCOUNT FOR SPECIFIC MEDICAL SUPPORT CAPABILITIES IN THE LOCAL REGION OF THE AOR. WAIVER SUBMISSION BY OR THROUGH A MEDICAL AUTHORITY IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY ADJUDICATION DELAYS DUE TO INCOMPLETE INFORMATION. THE CASE SUMMARY PORTION OF THE WAIVER SHOULD INCLUDE A SYNOPSIS OF THE CONCERNING CONDITION(S) AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO INCLUDE THE PROVIDER’S ASSESSMENT OF ABILITY TO DEPLOY.


15.C.3.B.3. A CENTCOM WAIVER DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NEED FOR SERVICE-SPECIFIC MEDICAL WAIVERS (E.G., SMALL ARMS WAIVERS) OR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL WAIVERS (E.G., AVIATORS, COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS, ETC.) IF REQUIRED.

15.C.3.B.4. APPEAL PROCESS. IF THE SENDING UNIT DISAGREES WITH THE COMPONENT SURGEON’S DECISION, AN APPEAL MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTCOM SURGEON. IF THE DISAGREEMENT IS WITH THE CENTCOM SURGEON’S DECISION, AN APPEAL MAY BE COORDINATED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL’S CHAIN OF COMMAND, THROUGH THE CENTCOM SURGEON, TO THE CENTCOM CHIEF OF STAFF FOR EXEMPTION TO POLICY CONSIDERATION.

15.C.3.B.5. WAIVERS ARE APPROVED FOR A MAXIMUM OF 15 MONTHS OR FOR THE TIMEFRAME SPECIFIED ON THE WAIVER (TAB C). WAIVER COVERAGE BEGINS ON THE DATE OF THE INITIAL DEPLOYMENT.

15.C.3.B.6. WAIVERS MAY BE APPROVED, AT THE WAIVER AUTHORITY’S SOLE DISCRETION, FOR PERIODS OF TIME (E.G. 90 DAYS) SHORTER THAN THE SCHEDULED DEPLOYMENT DURATION IN ORDER TO REQUIRE REASSESSMENT OF A MEDICAL CONDITION. SUCH WAIVERS WILL INCLUDE RESUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS. ALL LABS, ASSESSMENTS, ETC. REQUIRED FOR RESUBMISSION ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EMPLOYEE TO OBTAIN AND SUBMIT.

15.C.3.B.7. ALL ADJUDICATING SURGEONS WILL MAINTAIN A WAIVER DATABASE AND RECORD ALL WAIVER REQUESTS.

15.C.3.C. CONTACTS FOR WAIVERS

15.C.3.C.1. CENTCOM SURGEON.
CENTCOM.MACDILL.CENTCOM-HQ.MBX.CCSG-WAIVER@MAIL.MIL;
CML: 813.529.0361; DSN: 312.529.0361

15.C.3.C.2. AFCENT SURGEON. USCENTAFSG.ORGBOX@AFCENT.AF.MIL;
CML: 803.717.7101; DSN: 313.717.7101

15.C.3.C.3. ARCENT SURGEON. USARMY.SHAW.USARCENT.MBX.SURG-WAIVER@MAIL.MIL;
CML: 803.885.7946; DSN: 312.889.7946

15.C.3.C.4. MARCENT SURGEON. USMARCENT.WAIVER@USMC.MIL;
CML: 813.827.7175; DSN: 312.651.7175

15.C.3.C.5. NAVCENT SURGEON. CUSNC.MEDWAIVERS@ME.NAVY.MIL;
CML: 011.973.1785.4558; DSN: 318.439.4558

15.C.3.C.6. SOCCENT SURGEON. SOCCENT.SG@SOCOM.MIL;
CML: 813.828.7351; DSN: 312.968.7351

15.D. PHARMACY.

15.D.1. SUPPLY. PERSONNEL WHO REQUIRE MEDICATION AND WHO ARE DEPLOYING TO THE CENTCOM AOR WILL DEPLOY WITH NO LESS THAN A 180 DAY SUPPLY (OR APPROPRIATE AMOUNT FOR SHORTER DEPLOYMENTS) OF THEIR MAINTENANCE MEDICATIONS WITH
ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY TO COVER THE REMAINDER OF THE DEPLOYMENT USING A FOLLOW-ON REFILL PRESCRIPTION. TRICARE ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL WILL OBTAIN FOLLOW-ON REFILL PRESCRIPTIONS FROM THE TRICARE MAIL ORDER PHARMACY (TMOP) Deployed Prescription Program (DPP) OR EXPRESS SCRIPTS. INFORMATION ON THIS PROGRAM MAY BE FOUND AT HTTPS://WWW.EXPRESS-SCRIPTS.COM/TRICARE/TOOLS/DEPLOYEDRX.SHTML.

15.D.2. EXCEPTIONS. EXCEPTIONS TO THE 180 DAY PRESCRIPTION QUANTITY REQUIREMENT INCLUDE:

15.D.2.A. PERSONNEL REQUIRING MALARIA CHEMOPROPHYLACTIC MEDICATIONS (DOXYCYCLINE, ATова QUONE/PROGUANIL, ETC.) WILL DEPLOY WITH EITHER ENOUGH MEDICATION FOR THEIR ENTIRE DEPLOYMENT OR WITH ENOUGH TO COVER APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE DEPLOYMENT WITH PLANS TO RECEIVE THE REMAINDER OF THEIR MEDICATION IN THEATER (EXCLUDING PRIMAQUINE FOR TERMINAL PROPHYLAXIS) BASED ON UNIT PREFERENCE. UNITS WILL DISTRIBUTE TERMINAL PROPHYLAXIS UPON REDEPLOYMENT. THE DEPLOYMENT PERIOD WILL INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL 28 DAYS AFTER LEAVING THE MALARIA RISK AREA (FOR DOXYCYCLINE) OR 7 DAYS (FOR ATова QUONE/PROGUANIL) TO ACCOUNT FOR REQUIRED PRIMARY PROPHYLAXIS. TERMINAL PROPHYLAXIS WITH PRIMAQUINE FOR 14 DAYS SHOULD BEGIN ONCE THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER HAS LEFT THE AREA OF MALARIA RISK.

15.D.2.B. PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION MAY BE DISPENSED FOR UP TO A 180 DAY SUPPLY WITH NO REFILL.

15.D.2.B.1. THE PROVIDER MAY PRESCRIBE A LIMITED QUANTITY (I.E., AT LEAST A 90 DAY SUPPLY) WITH NO REFILLS TO FACILITATE CLINICAL FOLLOW-UP IN THEATER.

15.D.2.B.2. PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS AUTHORIZED FOR UP TO A 180 DAYS SUPPLY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO; ANTI-DEPRESSANTS, ANTI-ANXIETY (NON CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES), NON-CLASS 2 (CII) STIMULANTS, AND ANTI-SEIZURE MEDICATIONS USED FOR MOOD DISORDERS. THIS TERM ALSO ENCOMPASSES THE GENERIC EQUIVALENTS OF THE ABOVE MEDICATION CATEGORIES WHEN USED FOR NON-PSYCHOTROPIC INDICATIONS.

15.D.2.C. ALL DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (SCHEDULE I-V) ARE LIMITED TO A 90 DAY SUPPLY WITH NO REFILLS. AN APPROVED WAIVER MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTCOM WAIVER AUTHORITY PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT, AND IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RENEWALS. CLINICAL FOLLOW-UP IN THEATER SHOULD BE SOUGHT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN MEDICATION RENEWALS.

15.D.3. PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ANALYSIS AND REPORTING TOOL (PMART). SOLDIER READINESS PROCESSING (SRP) AND OTHER DEPLOYMENT PLATFORM PROVIDER/PHARMACY AND UNIT MEDICAL OFFICER PERSONNEL WILL MAXIMIZE THE USE OF THE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ANALYSIS AND REPORTING TOOL (PMART) TO SCREEN DEPLOYING PERSONNEL FOR HIGH-RISK MEDICATIONS, AS WELL AS TO IDENTIFY MEDICATIONS WHICH ARE TEMPERATURE-SENSITIVE, OVER THE COUNTER (FOR SITUATIONAL AWARENESS REGARDING MEDICATION INTERACTION), OR NOT AVAILABLE ON THE CENTCOM FORMULARY AND/OR THROUGH THE TMOP/DPP. CONTACT THE DHA PHARMACY ANALYTICS SUPPORT SECTION AT 1.866.275.4732 OR DHA.JBSA.PHARMACY-OPS.MBX.PASS-DMT@MAIL.MIL FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO OBTAIN A PMART REPORT. INFORMATION REGARDING PMART AS WELL AS THE CENTCOM FORMULARY CAN BE FOUND AT THE HEALTH.MIL WEBSITE AT: WWW.HEALTH.MIL/PMART.

15.E. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

15.E.1. PERMITTED EQUIPMENT. Personnel who require medical equipment (e.g., corrective eyewear, hearing aids) must deploy with all required items in their possession to include two pairs of eyeglasses, protective mask eyeglass inserts, ballistic eyewear inserts, and hearing aid batteries. See Ref D.

15.E.2. NON-PERMITTED EQUIPMENT. Personal durable medical equipment (nebulizers, scooters, wheelchairs, catheters, dialysis machines, insulin pumps, implanted defibrillators, spinal cord stimulators, cerebral implants, etc.) is not permitted. Medical maintenance, logistical support, and infection control protocols for personal medical equipment are not available and electricity is often unreliable. A waiver for a medical condition requiring personal durable medical equipment is applicable to the equipment, and vice versa. Durable medical equipment used for relief or maintenance of a medical condition requires a waiver. Waiver requests must describe deployer’s ability to meet mission requirements in the event of failure of the equipment. Maintenance and resupply of equipment is the responsibility of the individual.

15.E.3. CONTACT LENSES. Personnel will not deploy with contact lenses except IAW service policy. Authorized personnel deploying with contact lenses must receive pre-deployment education in the safe wear and maintenance of contact lenses in the deployed environment and deploy with two pairs of eyeglasses and a supply of contact lens maintenance items (e.g., cleansing solution) adequate for the duration of the deployment.

15.E.4. MEDICAL WARNING TAGS. Deploying personnel requiring medical warning tags (medication allergies, G6PD deficiency, diabetes, sickle cell disease, etc.) will deploy with red medical warning tags worn in conjunction with their personal identification tags.

15.E.4.A. Medical personnel will identify need for medical warning tags and prepare documentation.

15.E.4.B. Installation or organization commanders will direct embossing activities to provide tags IAW service procedures.

15.F. IMMUNIZATIONS.

15.F.1. ADMINISTRATION. All immunizations will be administered IAW Ref N. Refer to the DHA-immunization healthcare branch website https://www.health.mil/military-health-topics/health-readiness/immunization-healthcare/vaccine-recommendations/vaccine-recommendations-by-aor or contact the CENTCOM DHA-immunization healthcare branch analyst Brian.D.Canterbury.CIV@mail.mil for questions and clarifications.

15.F.2. REQUIREMENTS. All personnel (to include PCS and shipboard personnel) traveling for any period of time to the theater will be current with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) immunization guidelines and service individual medical readiness (IMR) requirements IAW Ref C. Personnel with medical exemptions do not require separate waivers for routine assignments, but may not be eligible for positions where the exempted vaccine is required to address a specific occupational or public health threat. Current DOD immunizations requirements and recommendations can be found at the Defense Health Agency website, on the CENTCOM tab, at https://www.health.mil/military-health-topics/health-readiness/immunization-healthcare/vaccine-recommendations/vaccine-recommendations-by-aor. In addition, all TDY
PERSONNEL MUST COMPLY WITH FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDELINES FOR THE COUNTRIES TO OR THROUGH WHICH THEY ARE TRAVELING. MANDATORY VACCINES FOR DOD PERSONNEL (MILITARY, CIVILIAN & CONTRACTORS) TRAVELING FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME IN THEATER ARE:

15.F.2.A. TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA. RECEIVE A ONE-TIME DOSE OF TDAP IF NO PREVIOUS DOSE(S) RECORDED. RECEIVE TETANUS (TD) IF ≥ 10 YEARS SINCE LAST TDAP OR TD BOOSTER.

15.F.2.B. VARICELLA. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: BORN BEFORE 1980 (HEALTH CARE WORKERS MAY NOT USE THIS EXEMPTION), DOCUMENTED PREVIOUS INFECTION (CONFIRMED BY EITHER EPIDEMIOLOGIC LINK OR LABORATORY RESULT), SUFFICIENT VARICELLA TITER, OR DOCUMENTED ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINE (2 DOSES).

15.F.2.C. MEASLES / MUMPS / RUBELLA. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: BORN BEFORE 1957, DOCUMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE IMMUNITY BY TITER FOR ALL THREE VACCINE COMPONENTS, OR DOCUMENTED ADMINISTRATION OF 2 LIFETIME DOSES OF MMR.

15.F.2.D. POLIO. REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL TO/THROUGH AFGHANISTAN OR PAKISTAN FOR ≥4 WEEKS. VACCINE MUST BE ADMINISTERED WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF DEPARTING AFGHANISTAN OR PAKISTAN.

15.F.2.D.1 IMMUNIZATION SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED ON THE CDC-731 CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION OR PROPHYLAXIS (YELLOW SHOT RECORD) IN ADDITION TO THE DD2766C TO MEET INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

15.F.2.D.2. MEDICAL ASSUMED (MA) AND MEDICAL IMMUNE (MI) EXEMPTIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR THIS REQUIREMENT.

15.F.2.D.3. IAW WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) OR ACIP DISEASE OUTBREAK GUIDANCE, MORE STRINGENT VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS MAY BE RECOMMENDED.

15.F.2.E. SEASONAL INFLUENZA (INCLUDING EVENT-SPECIFIC INFLUENZA, E.G., H1N1).

15.F.2.F. HEPATITIS A. AT LEAST ONE DOSE PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT WITH SUBSEQUENT COMPLETION OF SERIES IN THEATER.

15.F.2.G. HEPATITIS B. AT LEAST ONE DOSE PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT WITH SUBSEQUENT COMPLETION OF SERIES IN THEATER.

15.F.2.H. TYPHOID. BOOSTER DOSE OF TYPHIM VI VACCINE IF GREATER THAN TWO YEARS SINCE LAST VACCINATION WITH INACTIVATED / INJECTABLE VACCINE OR GREATER THAN FIVE YEARS SINCE RECEIPT OF LIVE / ORAL VACCINE. ORAL VACCINE IS AN ACCEPTABLE OPTION ONLY IF TIME ALLOWS FOR RECEIPT AND COMPLETION OF ALL FOUR DOSES PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT.

15.F.3. ANTHRAX. PERSONNEL WITHOUT A MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATION TRAVELING IN THE CENTCOM THEATER FOR 15 DAYS OR MORE WILL COMPLY WITH THE MOST CURRENT DOD ANTHRAX REQUIREMENTS, CURRENTLY A SERIES OF 5 VACCINES AND ANNUAL BOOSTER. SEE REF O, P, Q AND EXCEPTIONS FOR VACCINATION IN 15.F.6. NOTE THIS IS A DOD REQUIREMENT, AND CANNOT BE WAIVED BY CENTCOM.

15.F.3.A. MILITARY PERSONNEL. REQUIRED.

15.F.3.B. DOD CIVILIANS. REQUIRED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE, FOR EMERGENCY-ESSENTIAL AND NON-COMBAT-ESSENTIAL, OR EQUIVALENT, PERSONNEL IAW REF O.

15.F.3.C. DOD CONTRACTORS. REQUIRED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE AS DIRECTED IN THE CONTRACT AND IAW REF J AND O.

15.F.3.D. VOLUNTEERS. VOLUNTARY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

15.F.4. SMALLPOX. AS OF 16 MAY 2014, SMALLPOX VACCINATION IS NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR THE CENTCOM AOR. SEE REF O.
15.F.5. RABIES. PRE-EXPOSURE VACCINATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS BELOW, OR OTHERWISE CONSIDERED FOR PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT REASONABLY EXPECTED TO RECEIVE PROMPT MEDICAL EVALUATION AND RISK-BASED RABIES POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS WITHIN 72 HOURS OF EXPOSURE TO A POTENTIALLY RABID ANIMAL. FOR ALREADY-VACCINATED PERSONNEL, SERUM SAMPLES SHOULD BE TESTED EVERY TWO YEARS FOR VIRUS NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODIES, WITH BOOSTER DOES REQUIRED WHEN TITERS FALL BELOW THE MINIMUM STANDARD LEVELS. EXCEPTIONS MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY UNIT SURGEONS.

15.F.5.A. HIGH RISK PERSONNEL: PRE-EXPOSURE VACCINATION IS REQUIRED FOR VETERINARY PERSONNEL, MILITARY WORKING DOG HANDLERS, ANIMAL CONTROL PERSONNEL, CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL, CIVIL ENGINEERS AT RISK OF EXPOSURE TO RABID ANIMALS, AND LABORATORY PERSONNEL WHO WORK WITH RABIES SUSPECT SAMPLES.

15.F.5.B. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES (SOF)/SOF ENABLERS: ALL PERSONNEL DEPLOYING IN SUPPORT OF SOF WILL BE ADMINISTERED THE PRE-EXPOSURE RABIES VACCINE SERIES AS INDICATED BELOW.

15.F.5.B.1. AFGHANISTAN. PERSONNEL WITH PRIMARY DUTIES OUTSIDE OF FIXED BASES.

15.F.5.B.2. PAKISTAN. ALL PERSONNEL.

15.F.5.B.3. OTHER AREAS. PER USSOCOM SERVICE-SPECIFIC POLICIES. CONTACT USSOCOM PREVENTIVE MEDICINE OFFICER AT DSN (312) 299-5051 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

15.F.6. CHOLERA. ORAL CHOLERA VACCINE IS OF LIMITED OPERATIONAL USE AND NOT RECOMMENDED OR REQUIRED FOR MOST PERSONNEL. THOSE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED BY THEIR UNIT OR MISSION REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE THE VACCINE SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING INTO ACCOUNT WHEN PLANNING:

15.F.6.A. ORAL CHOLERA VACCINE RECIPIENTS SHOULD NOT BE ON ORAL ANTIBIOTICS FOR FOURTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO, AND TEN DAYS AFTER, VACCINATION, TO INCLUDE MALARIA CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS. RISK FROM MALARIA DUE TO THIS COURSE OF ACTION MUST BE CONSIDERED DURING PLANNING. SEE 15.L.1. AND REF R.

15.F.6.B. ALLOW FOR TEN DAYS FOR ORAL CHOLERA VACCINE TO BE EFFECTIVE.

15.F.6.C. EFFICACY OF ORAL CHOLERA VACCINE IS UNKNOWN PAST 90 DAYS, AND REVACCINATION MAY NEED TO OCCUR WITH SAME PROVISIONS AS 15.F.6.A. TO ENSURE EFFECTIVENESS.

15.F.6.D. FOLLOW STORAGE AND RECONSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN LABELING INCLUDED WITH PRODUCT PACKAGING FOR ORAL CHOLERA VACCINE.


15.F.8. EXCEPTIONS. REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS WILL BE ADMINISTERED PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT, WITH THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS:

15.F.8.A. THE FIRST VACCINE IN A REQUIRED SERIES MUST BE ADMINISTERED PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT WITH ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR SUBSEQUENT IMMUNIZATIONS TO BE GIVEN IN THEATER.

15.F.8.B. IAW REF Q, ANTHRAX MAY BE ADMINISTERED UP TO 120 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT. IT IS HIGHLY ADVISABLE TO GET THE FIRST TWO ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS OR SUBSEQUENT DOSE/BOOSTER PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID UNNECESSARY STRAIN ON THE DEPLOYED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM.

15.F.9. ADVERSE MEDICAL EVENTS RELATED TO IMMUNIZATIONS SHOULD BE REPORTED THROUGH REPORTABLE MEDICAL EVENTS (RME) IF CASE DEFINITIONS ARE MET. ALL IMMUNIZATION RELATED UNEXPECTED ADVERSE EVENTS WILL BE REPORTED THROUGH THE VACCINE ADVERSE EVENTS REPORTING SYSTEM (VAERS) AT HTTP://WWW.VAERS.HHS.GOV.
QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DHA-IMMUNIZATION HEALTHCARE BRANCH AT (1-877-438-8222).

15.F.10. USCENTCOM AND COMPONENTS WILL MONITOR IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE VIA THE CCMDIMMUNIZATION REPORTING DATABASE. SUBORDINATE COMMANDS WILL REQUEST ACCESS TO THE CCMDIMMUNIZATION REPORTING DATABASE BY CONTACTING CCSG AT BRIAN.CANTERBURY2@CENTCOM.MIL OR CCSG-PMO@CENTCOM.SMIL.MIL.

15.G. MEDICAL / LABORATORY TESTING.

15.G.1. HIV TESTING. HIV LAB TESTING, WITH DOCUMENTED NEGATIVE RESULT, WILL BE WITHIN 120 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT OR DEPARTURE FOR ANY REQUIRED DEPLOYMENT TRAINING IF TRAINING IS EN ROUTE TO DEPLOYMENT LOCATION. IAW REF I AND S, THE CENTCOM COMMAND SURGEON SHALL BE DIRECTLY CONSULTED IN ALL INSTANCES OF HIV SEROPOSITIVITY BEFORE MEDICAL CLEARANCE FOR DEPLOYMENT.

15.G.2. SERUM SAMPLE. SAMPLE WILL BE TAKEN WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 365 DAYS. IF THE INDIVIDUAL’S HEALTH STATUS HAS RECENTLY CHANGED OR HAS HAD AN ALTERATION IN OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES THAT INCREASES HEALTH RISKS, A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY CHOOSE TO HAVE A SPECIMEN DRAWN CLOSER TO THE ACTUAL DATE OF DEPLOYMENT. SEE REF T.

15.G.3. G6PD TESTING. DOCUMENTATION OF ONE-TIME GLUCOSE-6-PHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE (G6PD) DEFICIENCY TESTING IS IAW REF U. ENSURE RESULT IS IN MEDICAL RECORD OR DRAW PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. PRE-DEPLOYMENT MEDICAL SCREENERS WILL RECORD THE RESULT OF THIS TEST IN THE SERVICE MEMBER’S PERMANENT MEDICAL RECORD, DEPLOYMENT MEDICAL RECORD (DD FORM 2766) AND SERVICE SPECIFIC ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD. IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS FOUND TO BE G6PD-DEFICIENT, THEY SHOULD BE ISSUED MEDICAL WARNING TAGS (SEE 15.E.4.) THAT STATE “G6PD DEFICIENT: NO PRIMAQUINE”. IF PRIMAQUINE IS GOING TO BE ISSUED TO A DOD CIVILIAN OR DOD CONTRACTOR, COMPLETE THE TESTING AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

15.G.4. HCG. REQUIRED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DEPLOYMENT FOR ALL WOMEN, AS WELL THOSE FEMALE TO MALE TRANSGENDERED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RETAINED FEMALE ANATOMY. ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WITH A DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF HYSTERECTOMY ARE EXEMPT.

15.G.5. DNA SAMPLE. REQUIRED FOR ALL DOD PERSONNEL, INCLUDING CIVILIANS AND CONTRACTORS. OBTAIN SAMPLE OR CONFIRM SAMPLE IS ON FILE BY CONTACTING THE DOD DNA SPECIMEN REPOSITORY (COMM: 301.319.0366, DSN: 285; FAX 301.319.0369); HTTP://WWW.AFMES.MIL. SEE REF D.

15.G.6. TUBERCULOSIS (TB) TESTING. SEE REF V.

15.G.6.A. TUBERCULOSIS TESTING FOR SERVICE MEMBERS WILL BE PERFORMED AND DOCUMENTED IAW SERVICE POLICY. CURRENT POLICY IS TO AVOID UNIVERSAL TESTING, AND INSTEAD USE TARGETED TESTING BASED UPON RISK ASSESSMENT, USUALLY PERFORMED WITH A SIMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE. TB TESTING FOR DOD CIVILIANS, CONTRACTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL SHOULD BE SIMILARLY TARGETED IAW CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) GUIDELINES, WITH TESTING FOR TB TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF DEPLOYMENT IF INDICATED. IF TESTING IS PERFORMED TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST (TST) OR AN INTERFERON-GAMMA RELEASE ASSAY MAY BE USED UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

15.G.6.B. POSITIVE TB TESTS WILL BE HANDLED IAW SERVICE POLICY AND CDC GUIDELINES.

15.G.6.C. LATENT TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION (LTBI) MAY NOT BE DISQUALIFYING FOR DEPLOYMENT. SEE TAB A.
15.G.6.D. UNIT-BASED / LARGE GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL LTBI TESTING SHOULD NOT BE PERFORMED IN THE AOR EXCEPT AMONG CLOSE CONTACTS OF CASES OF KNOWN TB DISEASE.

15.G.6.E. U.S. FORCES AND DOD CIVILIANS WITH TB DISEASE WILL BE EVACUATED FROM THEATER FOR DEFINITIVE TREATMENT. EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OF TB AMONG U.S. CONTRACTORS, LOCAL NATIONALS (LN) AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL (TCN) EMPLOYEES WILL BE AT CONTRACTOR EXPENSE. EMPLOYEES WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED PULMONARY TB DISEASE WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM WORK AND OTHERWISE RESTRICTED AS DIRECTED BY THE THEATER PREVENTIVE MEDICINE CONSULTANT UNTIL CLEARED BY THE THEATER PREVENTIVE MEDICINE CONSULTANT FOR RETURN TO WORK.


15.H. HEALTH ASSESSMENTS.


15.H.2. PRE-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT (DD FORM 2795).

15.H.2.A. ALL DOD PERSONNEL (MILITARY, CIVILIAN, CONTRACTOR) TRAVELING TO THE THEATER FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS WILL COMPLETE OR CONFIRM AS CURRENT A PRE-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT WITHIN 120 DAYS OF THE EXPECTED DEPLOYMENT DATE. THIS ASSESSMENT WILL BE COMPLETED ON A DD FORM 2795 IAW REF C, W. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO PCS PERSONNEL, SHIPBOARD PERSONNEL, OR PERSONNEL LOCATED WITH A DHP FUNDED FIXED MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY (E.G. BAHRAIN) IAW REF C.

15.H.2.A.1. PERSONNEL TRAVELING TO THE THEATER FOR 15 TO 30 DAYS MAY CONSIDER COMPLETING A PRE-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT IN ORDER TO DOCUMENT THEIR HEALTH STATUS AND ADDRESS ANY HEALTH CONCERNS PRIOR TO TRAVEL TO THEATER. THIS IS ESPECIALLY RELEVANT TO THOSE WHOSE POSITION REQUIRES FREQUENT TRAVEL TO THE AOR. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE PRE-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT EACH YEAR, ALONG WITH A CORRESPONDING POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT FOR THE SAME YEAR.

15.H.2.B. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE DEPLOYER PORTION OF THE DD FORM 2795, THE DEPLOYER WILL HAVE A PERSON-TO-PERSON DIALOGUE WITH A TRAINED AND CERTIFIED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, NURSE PRACTITIONER, ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN, SPECIAL FORCES MEDICAL SERGEANT, INDEPENDENT DUTY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR INDEPENDENT HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN) TO COMPLETE THE ASSESSMENT.

15.H.2.C. THE COMPLETED ORIGINAL DD FORM 2795 WILL BE PLACED IN THE DEPLOYER'S PERMANENT MEDICAL RECORD, A PAPER COPY IN THE DEPLOYMENT MEDICAL RECORD (DD FORM 2766), AND AN ELECTRONIC COPY TRANSMITTED TO THE DEFENSE MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (DMSS) AT THE ARMED FORCES HEALTH SURVEILLANCE CENTER (AFHSC). CONTRACT PERSONNEL ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THE DD FORM 2795; A PAPER VERSION WILL SUFFICE.

15.H.3. AUTOMATED NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT METRIC (ANAM). ALL SERVICE MEMBERS AS DESIGNATED IN REF X WILL UNDERGO ANAM TESTING WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT. ANAM TESTING WILL BE RECORDED IN APPROPRIATE
SERVICE DATABASE AND ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD. CONTRACTORS, PCS AND SHIPBOARD PERSONNEL ARE NOT REQUIRED TO UNDERGO ANAM TESTING.

15.H.4. POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT (DD FORM 2796).

15.H.4.A. ALL PERSONNEL WHO WERE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PRE-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT WILL COMPLETE A POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT ON A DD FORM 2796. THE POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT MUST BE COMPLETED NO EARLIER THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE EXPECTED REDEPLOYMENT DATE AND NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER REDEPLOYMENT.

15.H.4.A.1. INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PRE-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT, BUT WHO COMPLETED ONE TO COVER MULTIPLE TRIPS TO THEATER EACH OF 30 DAYS OR LESS DURATION, SHOULD COMPLETE A POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR TO DOCUMENT ANY POTENTIAL EXPOSURES OF CONCERN RESULTING FROM ANY SUCH TRAVEL AND THE POTENTIAL NEED FOR MEDICAL FOLLOW-UP.

15.H.4.A.2. INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PRE-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT MAY BE REQUIRED (BY THE COMBATANT COMMANDER, SERVICE COMPONENT COMMANDER, OR COMMANDER EXERCISING OPERATIONAL CONTROL) TO COMPLETE A POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT IF ANY HEALTH THREATS EVOLVED OR OCCUPATIONAL AND/OR CBRN EXPOSURES OCCURRED DURING THE DEPLOYMENT THAT WARRANT MEDICAL ASSESSMENT OR FOLLOW-UP. (SEE REF C).

15.H.4.B. ALL REDEPLOYING PERSONNEL WILL UNDERGO A PERSON-TO-PERSON HEALTH ASSESSMENT WITH AN INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER. THE ORIGINAL COMPLETED COPY OF THE DD FORM 2796 MUST BE PLACED IN THE INDIVIDUAL’S MEDICAL RECORD AND TRANSMIT AN ELECTRONIC COPY TO THE DMSS AT THE AFHSC. CONTRACT PERSONNEL ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THE DD FORM 2796; A PAPER VERSION WILL SUFFICE.

15.H.5. MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT. ALL SERVICE MEMBERS WILL UNDERGO A PERSON-TO-PERSON MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT IAW REF Y OR CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICY.

15.H.5.A. ASSESSMENTS WITH BE COMPLETED BY A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OR TRAINED AND CERTIFIED HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL, SPECIFICALLY A PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, NURSE PRACTITIONER, ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, INDEPENDENT DUTY CORPSMAN, SPECIAL FORCES MEDICAL SERGEANT, INDEPENDENT DUTY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR INDEPENDENT HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN.

15.H.5.A.1. ASSESSMENTS WILL BE ADMINISTERED WITHIN 120 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT, AND AFTER REDEPLOYMENT WITHIN 3 TIMEFRAMES (3-6, 7-18, AND 18-30 MONTHS). ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE AT LEAST 90 DAYS APART.


15.H.5.B. MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE DOES NOT DIRECTLY APPLY TO DOD CONTRACTORS UNLESS SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT OR THERE IS A CONCERN FOR A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. ALL RELATED MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS WILL BE AT THE CONTRACTOR’S EXPENSE.

15.H.6. POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH RE-ASSESSMENT (DD FORM 2900). ALL PERSONNEL WHO WERE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PRE- AND POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT WILL COMPLETE A POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT (DD FORM 2900) 90 TO 180 DAYS AFTER RETURN TO HOME STATION. SEE WWW.PDHEALTH.MIL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
ON PRE- AND POST-DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS. CONTRACT PERSONNEL ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THE DD FORM 2900; A PAPER VERSION WILL SUFFICE.

15.I. MEDICAL RECORD. SEE REF C.


15.I.1.A. DEPLOYED PERSONNEL (MORE THAN 30 DAYS). DD2766 IS REQUIRED.

15.I.1.B. TDY PERSONNEL (15 – 30 DAYS). DD FORM 2766 IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL FREQUENTLY TO THEATER, TO DOCUMENT THEATER-SPECIFIC VACCINES AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS, AS REQUIRED.

15.I.1.C. TDY PERSONNEL (LESS THAN 15 DAYS). DD2766 IS NOT REQUIRED.

15.I.1.D. PCS PERSONNEL. FOLLOW SERVICE GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL RECORD MANAGEMENT.

15.I.2. MEDICAL INFORMATION. THE FOLLOWING HEALTH INFORMATION MUST BE PART OF AN ACCESSIBLE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD FOR ALL PERSONNEL (SERVICE MEMBERS, CIVILIANS AND CONTRACTORS), OR BE HAND-CARRIED AS PART OF A DEPLOYED MEDICAL RECORD:

15.I.2.A. ANNOTATION OF BLOOD TYPE AND RH FACTOR, G6PD, HIV, AND DNA.

15.I.2.B. CURRENT MEDICATIONS AND ALLERGIES. INCLUDE ANY FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION PRESCRIPTION PRODUCT (FHPPP) PRESCRIBED AND DISPENSED TO AN INDIVIDUAL.

15.I.2.C. SPECIAL DUTY QUALIFICATIONS.

15.I.2.D. ANNOTATION OF CORRECTIVE LENS PRESCRIPTION.

15.I.2.E. SUMMARY SHEET OF CURRENT AND PAST MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CONDITIONS.

15.I.2.F. MOST RECENT DD FORM 2795, PREDEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT.

15.I.2.G. DOCUMENTATION OF DENTAL STATUS CLASSES I OR CLASS II.


15.I.2.I. ALL APPROVED MEDICAL WAIVERS.

15.J. PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING. SEE REF Z.

15.J.1. SCOPE. GENERAL ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED: INFORMATION REGARDING KNOWN AND SUSPECTED HEALTH RISKS AND EXPOSURES, HEALTH RISK COUNTERMEASURES AND THEIR PROPER EMPLOYMENT, PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL SURVEILLANCE MONITORING, AND THE OVERALL OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

15.J.2. CONTENT. SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING AREAS: COMBAT/OPERATIONAL STRESS CONTROL AND RESILIENCE; TACTICAL COMBAT CASUALTY CARE (TCCC), POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION; MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY RISK, IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING; NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL THREATS; ENDEMIC PLANT, ANIMAL, REPTILE AND INSECT HAZARDS AND INFECTIONS; COMMUNICABLE DISEASES; VECTORBORNE DISEASES; ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS; SAFETY; OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH.

15.K. MEDICAL CBRN DEFENSE MATRIEL (MCDM) / CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL RADIOLOGICAL NUCLEAR (CBRN) RESPONSE. SEE TAB D

15.L. THEATER FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION.

15.L.1. DISEASE RISK ASSESSMENT.

FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AND TIMEFRAMES REQUIRE CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS. THESE ARE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

15.L.1.A.1. AFGHANISTAN: YEAR ROUND.
15.L.1.A.2. PAKISTAN: YEAR ROUND.
15.L.1.A.3. TAJIKISTAN: APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER.
15.L.1.A.4. YEMEN: YEAR ROUND.

15.L.1.B. LOCAL COMPONENT/JTF SURGEONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT EVIDENCE-BASED ENTOMOLOGICAL AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS OF MALARIA RISK AT FIXED BASES WHERE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED FOR PROLONGED PERIODS. IN CONDUCTING SUCH A RISK ASSESSMENT, SURGEONS SHOULD REVIEW THE MOST RECENT ASSESSMENTS AND RISK MAPS PRODUCED BY THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE (NCMI) AT HTTPS://WWW.NCMI.DETRICK.ARMY.MIL/ (UNCLASSIFIED) OR HTTPS://WWW.NCMI.DIA.SMIL.MIL (CLASSIFIED).

15.L.1.B.1. BASED ON NCMI RISK ASSESSMENTS AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE THEATER PREVENTIVE MEDICINE CONSULTANT, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODIFIED CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS POLICY MAY BE PROVIDED TO COMMANDERS USING REF AA OR SIMILAR RISK ANALYSIS.

15.L.1.B.2. MANEUVER FORCES WITH INTERMITTENT AND UNPREDICTABLE EXPOSURES TO RISK AREAS SHOULD EMPLOY CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS BASED ON THE HIGHEST RISK AREAS. UNITS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH VERY SHORT TERM EXPOSURE (I.E., AIRCREW NOT STATIONED IN THE AOR) SHOULD HAVE RISK AND CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS USE DETERMINED IAW SERVICE POLICY.


15.L.2. MALARIA CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS UTILIZATION.

15.L.2.A. ALL THERAPEUTIC/CHEMOPROPHYLACTIC MEDICATIONS, INCLUDING ANTIMALARIALS AND MCDM WILL BE PRESCRIBED IAW FDA GUIDELINES, REF AA, BB, AND CC.

15.L.2.B. DOXYCYCLINE OR ATOVAQUONE/PROGUANIL ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE AS A PRIMARY MALARIA CHEMOPROPHYLACTIC AGENT. MEfloquine SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THE DRUG OF LAST RESORT FOR PERSONNEL WITH CONTRAINDICATIONS TO DOXYCYCLINE OR ATOVAQUONE/PROGUANIL, SHOULD BE USED WITH CAUTION IN PERSONS WITH A HISTORY OF TBI OR PTSD, AND IS CONTRAINDICATED IN PERSONNEL WITH SOME BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES. EACH MEfloquine PRESCRIPTION WILL BE ISSUED WITH A WALLET CARD AND CURRENT FDA SAFETY INFORMATION INDICATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEUROLOGIC SIDE EFFECTS MAY PERSIST OR BECOME PERMANENT IAW REF DD. OTHER FDA-APPROVED AGENTS MAY BE USED TO MEET SPECIFIC SITUATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

15.L.2.C. PERSONNEL SHOULD DEPLOY WITH EITHER THEIR ENTIRE PRIMARY PROPHYLAXIS COURSE IN HAND (EXCLUDING TERMINAL PRIMAQUINE) OR WITH ENOUGH MEDICATION TO COVER HALF OF THE DEPLOYMENT WITH PLANS TO RECEIVE THE REMAINDER OF THEIR MEDICATION IN THEATER BASED ON UNIT PREFERENCE. TERMINAL PROPHYLAXIS (PRIMAQUINE) SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED UPON REDEPLOYMENT AND ONLY AFTER VERIFYING G6PD STATUS (SEE 15.G.3.). A COMPLETE COURSE OF PRIMARY PROPHYLAXIS BEGINS 2 DAYS
PRIOR TO ENTERING THE RISK AREA FOR DOXYCYCLINE AND ATOVAQUONE/PROGUANIL (2 WEEKS FOR MEFLOQUINE) AND COMPLETES AFTER 4 WEEKS OF DOXYCYCLINE OR MEFLOQUINE AFTER LEAVING THE AT RISK AREA, OR (1 WEEK OF ATOVAQUONE/PROGUANIL). TERMINAL PROPHYLAXIS IS REQUIRED AND CONSISTS OF TAKING PRIMAQUINE FOR 2 WEEKS AFTER LEAVING THE RISK AREA. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOTED TO BE G6PD-DEFICIENT, IAW PARAGRAPH 15.G.3., WILL NOT BE PRESCRIBED PRIMAQUINE.

15.L.2.D. MISSING ONE DOSE OF MEDICATION OR NOT USING THE DOD INSECT REPELLENT SYSTEM WILL PLACE PERSONNEL AT INCREASED RISK FOR MALARIA.

15.L.2.E. COMMANDERS AND SUPERVISORS AT ALL LEVELS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE HAVE TERMINAL PROPHYLAXIS ISSUED TO THEM IMMEDIATELY UPON REDEPLOYMENT FROM THE AT RISK MALARIA AREA(S).

15.L.3. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES. A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF DISEASE CAUSED BY INSECTS AND TICKS EXISTS YEAR-ROUND IN THE AOR. THE THREAT OF DISEASE WILL BE MINIMIZED BY USING THE DOD INSECT REPELLENT SYSTEM AND BED NETS; HTTPS://WWW.ACQ.OSD.MIL/EIE/AFPMB/. SEE REF Q, DD

15.L.3.A. PERMETHRIN TREATMENT OF UNIFORMS. UNIFORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE WHICH ARE FACTORY-TREATED WITH PERMETHRIN. THE UNIFORM LABEL INDICATES WHETHER IT IS FACTORY TREATED. UNIFORMS WHICH ARE NOT FACTORY TREATED SHOULD BE TREATED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL DYNAMIC ABSORPTION (IDA) KIT (NSN: 6840-01-345-0237) OR 2 GALLON SPRAYER PERMETHRIN TREATMENT. BOTH ARE EFFECTIVE FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 WASHINGS. A MATRIX OF WHICH UNIFORMS MAY BE EFFECTIVELY TREATED IS AVAILABLE ON THE AFPMB WEBSITE AT HTTP://WWW.AFPMB.ORG .

15.L.3.B. APPLY DEET CREAM (NSN: 6840-01-284-3982) TO EXPOSED SKIN. ONE APPLICATION LASTS 6-12 HOURS; MORE FREQUENT APPLICATION IS REQUIRED IF HEAVY SWEATING AND/OR IMMERSION IN WATER. A SECOND OPTION IS ‘SUNSECT CREAM’ (20% DEET/SPF 15), NSN: 6840-01-288-2188.

15.L.3.C. WEAR TREATED UNIFORM PROPERLY TO MINIMIZE EXPOSED SKIN (SLEEVES DOWN AND PANTS TUCKED INTO BOOTS).

15.L.3.D. USE PERMETHRIN TREATED BEDNETS PROPERLY IN AT RISK AREAS TO MINIMIZE EXPOSURE DURING REST/SLEEP PERIODS. PERMETHRIN TREATED POP UP BEDNETS ARE AVAILABLE. SEE DOD PEST MANAGEMENT MATERIEL OTHER THAN PESTICIDES AT HTTPS://WWW.ACQ.OSD.MIL/EIE/AFPMB/PEST_EQUIPLISTS.HTML

15.L.4. HEALTH SURVEILLANCE. SEE REF C AND EE.

15.L.4.A. JOINT MEDICAL WORKSTATION (JMEWS) THROUGH MEDICAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS TOOL (MSAT) AT HTTPS://MSAT.FHP.SMIL.MIL/PORTAL

15.L.4.A.1. DEPLOYED UNITS WILL USE JMEWS AS THE PRIMARY DATA ENTRY POINT FOR DISEASE AND INJURY (DI) REPORTING. UNITS WILL ENSURE ALL SUBORDINATE UNITS COMPLETE JOINING AND DEPARTING REPORTS AS REQUIRED WITHIN JMEWS. SHIPBOARD UNITS SHOULD UTILIZE SAMS OR TMIP-M FOR DI REPORTING AND FIXED MTF’S SHOULD UTILIZE AHLTA.

15.L.4.A.2. UNITS WILL COORDINATE JMEWS TRAINING PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT FOR APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. CURRENTLY, THE ARMY USES MC4 TRAINERS TO TRAIN JMEWS, THE AIR FORCE USES THEATER MEDICAL INFORMATION PROGRAM (TMIP-AF). INFORMATION MANAGERS, OTHER SERVICES DO NOT HAVE DIRECTED TRAINERS AT THIS TIME.

15.L.4.B. DI SURVEILLANCE, SEE REF FF.


15.L.4.B.2. COMPONENT AND JTF SURGEONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING UNITS
WITHIN THEIR AOR ARE COLLECTING THE PRESCRIBED DI DATA AND REPORTING THAT DATA THROUGH THE JMIEWS OR OTHER STANDARDIZED REPORTING PROCESSES ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

15.L.4.B.3. MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT ALL LEVELS WILL ANALYZE THE DI DATA FROM THEIR UNIT AND THE UNITS SUBORDINATE TO THEM AND MAKE CHANGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS REQUIRED TO REDUCE DI AND MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF DI UPON OPERATIONAL READINESS.

15.L.4.C. OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE (OEHSA)

15.L.4.C.1. AUTHORITY. AN OEHSA IS A JOINT APPROVED PRODUCT USED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF BOTH OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH DEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS AND ACTIVITIES AND MISSIONS THAT OCCUR THERE ESTABLISHED BY REF D AND EE.

15.L.4.C.2. TIMEFRAME. AN OEHSA IS INITIATED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPLETED WITHIN THREE MONTHS FOR ALL PERMANENT AND SEMI-PERMANENT BASE CAMPS. OEHSA ARE CONDUCTED TO VALIDATE ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL HEALTH THREATS, EVALUATE EXPOSURE PATHWAYS, AND DETERMINE COURSES OF ACTION AND COUNTERMEASURES TO CONTROL OR REDUCE THE HEALTH THREATS AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OF DEPLOYED PERSONNEL.

15.L.4.C.3. CLASSIFICATION/PUBLICATION/ACCESS. OEHSA WILL BE SENT BY THE COMPLETING UNIT THROUGH THE DESIGNATED SERVICE COMPONENT OR JTF PM/FHP OFFICER FOR REVIEW AND SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE DEFENSE OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL READINESS SYSTEM (DOEHSRS) AT HTTPS://DOEHSRS-IH.CSD.DISA.MIL/. SEE APPENDIX J TO REFERENCE DD FOR DOEHSRS REQUIREMENTS. IF THE SUBMITTER DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DOEHSRS SUBMIT THE OEHSA TO THE MILITARY EXPOSURE SURVEILLANCE LIBRARY (MESL) HTTPS://MESL.APGEA.ARMY.MIL/MESL/. IF THE MESL IS NOT AVAILABLE, EMAIL THE DOCUMENT TO OEHSA.DATA@US.ARMY.MIL. CLASSIFIED EXPOSURE DATA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO MESL-S HTTPS://MESL.CSD.DISA.SMIL.MIL. IF ACCESS TO THE MESL-S IS NOT AVAILABLE, EMAIL THE DOCUMENT TO HTTPS://PHC.ARMY.SMIL.MIL.

15.L.4.C.4. RESPONSIBILITIES. SERVICE COMPONENTS AND JTFS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVING OEHSA COMPLETION AND WILL SUBMIT A MONTHLY REPORT IAW PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN REFERENCE FF.


15.L.4.D.1. AUTHORITY. POEMS IS A JOINT APPROVED PRODUCT USED TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY REF D AND EE.

15.L.4.D.2. TIMEFRAME. POEMS WILL BE CREATED AND VALIDATED FOR EVERY MAJOR DEPLOYMENT SITE AS SOON AS SUFFICIENT DATA IS AVAILABLE. IN GENERAL, POEMS ARE A SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFLECTING A YEAR OR MORE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DATA TO ENSURE ADEQUATE COLLECTION OF EXPOSURE INFORMATION.


15.L.4.D.4. RESPONSIBILITIES. SERVICE COMPONENTS AND JTFS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING POEMS ARE COMPLETED FOR SITES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AOR. THEY SHOULD DEVELOP SITE PRIORITIZATION LISTS AND ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF SERVICE PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS (E.G., U.S. ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER (USAPHC)) TO DRAFT THE
CONTENT OF A SITE POEMS. THE USAPHC OVERSEES THE DATA ARCHIVAL WEBSITE FOR PUBLICATION OF FINAL POEMS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS; HOWEVER, APPROVAL OF "FINAL" POEMS MUST COME FROM THE SERVICE COMPONENT/JTF FHP OFFICER WITH INPUT FROM PREVENTIVE MEDICINE RESOURCES IN DIRECT OR GENERAL AREA SUPPORT.

15.L.5. REPORTABLE MEDICAL EVENT (RME) SURVEILLANCE. SEE REF M, FF.


15.L.5.B. COMPONENT AND JTF SURGEONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING UNITS WITHIN THEIR AO ARE COLLECTING THE APPROPRIATE RME DATA AND REPORTING THAT DATA THROUGH THEIR SERVICE SPECIFIC REPORTING MECHANISMS.

15.L.5.B.1. IT IS ONLY REQUIRED TO COPY CCSG FOR THE FOLLOWING RMES AT CCSG-PMO@CENTCOM.SMIL.MIL OR CENTCOM.MACDILL.CENTCOM-HQ.MBX.CCSG-WAIVER@MAIL.MIL: ANTHRAX; BOTULISM; CBRN AND TOXIC INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL/MATERIAL (TIC/TIM) EXPOSURE; SEVERE COLD WEATHER/HEAT INJURIES; DENGUE FEVER; HANTAVIRUS DISEASE; HEPATITIS B OR C, ACUTE; HIV; MALARIA; MEASLES; MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE; MIDDLE EASTERN RESPIRATORY SYNDROME CORONAVIRUS (MERS-COV); NOROVIRUS; OUTBREAK OR DISEASE CLUSTER; PLAGUE; PNEUMONIA, EOSINOPHILIC; Q- FEVER; RABIES, HUMAN; SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS (SARI); STREPTOCOCCUS, INVASIVE GROUP A; TETANUS; TUBERCLOSIS, ACTIVE; TULAREMIA; TYPHOID FEVER; VARICELLA

15.L.5.C. RME REPORTING IS TO OCCUR AS SOON AS REASONSABLY POSSIBLE AFTER THE EVENT HAS OCCURRED. EVENTS WITH BIOTERRORISM POTENTIAL OR RAPID OUTBREAK POTENTIAL ARE CONSIDERED URGENT RME AND IMMEDIATE REPORTING IS REQUIRED (WITHIN FOUR HOURS).

15.L.6. HEALTH RISK COMMUNICATION. SEE REF C.

15.L.6.A. DURING ALL PHASES OF DEPLOYMENT, PROVIDE HEALTH INFORMATION TO EDUCATE, MAINTAIN FIT FORCES, AND CHANGE HEALTH RELATED BEHAVIORS FOR THE PREVENTION OF DISEASE AND INJURY DUE TO RISKY PRACTICES AND UNPROTECTED EXPOSURES.

15.L.6.B. CONTINUAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE HEALTH RISK COMMUNICATION PROCESS DURING THE DEPLOYMENT PHASE. MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT ALL LEVELS WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN AND ORAL RISK COMMUNICATION PRODUCTS TO COMMANDERS AND DEPLOYED PERSONNEL FOR MEDICAL THREATS, COUNTERMEASURES TO THOSE THREATS, AND THE NEED FOR ANY MEDICAL FOLLOW-UP.

15.L.6.C. DI, RME, AND OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (OEH) RISK ASSESSMENTS WITH RECOMMENDED COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE PROVIDED TO COMMANDERS AND DEPLOYED PERSONNEL ON A REGULAR BASIS AS WELL AS A SITUATIONAL BASIS WHEN A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN ANY ASSESSMENT OCCURS.

15.L.7. HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT.

15.L.7.A. JOINT TRAUMA SYSTEM (JTS) CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES (CPGS) MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE UNITED STATES ARMY INSTITUTE OF SURGICAL RESEARCH (USAISR) WEBSITE AT HTTP://WWW.USAIISR.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL/CPGS.HTML.

15.L.7.B. DOCUMENTATION OF ALL MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE RECEIVED WHILE DEPLOYED WILL BE IAW CENTCOM MEDICAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES. SEE REF C, HH.

15.L.7.C. IT IS A COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY A BLAST OR OTHER POTENTIALLY CONCUSSIVE EVENT ARE EVALUATED FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) BY A MEDICAL PROVIDER AND DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETED IAW REF II.
15.L.8. UNIT MASCOTS AND PETS.
15.L.8.A. PER CENTCOM GENERAL ORDER 1.C., DEPLOYED PERSONNEL WILL AVOID CONTACT WITH LOCAL ANIMALS (E.G., LIVESTOCK, CATS, DOGS, BIRDS, REPTILES, ARACHNIDS, AND INSECTS) IN THE DEPLOYED SETTING AND WILL NOT FEED, ADOPT, OR INTERACT WITH THEM IN ANY WAY.
15.L.8.B. ANY CONTACT WITH LOCAL ANIMALS, WHETHER INITIATED OR NOT, THAT RESULTS IN A BITE, SCRATCH OR POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO THE ANIMAL'S BODILY FLUIDS (SALIVA, VENOM, ETC.) WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP.

15.L.9. FOOD AND WATER SOURCES.
15.L.9.A. ALL WATER (INCLUDING ICE) IS CONSIDERED NON-POTABLE UNTIL TESTED AND APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MEDICAL PERSONNEL (ARMY OR NAVY PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, AIR FORCE BIOENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, INDEPENDENT DUTY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN/CORPSMAN). COMMERCIAL SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER MUST ALSO BE APPROVED BY THE U.S. ARMY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER.
15.L.9.C. COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THE NECESSARY SECURITY TO PROTECT WATER AND FOOD SUPPLIES AGAINST TAMPERING BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED IN FOOD/WATER VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS. MEDICAL PERSONNEL WILL PROVIDE CONTINUAL VERIFICATION OF QUALITY AND PERIODIC INSPECTION OF STORAGE AND PREPARATION FACILITIES.

15.L.10. ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES OF CONCERN.
15.L.10.A. COLD INJURY RISK WILL DEPEND ON THE SPECIFIC REGION. HYPOTHERMIA, A LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION, MOSTLY OCCURS UP TO 55 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT AIR TEMPERATURE. RISK OF COLD INJURY INCREASES FOR PERSONS WHO ARE IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION, DEHYDRATED, WET, OR AT INCREASED ALTITUDE. COUNTERMEASURES INCLUDE PROPER WEAR OF CLOTHING AND COVER. EXPOSED SKIN IS MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP FROSTBITE. ENSURE CLOTHING IS CLEAN, LOOSE, LAYERED, AND DRY. COVER THE HEAD TO CONSERVE HEAT.
15.L.10.B. HEAT STRESS/ SOLAR INJURIES/ILLNESS. HEAT INJURIES MAY BE THE GREATEST OVERALL THREAT TO MILITARY PERSONNEL DEPLOYED TO WARM CLIMATES. ACCLIMATIZATION TO INCREASED TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY MAY TAKE 10 TO 14 DAYS. HEAT INJURIES CAN INCLUDE DEHYDRATION, SUNBURN, HEAT SYNCOPE, HEAT EXHAUSTION AND HEAT STROKE. ENSURE PROPER WORK-REST CYCLES, ADEQUATE HYDRATION, AND COMMAND EMPHASIS ON HEAT INJURY PREVENTION. ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS SUNSCREEN, LIP BALM, SUN GOGGLES/GLASSES, AND POTABLE WATER.
15.L.10.C. ALTITUDE. OPERATIONS AT HIGH ALTITUDES (OVER 9888 FT) CAN CAUSE A SPECTRUM OF ILLNESSES, INCLUDING ACUTE MOUNTAIN SICKNESS; HIGH ALTITUDE PULMONARY EDEMA, HIGH ALTITUDE CEREBRAL EDEMA, OR RED BLOOD CELL SICKLING IN SERVICE MEMBERS WITH SICKLE CELL TRAIT. ASCEND GRADUALLY, IF POSSIBLE. TRY NOT TO GO DIRECTLY FROM LOW ALTITUDE TO >9,888 FT (3,013 M) IN ONE DAY. A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY PRESCRIBE ACETAZOLAMIDE (DIAMOX) OR DEXAMETHASONE (DECADRON) TO SPEED ACCLIMATIZATION IF ABRUPT ASCENT IS UNAVOIDABLE. TREAT AN ALTITUDE HEADACHE WITH SIMPLE ANALGESICS; MORE SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS REQUIRE OXYGEN AND IMMEDIATE DESCENT.
15.L.10.D. GOOD FIELD SANITATION PRACTICES ARE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN FORCE HEALTH. THEY INCLUDE: FREQUENT HANDWASHING, PROPER DENTAL CARE, CLEAN AND DRY...
CLOTHING (ESPECIALLY SOCKS, UNDERWEAR, AND BOOTS), BATHING AND DENTAL CARE WITH WATER FROM A POTABLE SOURCE. CHANGE SOCKS FREQUENTLY, FOOT POWDER HELPS PREVENT FUNGAL INFECTIONS.

15.M. ALL OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE SPECIFIED IN INITIAL POLICY MESSAGE REMAIN IN EFFECT. MOD FOURTEEN IS NOW INVALID.

15.N. THE USCENTCOM POC FOR PREVENTIVE MEDICINE/FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION IS CCSG, DSN 312-529-0345; COMM: 813-529-0345; SIPR: removed OR removed; NIPR: CENTCOM.MACDILL.CENTCOM- HQ.MBX.CCSG-WAIVER@MAIL.MIL//