



# Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

## Bacon's Bits

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This edition of the newsletter is our 26th edition. So, Happy 26th Monthiversary!

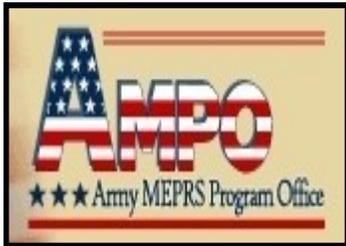
Some of you may have seen the email sent out by PASBA containing a survey with several questions referencing the value add of the Worldwide Workload Report (WWR). Although, the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Data Quality Management Control Program (DQMCP) Workgroup is discussing using some other process to measure workload and systems other than the WWR, there has been no further official discussion outside the work group. The intent of the email was to give those individuals identified at each MTF as being responsible for the WWR an opportunity to express their thoughts on the subject. We will continue to use the WWR as part of our MEPRS reconciliation.

As a reminder, all MEPRS POCs should have the DeskI software installed on their PCs. DeskI software is required to complete the reformat of the EASi reports. If DeskI is not yet loaded, please contact the MHS Help Desk, 1-800-600-9332, to request the DeskI software for the EAS IV Repository. Please get with your analyst if you have not seen the document that was sent out containing instructions on how to reformat the EASi reports.

Summer is officially here and Mother Nature must be really hot as the temperatures are soaring. However, that should not stop you from celebrating National Hot Dog Day on 23 July. Did you know Americans consume approximately 20 billion hot dogs a year? The record of consuming 69 hot dogs in 10 minutes was set last year and the largest hot dog is 1,996 feet? I guess we should all be thankful that McDonald's doesn't sell hot dogs. Do you think you could order a McWiener with a straight face?

As you celebrate the birthday of America with your friends, family and loved ones please make sure you break out the sunscreen, drink plenty of water and be safe. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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 FY07-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!

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**BEDDED:**  
FT WAINWRIGHT  
BERNADETTE MEEK & STAFF  
CONGRATULATIONS!

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**UNBEDDED:**  
REDSTONE ARSENAL  
CATHY COLLINS & STAFF  
AWESOME JOB!

## Soldier Centered Medical Home (SCMH)

Every SCMH should have Primary Care (PC), Behavioral Health (BH), Nurse Case Management (NCM), Physical Therapy (PT), Clinical Pharmacist (0.5 FTE), Dietician (0.3 FTE), and a PEBLO/ PEBLO assistant. It will contain Lab, RAD, and Pharmacy. The care will be provided in a facility eligible for Joint Commission survey (Cat500) and be in close proximity to the Soldiers' primary work area. It does not require but, must synchronize with Aid Stations, SRP, Wellness Centers, ASAP, Community Health, Dental, Optometry, and IDES.

SCMH will follow the same basic procedures that the other medical homes do. For example, an attachment 3 specifically for SCMH will be forwarded as part of the FY13 guidance and must be approved by the regional POCs prior to AMPO applying the MEPRS Codes/FCCs.

For more details, visit our website at <http://www.ampo.amedd.army.mil>. Click on Guidance & Tables (listed on the left.) Click Medical Home Guidance (on the right.) Click Soldier Centered Medical Home Presentation (on the bottom right.)

Please direct all questions to your site's AMPO analyst.

## GME/GDE DMHRSi Timecards

All GME/GDE students who are incoming or graduating in June and July will need to have their DMHRSi timecards batched entered. Their assignment category will need to be changed due to their departure or arrival from Regular-full time to GME/GDE or vice versa. This change in assignment category affects the flow of the timecards in DMHRSi and causes the timecard to get stuck. In order to keep the timecards from getting stuck, the timecards should be batched entered.

GME/GDE students who are not incoming or graduating in June and July will not need to have a change in their assignment category and will not be affected. The normal monthly timecard can be entered for them.



## AMPO Assist and Reference Tools

AMPO will deploy a consolidated database to assist the DMHRSi and MEPRS users searching for FCC descriptions within 6010, Appendix 3, and the DMHRSi Task Table. This Access database will be incorporated with existing Assist Tool Databases so we have one centralized assist tool for the MTFs to use. We are also in the development phase of building a Financial Reconciliation Database to aid in creating the Monthly Financial Reconciliation document.

## Embedded Behavioral Health (EBH)

Sites may be hearing the term EBH used to describe many initiatives. When used properly, the term actually refers to Behavioral Health (BH) provided in the Brigade footprint. What this means is that EBH teams will be located in close proximity to the Brigade they serve, rather than being located in the MTF. Temporarily they may not be located with the Brigade, but as EBH evolves, they will be.

If you hear that they are including EBH in Medical Home, that's not the EBH initiative we are referring to. EBH in the Medical Home is actually referring to the BH personnel working within the Medical Home teams.

Criteria for EBH Initiative: (1) One group of BH personnel working to support a specific Brigade. (2) Prior to requesting the EBH MEPRS Code/FCC, ensure the workcenter meets the definition in the DoD 6010-13M of a standalone workcenter.

Approval Granted: When EBH criteria is met, send an email to your AMPO analyst and MEPRS Func Spt. AMPO will forward the request to the BH POC for approval to use the EBH MEPRS code/FCC. AMPO will let you know once approval has been granted.

Short-term Solution: EBH will be captured under the parent DMIS ID until a permanent building is constructed. The workload and manhours will be captured in the workcenter where the work is being performed which could be an existing workcenter. When the EBH MEPRS Code/FCC is approved, sites should remember that the approval is for a specific Brigade and should be used only by the employees working in the standalone workcenter supporting that specific Brigade.



**Question:** Where should time spent as the Equal Opportunity Representative (EOR) or duties performed as a Union Representative be reported, when the individual is not the MTF Command EOR?

**Answer:** FCGA - Military Organizational Activity or FCGD for Dental .