

Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

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February is a transitional month. The hustle-bustle of the holidays are left behind—and the month of February finally sees many of us getting our first breath of fresh air. Also, by this time of the year, the pressure of New Year's resolutions has either incorporated itself into healthy habits or dropped by the wayside.

As we move further into the new year, I wanted to discuss upcoming changes and events.

First, the implementation of the R12 version of DMHRSi. R12 is scheduled to be deployed sometime in the July/August timeframe. AMPO has completed the testing of the new version. Your employee self-service users will see changes in the background colors and GME/GDE employees will see their DMHRSi timecard convert to bi-weekly like the rest of our users. That means DMHRSi will no longer validate that the DMHRSi timecard has the correct split of man-hours to the student accounts for GME/GDE. We are working with the program office to design a report that would assist in this validation—more information to follow. There are a few minor changes in other areas but nothing significant.

The FY14 Database Tool will be available next week. This tool will assist you in validating your DMHRSi file prior to importing it into the Expense Assignment System (EAS).

Also, there will be more FARM (Fiscal Accountability and Recovery Mission) visits. The full FARM team has visited Ft Bragg, Ft Benning and Ft Lewis. Most of the other facilities have requested a full FARM team visit. The next scheduled visit is to Ft Bliss in the March timeframe. AMPO staff are members of the FARM team and our mission is review of the file/table as well as providing assistance and problem resolution while on site.

I'll be joining a lot of others on the retirement rolls as I retire at the end of March. We will be sending out the job vacancy announcement once it's complete. — Jeanie



BEST-OF-THE-BEST Data Reporting Month of November 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-FY14 (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:

WOMACK ARMY MEDCEN
ANN BUTTS & STAFF

EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!

BEDDED:

BASSETT ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
BERNADETTE MEEK & STAFF

CONGRATULATIONS!

UNBEDDED:

LYSTER ARMY HEALTH CLINIC
KATHY KELLEY & STAFF

AWESOME JOB!

CY14 CHCS/EAS RVU BASELINE TABLE/UPDATE

All MEPRS POCs should remember and understand that EAS is the source for the most accurate weights for procedures reported using the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes. The Defense Health Services Systems (DHSS) office has been delayed in purchasing the Calendar Year (CY)14 Ingenix weights associated with the CPT Codes. As an interim solution, the CY14 CPT Table with the CY13 Weights (table developed in December by the DHSS Defense Health Cost Assessment Program Evaluation (DHCAPE) Contractor Staff) will be used until the CY14 Ingenix weights are purchased by the Defense Health Agency (DHA) and applied to the various CY14 CPT Tables (EAS, MDR, M2) and released for update by DHCAPE.

This interim situation should be resolved in a month (impacting January MEPRS data). This COA allows EAS to be in synch with new CY14 CPTs and use of CY13 weights as is the case with other MHS systems.

BOXi-REMOVAL OF DESKI QUERIES FROM CORPORATE DOCUMENTS

In preparation for the upcoming Capacity Services/hardware refresh which will include an eventual upgrade to BOXI v4.1 all queries created in Deskl format have been removed from the Corporate Documents folder within the EAS Repository.

BOXI v4.1 does not support Deskl as the vendor is no longer offering it. DHSS reviewed the Army folder in the Repository and noticed there were reports that exist in Deskl only. As a result of the pending upgrade to BOXI v4.1 DHSS won't be able to retain them in Deskl format, therefore the queries have been converted to Webl version.

CORRECTING MEPRS CODES/FCCs WITH CORRESPONDING AMSCO/PEC

While reviewing the tables for FY14, we found that sites are using a variety of AMSCO/PECs for several of the MEPRS codes/FCCs. In an effort to ensure all sites are capturing their data correctly, we have coordinated with MEDCOM budget to determine which AMSCO/PEC should be used.

On 28 Jan 14, AMPO emailed the sites the first set of MEPRS codes/FCCs and the correct AMSCO/PECs that should be used for DMHRSi personnel available, assigned and non-available FTEs. Please update your DMHRSi tasks and organizations to ensure each of the MEPRS codes/FCCs listed on the document AMPO provided are using the corresponding AMSCO/PEC listed. Please refer to the email distributed on 28Jan14 for instructions to determine the MEPRS Code/FCCs being reported on the organizations and projects.

Do NOT reprocess anything at this time. AMPO will provide additional MEPRS codes/FCCs to update in the future as we confirm them with budget. It will take several months before we have coordinated all of the MEPRS codes/FCCs with budget. At that time we will determine if reprocessing is necessary.

UPDATE OF ARMY MEPRS REFERENCE GUIDELINES-FY14 (REPORTING COMPONENTS BY MEPRS/FCC (INCLUDES 4TH LEVEL CODING))

A new version of the FY14 MEPRS Reference Guidelines has been posted to the AMPO Webpage. Please download a copy for future use.



Question: What two documents need to be reviewed to ensure all the MEPRS reportable GFEBS data is included in the eas_cost_data file which feeds the EAS Financial Pure data?

Answer: The Cost Center Report and the WBS Elements Report. Both can be found in the AKO at the URL <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/files/36555168>.

For the Cost Centers, the Attribute 3 field must be populated with the correct MEPRS Code/FCC representing the work center, DMIS ID field must contain the Parent/Child DMIS ID, and the Cost Center Category field must contain a "9".

For the Workload Breakdown Structures (WBS), the , the Attribute 3 field must be populated with the correct MEPRS Code/FCC representing the benefitting work center, DMIS ID field must contain the Parent/Child DMIS ID, and the EASi Indicator field must contain a "X".

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
Chelsea Farias	BAMC, Fort Sam Houston	27 January 2014
Lora Cooper	GAHC, Fort Drum	10 February 2014
Bertha Avelina Blas	WINN, Fort Stewart	10 February 2014

Farewell

Employee	Site	Date
Sereita Seamans	IACH, Fort Knox	27 February 2014

