



# Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

Bacon's Bits

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Although, no one as of today has received a final official notification in reference to being placed on furlough, I just wanted to give you guys a heads up in case we are actually furloughed for what now appears to be 14 days versus the 22 days. The one day a week we are furloughed, combined with the alternate work schedules, planned leave, etc., AMPO will only be available to answer your calls and emails on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, so please plan accordingly.

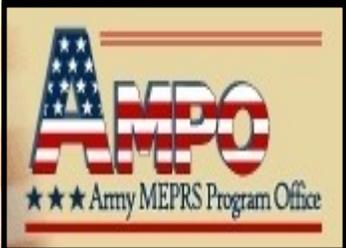
The PCMHs are on a very fast track and AMPO is receiving multiple Attachment 3s on a daily basis, which is a good thing. However, once the medical home MEPRS codes are approved and you are ready to start the process of adding these codes to the various systems, please make sure your naming conventions are exactly the same in EAS, DMHRSi, CHCS and GFEBs. Specifically on the ASD, the tasks in DMHRSi, the cost centers in GFEBs, and the appropriate file and tables in CHCS. The naming convention must follow the exact standard naming convention that we provided several months back. We have placed all of the PCMH material and guidance on the AMPO web page for your reference. Did I mention the naming conventions need to be exactly the same?

Thank you for your feedback on the DCO training sessions that Carol Foster hosted. There were over 70 individuals that attended. I appreciate your comments on how informative and how well orchestrated they were – thank you, Carol. We are planning for three sessions this month that will cover the repository, understanding datasets, and the DMHRSi data check tool. We will let you know once we have finalized the dates.

AMPO developed the DMHRS Data Check Tool to assist you in validating existing data quality business rules. Step by step instructions on this tool can be found on the AMPO web page under AMPO databases. I have had conversations with the Army's DQ Manager (some of you may know him) about the possibility of adding an 'Army Only' question to the Commander's DQ Statement on the use of the DMHRSi data check tool, so please make sure you are using it.

The first day of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year (Mark Twain).

Have a great month!



## BEST-OF-THE-BEST Data Reporting Month of January 2013

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 FY08-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.

**MEDCEN:**

**DARNALL ARMY MEDICAL CENTER**  
DIANE PAPKE & STAFF

**EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!**

**BEDDED:**

**BASSETT ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**  
BERNADETTE MEEK & STAFF

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**UNBEDDED:**

**LYSTER ARMY HEALTH CLINIC**  
KATHY KELLEY & STAFF

**AWESOME JOB!**

## COMPENSATION AND PENSION EXAMINATIONS

Compensation and Pension examinations, also known as "C&P exams," are frequently used by the Veterans Administration (VA) when deciding veterans' disability claims. Specifically, the VA uses C&P exams as part of its duty to assist in order to diagnose conditions and rate disabilities. Usually, these C&P exams are conducted in a VA hospital or clinic; however, several MTFs have reported they have VA providers in their MTFs performing the C&P portion of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) mission and have questioned whether they should report these VA providers in DMHRSi. AMPO coordinated with our IDES consultant (LTC Baker) who stated even though the DOD and VA worked together to make disability evaluation seamless with the implementation of the IDES, the C&P exams are a VA mission and not an MTF mission. Therefore, when VA providers are in our MTFs performing C&P exams, we will not report their time in DMHRSi. The C&P exams are VA workload and the VA should be reporting it as such.

## CHANGES TO GFEBs COST CENTERS (CC) AND WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURES (WBS)

AMPO is not directing the changes to the MEPRS FCCs be made to Cost Centers or the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS); however, this article is to provide insight into the effects of changing the MEPRS FCC on an existing CC/WBS.

When changes to the GFEBs Cost Center (CC) or the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) are made to the MEPRS FCC (Attribute 3), ATTR1, or Point Account fields within either the CC or WBS tables, results in the existing and previously reported expenses and obligations to be reported with the new MEPRS FCC back to the date the CC or WBS was initially created. Changes of a MEPRS FCC on a CC or WBS will "move" the expense/obligation from the original MEPRS FCC to the updated MEPRS FCC.

In the rare event a GFEBs eas\_cost\_data file for a prior month needs to be re-created, it is essential to understand that the new/current MEPRS FCC will now be on the CC/WBS in lieu of the original MEPRS FCC. This is important considering the effects of re-creating a GFEBs eas\_cost\_data file. When a re-created GFEBs file is imported into EASi, there will now be E0007 - E0011 errors. This requires the errors to be corrected and the expenses/obligations will have to be manually transferred from the current CC/WBS MEPRS FCC to the original MEPRS FCC within EASi.

## HEDIS

Launch of the Triservice Work Flow Team Military Health Service Population Health Portal Alternate Input Method (TSWF MHS PHP AIM) Form.

AMPO was involved in several discussions regarding an enterprise-wide solution for capturing additional Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) coding out of AHLTA on MTF enrollees for services performed at VA facilities; where the patient is enrolled to the MTF; where services are provided by host nation's provider; and for the capture of network lab results. AMPO coordinated with PASBA and we determined that the encounters to be captured by the MHSPHP AIM form are administrative encounters. As such, these encounters will be documented in the T-CON module in AHLTA using the diagnosis code V68.89 and the E&M code of 99499. No CPT codes should be captured for these encounters. We have been assured, as long as the workload is set to no and the guidance above, no workload will appear in the Expense Assignment System (EAS). If you have any questions, please contact your AMPO analyst.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COST EFFECTIVENESS (ACE) METRICS QUERY

In coordination with MEDCOM Program Analysis and Evaluation (PAE) Office, AMPO has created and posted a WebIntelligence query to the Army folder of the EAS IV Repository that the MTFs can use to obtain the Expense data for the ACE Metric. This query contains a lot of detailed data; therefore, it must be scheduled when refreshing this query to obtain the data. To schedule the query,

- A. High-light the query by clicking on it one time (do not double click).
- B. Right-click, from the popup menu select "Schedule"
- C. Once in the Schedule screen, from the list of options on the left, select Prompts by double-clicking.
- D. In the Prompts screen click on the Modify button.
- E. Complete the prompts for the desired FY(s) and MTF.
- F. Click on the Schedule button.

Queries that have been scheduled remain in the scheduler until retrieved.

## EMAIL MIGRATION

As we settle in to the new email system, AMPO has realized that many of the sites have had a difficult time locating our new email addresses within the global. Please keep in mind if you are not receiving emails from our office or vice versus, it's because you haven't migrated to the new system yet. Contact your AMPO analyst informing them of this issue so they are able to work out communication arrangements. As soon as your site has migrated, please contact our Administrative Assistant Ms. Bell and inform her of your new email addresses so she can update all contact rosters. We appreciate everyone's patience with this new transition phase; below are the new AMPO email addresses.

- Mona Bacon - [Romona.k.bacon.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Romona.k.bacon.civ@mail.mil)
- Jeanie McCleary - [letha.j.mccleary.civ@mail.mil](mailto:letha.j.mccleary.civ@mail.mil)
- Greg Mitchell - [Gregory.l.mitchell2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Gregory.l.mitchell2.civ@mail.mil)
- Harold Cardenas - [Harold.f.cardenas.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Harold.f.cardenas.civ@mail.mil)
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Question: We were given OMA funds for Reenlistment supplies. Budget created a WBS so I had them add our DMIS ID, Attribute 3, and check the EASi Indicator. However, the AMSCO that is being used is 12101800 and I am receiving an EAS error that this is invalid. Should I delete the expenses for this? Should I have them uncheck the EASi indicator? What should we do?

Answer: Although AMSCO 12101800 is a valid AMSCO, it is non-DHP and will not be added to EAS. If it is under AMSCO 12101800 FCGK (Re-enlistment), it is not part of patient care and is not to be entered into MEPRS. Please delete it and document this on your financial recon and narrative.



## Hail & Farewells

*We welcome the following new members and bid farewell to those who have retired/or embarked on new paths!*

### Hail

Employee	Site	Date

### Farewell

Employee	Site	Date
Nancy Repasky (Retiring)	WACH, Ft Irwin	27 March 2013