



Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

Bacon's Bits

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I had the privilege of attending the Northern Regional Medical Command (NRMC) FY 12 Business and Operations Conference held last month at Ft Belvoir. It was great seeing so many people with diverse backgrounds conversing together on important issues impacting not only each individual's area of expertise but on the command as a whole. There were a lot of great discussions on performance planning, PCMH, telehealth and many other topics. After the NRMC conference, I made it my mission and was successful in convincing my Air Force and Navy colleagues and TMA to agree with the original Army's methodology of tracking PCMH at the clinic level and not the team level. So, what does that mean to you? We will immediately start this process all over once again; however, this time with the desired outcome. AMPO is currently modifying the Attachment 3 and will send out further guidance within the next week. Although, a lot more work on your part in a very short timeframe, this is a good thing.

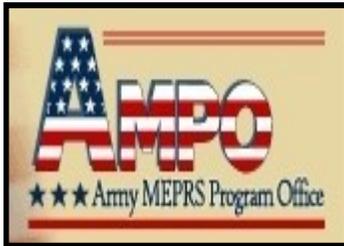
Please join me in extending congratulations to Jeanie as being selected as the "Best in Army" by the Assistant Secretary of the Army Financial Management and Comptroller (ASA FM&C). Jeanie is the winner of the Fiscal Year 2011 Resource Management Individual Award for Education, Training, and Career Development. Her selection is a testimony of her performance and an endorsement of her credentials and professionalism. Jeanie will be receiving her award during the Army Day session on 30 May at American Society of Military Comptroller's (ASMC) Professional Development Institute (PDI) being held in Anaheim. This is a well deserved recognition of all her great work she's done in support of MEPRS, the Army and Army Medicine. Congratulations, Jeanie!

AMPO would like to wish you an Eggstra special Easter and may all your happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.

The first of April some do say
Is set apart for all Fool's Day
But why people call it so
Not I, nor themselves do know.

In regards to the change in PCMH methodology - April Fool's!

Have a great month!



BEST-OF-THE-BEST

Army Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF) MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, Defense Medical Human Resource System internet (DMHRSi) Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, Discrepancies for FY07-FY12 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's), and un-validated discrepancies on the Advice and Assist Reports generated as a result of MEWACS data population. Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

Congratulations to the Northern Regional Medical Command (NRMC)! DMHRSi Timecard Compliance for pay periods ending 25 Feb 12 and 10 Mar 12 was 100% for all of NRMC's military treatment facilities. Thanks for the support and a job well done!

MEDCEN:
FT. HOOD
DIANE PAPKE & STAFF
EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!

BEDDED:
FT. POLK
J.C. SARVER & STAFF
CONGRATULATIONS!

UNBEDDED:
REDSTONE ARSENAL
CATHY COLLINS & STAFF
AWESOME JOB!

Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) Behavioral Health Re-evaluations

AMPO has learned service members that received forensic behavioral health evaluations are going to be offered the opportunity to be re-evaluated. The re-evaluation should be considered a new evaluation. It should consider previously assembled clinical and command information, with the purpose of providing a fresh evaluation in accordance with "usual and customary" behavioral health disability evaluation system (DES) assessments. These re-evaluations are part of the MEB process. The MEPRS Code/FCC would be FEDC and if the Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer (PEBLO) Office in Patient Administration Division is involved, they would code their man-hours to MEPRS Code/FCC FEDB.

GFEBs ALLOBJ Commitment Item

AMPO queried the MEDCOM GFEBs Office to determine the appropriate use of the ALLOBJ Commitment Item. They advised this Commitment Item should only be used when Budget is reflecting funding or allotment of funds for specific projects. Once the funding has been reported using the ALLOBJ Commitment Item, subsequent Obligations, De-obligations, Commitments, Expenditures, and or Disbursements should be reported using the appropriate Commitment Item to reflect the purpose/reason for the transaction. The ALLOBJ Commitment Item should not be used when the Budget Office is reporting a transaction for Obligations, De-obligations, Commitments, Expenditures, and or Disbursements.

When the ALLOBJ Commitment Item is identified in the GFEBs Parsing Report and there are Expenses or Obligations associated with the record, please coordinate with the Budget Office to ensure the correct Commitment Item is used.

AMPO Website

All Army MEPRS AKO and Training Material will be available on the updated AMPO website. Timecard Compliance and MEPRS Transmission status are now available to view or download. Please familiarize yourself with the different sections and useful documentation. Please let us know if there is anything that you think would be helpful for the MEPRS Staff in the field. Please use the Search function to assist with navigating the site. The website is still evolving with new feature and training material to be incorporated into the site in the future.

New DMHRSi SAA Functions

The DMHRSi update performed during the weekend of 9 March 2012 permitted **Site Application Administrators (SAAs)** access to enhanced capabilities to create new users accounts, reset user passwords, grant site-specific responsibilities, unlock user accounts and remove end-dates for those employees that are within his/her security profile.

AMPO held two teleconferences to assist MTFs in implementing the new functionalities and answer questions about the new role. The highlights resulting from the meetings are as follows:

1. There is a Department of Defense Security rule that applies to DMHRSi. It is critical that SAAs ONLY GRANT ACCESS to people with a need to know. The roles granted by SAAs will be monitored in order to ensure abidance to this rule.
2. SAAs can add/update/end-date roles for employees that fall within the security profile for their role using the "DoD User Maintenance" function. Individuals not assigned to the MTF UIC and US ARMY Reserve staff members will not be visible to MTFs SAAs and the request for those individuals will be routed to the help desk using the TMA Role Request form or to AMPO using AMPO's role request form.
3. The SAA role is an IMD role. AMPO recommends the designation of an alternate in every MTF to allow continuity in the process, but MEPRS personnel should not be assigned to this role. Ultimately, it is the sites' prerogative to designate the staff member performing as the SAA.
4. Training for the SAA role can be downloaded from the following link:
<http://mx.ha.osd.mil/pickup.aspx?id=9c588b53-4102-428b-a626-1526fec4d4a1>



Question: Is there a special function in DMHRSi that allows SAAs to remove end-dates from a user's account?

Answer: No, there is not a special function in the system to remove end-dates. In order to remove the end-date from a user's account, SAAs will have to reset the password using the "DoD User Maintenance" function. In other words, resetting the password and removing the end-date is the same function in the system.