

Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

Bacon's Bits

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We are about a week from finalizing our FY14 policy and guidance letter. We worked very closely with MEDCOM Budget on the service program guidance to ensure the proper accounting and reporting of high visibility programs, such as the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES), Patient Centered Medical Home, and other areas to include Pharmacy, medical travel, initial outfitting, etc. The service program guidance will identify the specific functional area/program element, the budget functional cost account (FCA) and the MEPRS Codes/FCCs. Once you receive the guidance, please make sure you coordinate with budget to review the GFEBs – Cost Centers (CC) and Workload Breakdown Structures (WBS) to ensure you have the accurate financial data elements.

We also sent out a draft copy of the Reporting Components by Functional Cost Code (FCC) and the FY14 MEPRS Code Changes documents so you can begin coordinating the changes/updates of MEPRS Codes/FCCs within all systems (EAS, DMHRSi, GFEBs, CHCS, WAM, etc) to be effective 1 Oct FY14. Basic information pertaining to the changes, updates, additions, and deletions were also provided. If you didn't receive the advanced draft copy, please contact your AMPO analyst.

We were not able to schedule a DCO session last month due to the furlough and other competing responsibilities; however, we will have a DCO session early this month to discuss the FY14 guidance and a later DCO session on the updated DMHRSi Data Check Tool.

On 28 August 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his powerful and inspirational speech known as the "I Have a Dream" speech. Did you know those words were never in the original draft, they were ad libbed on the day? If you haven't read it recently, I invite you to do so and then ask yourself – what inspires you? It is when we are inspired that we achieve significant and rewarding results. Thank you for everything you do and will continue to do for Army MEPRS.

Have a great month!



BEST-OF-THE-BEST Data Reporting Month of May 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:

WEED ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
VALARIE DE ROSE & STAFF

CONGRATULATIONS!

UNBEDDED:

LYSTER ARMY HEALTH CLINIC
KATHY KELLEY & STAFF

AWESOME JOB!

GFEBs-HR-MINI-MASTER

Creation of cost centers require personnel to be assigned to the cost center. The Human Resources Mini-Manager (HRMM) is a module within GFEBs utilized by Budget Offices to assign personnel to the cost centers. The Mini master assigns a Fund Center, Cost Center, Activity Type, Functional Area and fund to each line of accounting. If it is not maintained properly payroll expenses could be assigned incorrectly and can cause various errors that will result in obligations/disbursements not being posted to the accounting system.

Reassignment of personnel in the HRMM should not delay the activation and use of the medical home cost centers. The personnel expenses and obligations from the GFEBs file feed is not utilized within EAS. The personnel expenses and obligations within the GFEBs file are retained in the financial pure data file and report only; they are not imported into EASi for processing. The personnel expenses utilized in EASi processing are provided to EASi via the DMHRSi file feed.

WHERE TO REPORT TDY EXPENSES IN GFEBs

During the deployment of GFEBs, AMPO worked with the sites to ensure that they charge TDY costs to the MEPRS code/FCC of FALB for the Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) and FALD for Dental Treatment Facility (DTF). Recently it was found that some sites still have TDY expenses being charged directly to patient care. This means that the cost of providing Army MTF/DTF patient care has been inflated because individuals are TDY and not in their work center.

Reference DoD 6010.13-M, Table AP3.T1. Business rules 5, 6b, 7, 8, 11, & 12 for man-hour reporting for TDY related functions. All TDY costs should be moved out of all MEPRS codes that begin with an 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', or 'E' MEPRS codes/FCC so that we can accurately calculate the cost of patient care for the fixed MTFs/DTFs. TDY costs should be reported in an 'F' or 'G' MEPRS code/FCC.

MEPRS personnel should work with their local Budget personnel to ensure that GFEBs is mapped to the TDY EORs/CIs MEPRS codes/FCC of FALB for MTF and FALD for DTF.

COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR SITE APPLICATION ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF

It's easy to forget previous articles in the AMPO newsletters or emails that may contain pertinent information for other staff members that are not on our AMPO distribution list. It is the responsibility of the Sites to forward this information, as needed, to their staff members that are responsible for the items addressed in the correspondence, in addition to advising and/or briefing new and current employees on your site's procedures when they have DMHRSi Login errors.

Recently the MHS Desk has been receiving requests for assistance to gain access to DMHRSi for an end-dated account and/or some type of log in error. These types of issues should be addressed at the MTF by your SAA, whether they are in the MEPRS Office, Information Technology office, or some other office. AMPO has recently provided guidance on these issues in the March, May and June 2013 AMPO Newsletters. Please pass this information to your SAA to ensure your site's SAA is notified and aware of the current procedures when employees have a DMHRSi login error.

If additional assistance or guidance is needed for DMHRSi Login errors, please have a MEPRS Staff member or SAA send a request to our MEPRS Functional mailbox.



Question: If National Provider Identification (NPI) numbers validation is requested, what are the steps to assisting with this request?

Answer: The MEPRS Staff should coordinate with Human Resource or Credentials for request of this information. MEPRS does not control NPI information.

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
Chief, CPT Philip Kaberline	GWLACH, Leonardwood	8 July 2013
Cassandra Austin	NRMC, Northern	20 May 2013

Farewell

Employee	Site	Date
Betel Worku	NRMC, Northern	10 July 2013

