



Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

Bacon's Bits

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The MEPRS Basic training class scheduled for the end of this month has generated a lot of interest. We have over 30 confirmed attendees and all of us at AMPO are looking forward to the class. Everyone should have received a copy of the finalized agenda for the training class; however, if you didn't receive a copy and would like one, please send me an email and I will be happy to provide it. The class will begin with an orientation to MEPRS structures and processes and end with the ever popular scavenger hunt.

The DMHRSi falls under the DHSS Resources Division and they sent out a user satisfaction survey a few months ago. I am not sure how many of you actually filled out the survey, but I recently received a copy of the results. Although the results were interesting, they were not surprising to me. The survey covered overall ease of use, access to information, system response time, level of training, and system availability and the users surveyed indicated a 65% satisfaction rate in each of those areas. The user recommendations and illustrative comments were what I found very interesting reading and ranged from positive comments such as "it's easy to use and captures a lot of useful information" to negative comments such as "worthless".

Approximately 4 billion people are watching to see some of the best athletes competing to fulfill their lifelong dreams of winning gold during the summer Olympics and I am one of them. I found the Olympics to be motivational especially when you read some of the athletics' stories of sacrifice and obstacles they overcame to get there. I believe one of the most inspirational stories I've read about an Olympic champion was that of the late Wilma Rudolph. When she was 4 years old she was diagnosed with polio and although the doctors said she would never walk again, her mother refused to give up hope her daughter would walk again. With weekly trips on a long bus ride to the hospital to receive therapy and years of her mother and siblings helping to massage her legs 4 times a day, at 8 years of age she was wearing metal braces and within the next 3 years she was walking on her own. In 1959, she qualified for the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Italy, by setting a world record in the 200 meter run. At the Olympics that year, she won two gold medals and was quoted to say "the triumph can't be had without struggle. And I know what struggle is." You guys are my MEPRS Esprit de Corps Champions!

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 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:
FT. HOOD
DIANE PAPKE & STAFF
EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!

BEDDED:
WEST POINT
MARIE PALMIERI & STAFF
CONGRATULATIONS!

UNBEDDED:
FT RUCKER
KATHY KELLEY & STAFF
AWESOME JOB!

Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service

OPERATION ORDER 12-XX (Implementation of Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service (AMSMS)) provides the field with a standardized, repeatable AMSMS implementation and sustainment program for all Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF). This OPORD provides a common framework and methodology for the AMSMS.

Both e-mail and the Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service (AMSMS) are methods of exchanging digital communication asynchronously. The asynchronous nature avoids the problems of frequent workflow interruptions and inefficiencies, and the opportunity to communicate more completely and efficiently for the patient and the healthcare team. Unlike e-mail, messages from AMSMS are always encrypted and cannot be intercepted since they do not traverse through intermediary servers. With user id/password authentication and audit trail, access is completely controlled and privacy is protected. As an alternative to the telephone and clinic visits, AMSMS can be used for patients and providers to communicate on a variety of topics such as diagnostic test results, prescription and referral renewals, monitoring and management of chronic disease, care reminders, administrative announcements and information, appointment requests, online patient education library and structured web visits.

Annex D of this OPORD identifies the roles and responsibilities of the MTFs for successful implementation of AMSMS. MTFs must appoint one MTF level AMSMS POC to perform the duties of liaison (reportable to an EBJ* task), identify personnel to provide initial and sustainment training (reportable to EFBF/FALB tasks), and identify one or more individuals to conduct clinic admin functions in support of the practice/department (reportable to EBC*/EBD*/B*** task). Individuals conducting the clinic admin functions in support of implementation AMSMS; provider man hours will be reportable to EBC*/EBD* task, other support staff man hours will be reportable to B*** task. Once the AMSMS is implemented within a clinic, the provider and patient care staff man hours expended while using this communication method with patients and other MTF staff, will be reportable to the B*** task of the clinic.

GME/GDE Timecards and the DoD Batch Timecard Status Report

GME/GDE timecards are monthly timecards. Whenever the DoD Batch and Timecard Status Report is ran for a pay period that ends in the middle of the month, the monthly timecards will not be counted as discrepancies, when calculating the sites timecard compliance, as they won't be approved until the month ends.

When running the report for a pay period that ends on or after the last day of the month (example 26 August – 8 September), we will count the August GME/GDE timecards that are not approved as delinquent, but will not include the September GME/GDE timecards in the compliance.

DMHRSi - Reporting of Borrowed Personnel

All borrowed labor that is contributing to the MTF mission must be reported in DMHRSi by name. Please coordinate with your Human Resources personnel to ensure you are capturing everyone IAW the DoD 6010-13M. That would include:

1. Brigade or Division Soldiers - Whether they work one day or once a month, they must be reported in DMHRSi by name.
2. Reserve Soldiers - Those performing the MTF mission in your facility for the weekend, two weeks or indefinitely must be captured by name.
3. Headquarters personnel - Personnel working in your facility contributing to your patient care mission must be captured by name. This does not include regional personnel located in your facility but performing regional duties.

This list is not all inclusive. It is a list of where we are seeing discrepancies.





Question: We can't locate the timecard that we submitted. What Timecard Approver did it go to?

Answer: Timecards flow to the approver listed on the people group organization on the primary assignment. It's the person whose name is the approver on the last day of the timecard period.

A change in an organization's approver is complete as soon as you save your changes. Once an organization has a change in approvers, all timecards will flow to that new approver, even if a timecard was submitted for a previous pay period. However, if a timecard was submitted prior to the change, even seconds before, the timecard will flow to the previous approver not the new approver.

If an employee changed organizations and has an outstanding timecard from the losing organization, the timecard will flow to the approver of the losing organization as long as that organization is listed as the people group organization on the last day of the pay period. For example: a GS employee left Bavaria and is now employed at Tripler effective 15 Jul 12. The employee's DMHRSi timecard still needs to be completed for pay period ending 14 Jul 12. As long as Bavaria is listed as the people group organization on the last day of the pay period for pay period ending 14 Jul 12 the, timecard will flow to the Bavaria



Hail & Farewells

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

Hail

Employee		Date
Jesus Perez	BAMC	11-Jun-12
Natasha Richard	BAMC	25-Jun-12
Holly Squires	BAMC	2-Jul-12
Vanessa Nua	MAMC	4-Jun-12
Felicia Brooks	Ft. Jackson	16-Jul-12

Farewell

Employee		Date
Liz Arzola	AMPO	13-Jul-12
Linda Hixson (retiring)	Ft. Leavenworth	31-Aug-12