

Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

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Bacon's Bits

Happy New Year! This edition of the newsletter marks the beginning of a new year and AMPO would like to wish you a fabulous 2011 full of great achievements and experiences. As you reflect on 2010, please know that I am very proud and grateful of what we have accomplished, knowing very well those accomplishments didn't come without their set of challenges. As we gear up for new challenges that are sure to come our way, reflect on all those great lessons we have learned as we take yet another step forward into 2011.

In FY11, the MMIG will begin focusing on our Strategic Plan for MEPRS. Some of the goals and objectives for 2011 include making our cost accounting system more robust and integrated by costing by RVUs and RWPs; producing managerially relevant data that will motivate managers i.e., implementing patient or patient group level cost accounting; and enhance MEPRS data quality through education and training opportunities. If you would like to receive the draft copy of the complete MEPRS Strategic Plan, please let me know.

The 2011 Military Health System (MHS) Conference is scheduled for 24-27 January at the Gaylord Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland. The Conference focus is on sharing knowledge and achieving breakthrough performance in health-care delivery, research, education and training. Each day features a specific educational theme with all plenary and breakout sessions aligned to furthering the goals of the Quadruple Aim and the associated Strategic Imperatives. I hope to see some of you there.

As many of you know by now, Burma retired on 31 December. Burma was with the AMPO for 6 years and she added immeasurable value to the Army Medical Command through her passion and knowledge, and her contributions had far-reaching impacts for the MEPRS Program across the DOD. She has left an indelible mark. We will certainly miss her and her professional expertise and we wish her success and happiness in all her future endeavors.



BEST-OF-THE-BEST

Army 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, DMHRSi Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, and Discrepancies for FY06-FY10 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's). Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

MEDCEN:

FT.HOOD

GREAT JOB! DIANE
PAPKE & STAFF

BEDDED:

FT. BENNING

EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!
DONALD ODOM & STAFF

UNBEDDED:

FT. LEAVENWORTH

AWESOME JOB! LINDA
HIXON & STAFF

Financial Reconciliation and Narrative

The Army MEPRS Data Quality Analysis contract with EDS/HP ended on 16 December 2010. Please update your mail lists to remove Karen Lameo, Andrea Oravec, and Sandy Palaciano as they no longer support the Army MEPRS Data Quality efforts. Financial Reconciliations and Narratives should be forwarded to your AMPO Analyst and MEPRS Army Func Spt.

DQ Summary Report

As a result of the loss of the Army MEPRS DQ Contract, the AMPO Staff will be completing the Data Quality Site Summary reports. The AMPO Staff does not have the same access to the EAS IV Repository as the programmers and as a result it is taking longer to refresh the requisite queries and post the results to the Site Summary Reports.

In order to efficiently provide the essential data quality checks, AMPO will be providing abbreviated Site Summary Reports and will only provide the Site Summary Report for the initial data transmission. As AMPO realizes efficiencies in the generation of the Site Summary Reports, the reports will be expanded with the possibility of providing for subsequent data re-transmissions. Our goal will be to provide the abbreviated Site Summary Report within five (5) working days of the data transmissions.



Q: What is causing the man-hours of every person assigned to one of my clinics to double on the EAS Summary View Report and the EAS Interface File?

A: This is being caused by the setup of the organization LCA codes at your site. Ensure that you have validated all of the organization data for FY11.

If your AMPO Analyst has not approved the organizational structure, you have not completed this task and it could be adversely affecting your data. See Newsletter dated December 02, 2010 for further information.

Updated List of the AMPO Analysts and Who They Support

Site staff should contact their AMPO Analyst for assistance no matter what the issue (functional questions related to coding, EASi, DMHRSi, GFEBs, Account Request Form, stuck timecards, etc). Always include MEPRS Army Func Spt on your message. If your AMPO Analyst is unavailable, the other Analyst will have visibility of the issue and be able to assist. Please include Elizabeth Arzola on messages relating to Account Request Forms and stuck timecards only. Call your AMPO Analyst today and ask about DMHRSi implementation at the Headquarters and Regional level—CALL TODAY!

