



Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

Bacon's Bits

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I understand some of you did not appreciate my sense of humor (as witty and clever as it is) in the last newsletter. Well, I am still having a good laugh about it. It reminds me of when you buy a bike and it says "read all the instructions before assembly". LOL - thank you for being such good sports, but since I had such a good time with the April's Fool joke, you might want to consider reading the entire newsletter as you never know when I might slip you another curve ball.

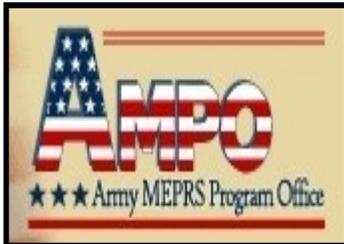
Hopefully, all of you have submitted your Business Objects (BO) account requests that were transitioned when EAS IV v6.0 was deployed. If you did not send your account request to Audrey Heil, it's too late. She is not accepting any more EAS User validation forms. Anyone who did not submit their forms, have lost their EAS IV BO access. This does not mean you have lost your EAS IV application account, however, you will not be able to access any applications reports or the EAS IV repository until you process a new EAS IV account request through AMPO. If you have any questions, please contact your AMPO analyst.

You may have noticed that the AMPO web site has not been accessible for a while. I made the decision to take it off-line due to security issues. We are meeting with our Operations Security (OPSEC) personnel to address the issues that were discovered. If there is anything you need that was posted on the web page, just give us a call.

Please join me in wishing Catherine and Liz much success in their new jobs. Catherine will continue to great things for MEPRS in her new MEPRS role in Bavaria and Liz will join the Freedom of Information Act Office here at Fort Sam. They will both be missed.

AMPO would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day. Once again, on this solemn occasion, please remember and honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, those in harms ways and their brave families. Take a moment and say thank you to all who have served, fallen and currently serving our great country. Have a great and relaxing Memorial Day weekend and

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!

BEDDED:
FT. BENNING
JUDY MASON & STAFF
CONGRATULATIONS!

UNBEDDED:
REDSTONE ARSENAL
CATHY COLLINS & STAFF
AWESOME JOB!

EAS Release 6.0

The deployment of EAS IV v6.0/6.0.0.1 was completed on the weekend of April 27, 2012. EAS IV version 6.0 includes an upgrade to the Business Objects ad hoc reporting software, to BOXi Release 3.0. This upgrade will allow users the following options related to Business Objects reporting:

- (1) Webi version, which runs on the centralized web server and does **not** require the user to load Business Objects software on the desktop; and/or
- (2) Deski version, which requires the user to load the Business Objects software on the desktop.

The Deski software can be obtained via opening an MHS Help Desk ticket through Service designated channels. Installation instructions and report conversion are part of the EAS IV Repository Functional Users Guide (FUG). For all reports stored on a user's desktop that will need to be viewed later or converted, please do the following prior to uninstalling the current BOXi software: Open report and Save for "ALL USERS".

Also, the Repository URL has changed to: <https://tma-bi.csd.disa.mil>. Please use this URL to access the Repository. The application URL has not changed.

Please review EAS Bulletin 12-14, distributed by AMPO on 10 Apr 12 for more details.

Provider Aggregate RVUs and Associated PBAM Reimbursement

The new business rules of including the skill crediting (also called nurse crediting) into the Provider Aggregate RVU has presented the question/issue of re-processing each encounter for each of the Providers with an updated Medical Specialty and the associated PBAM reimbursement. In discussion with our PBAM point of contact, the answer to whether PBAM will reimburse once the data is reprocessed is a conditional Yes. Conditional because if the records are not retransmitted to the MDR and reprocessed in M2, then PBAM will not pick them up. If the workload occurs outside the current rolling-12 period, then PBAM will not pick them up. Any data retransmitted will not be picked up until the next data pull which is at the end of April and will be for the data Period March 2011 - Feb 2012. None of the previous reports will be updated and any new data will only be reflected in the current report.



Question: What is the number populated by the user's name on the Site Application Administrator's (SAA) screen?

Answer: The number populated by the user's name on the SAA screen is the last four numbers of the employee's Social Security Number, **Not** the DMHRSi number.

