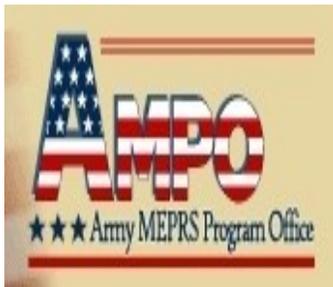


# Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

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## Bacon's Bits

I experienced my first earthquake last week while sitting at my office. Although, it only caused faint tremors for about 10 seconds, it was a rare and record-breaking earthquake with a magnitude of 4.6. This happened right after I was reading an article about how 1/4 of all candy sold annually in the United States is purchased for Halloween. Now we don't get a lot of trick-or-treaters out in our neck of the woods, but none the less, I did buy my fair share of candy because well, it was there. So, I'm thinking if I don't want another earth moving under my feet experience; perhaps I should back off from eating some of that candy! We've included a photo from our Halloween bash for your viewing pleasure.

Although, there is no direct impact on MEPRS, I wanted to share some of the FY12 Performance Based Adjustment Model (PBAM) changes. There are no changes to Inpatient workload; however, we are converting the Relative Value Units (RVUs) from the Standard Ambulatory Data Record (SADR) Enhanced Total RVUs to the Comprehensive Ambulatory/Professional Encounter Record (CAPER) Provider Aggregate RVUs. Another change is the alignment of the PBAM baseline with the Business Plans. From a quality perspective, a few new metrics have been proposed that include an addition of an inpatient patient satisfaction metric and a new evidence based practice metric for well child visits. Also, there is a proposed medical readiness incentive for periodic health assessments.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Sherri Johnson as our new Army MEPRS Program Office (AMPO) Administrative Assistant. Sherri started working with AMPO about 3 weeks ago. She recently retired after 20 years with the Army Reserves and was previously working in the Lessons Learned Division at the Army Medical Center and School (AMEDDDC&S). We are very happy to have her as a member of our MEPRS team.

The AMPO would like to wish everyone a happy and beautiful Thanksgiving and hopes this Thanksgiving finds you with plenty of reasons to give thanks.

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, and Discrepancies for FY07-FY11 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's). Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

MEDCEN:

FT. HOOD  
DIANE PAPKE & STAFF

EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!

BEDDED:

FT. POLK  
J.C. SARVER & STAFF

CONGRATULATIONS!

UNBEDDED:

FT. LEAVENWORTH  
LINDA HIXSON & STAFF

AWESOME JOB!

## DMHRSi Account Guidance

Please follow the guidance below when submitting requests to remove end dates, create accounts, and add roles/responsibilities.

Effective 7 November 2011, AMPO will only accept one AMPO-DMHRSi Role Request Form a day from each MEPRS reporting facility. The form can be downloaded at the following website address.

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/folder/33598954>.

Messages requesting the removal of end dates from accounts must include either the employee's DMHRSi user name or the full name (to include middle initial). AMPO can only add the labor cost assignment (LCA) roles. Do not include requests for Human Resources (HR) or Manpower roles when sending the request to the Army MEPRS Program Office (AMPO).

All AMPO-DMHRSi Role Request Forms should be forwarded to MEPRS Func Spt, your AMPO analyst, and Elizabeth Arzola. It is not necessary to include anyone else.

Requests sent to the DMHRSi help desk or the DMHRSi accounts email address, cannot be sent to AMPO. AMPO cannot add roles/ responsibilities or end date accounts if the request has already been sent to either of those addresses.

Questions on this guidance should be forwarded to your AMPO analyst.

## FY12 MEPRS Training Opportunities

The Tri-care Management Activity (TMA) has determined there will not be a Tri-Service MEPRS conference in FY12. This decision was based on funding restrictions due to federal budget constraints.

Don't be too depressed, AMPO will be offering classes on a quarterly basis. The first session will be conducted during the first quarter of FY12 (tentatively scheduled for the week of 5 December 2011). The subject of the first session will be focused on DMHRSi training. Specific details will be forwarded the week of 31 October 2011.

### Capturing the Housekeeping Man-Hours in DMHRSi

DMHRSi requires a bi-weekly timecard for the Housekeeping personnel record. Since Housekeeping hours are completed and provided to MEPRS at the end of the month, the timecard submitted for the first pay period of the month should be entered with "0" hours and the timecard entered for the last pay period of the month should include the entire amount of house-keeping man-hours for the month.

The AMPO will not count housekeeping timecards as discrepancies against the sites for the first pay periods of the months. They will be handled the same way we handle GME/GDE timecards. The housekeeping timecards are expected to be in "approved" status for the last pay period of every month.

## Relative Value Units

When the Military Health System (MHS) Prospective Payment System (PPS) was initiated in 2005, Simple Work RVU was used. Simple Work RVU continued to be used for both PPS and the Performance Based Adjustment Model (PBAM) through FY10. In FY11, both the PPS and PBAM switched to use of the Total Enhanced RVU. For FY12, both will use the Provider Aggregate (PA) RVU. The PA RVU is the sum of Provider Aggregate Practice Expense RVU and the Provider Aggregate Work RVU and is included in the M2 CAPER Detail as of the October 2011 M2 Data Dictionary update.

## DMHRSi Questions on the Data Quality Statement

The suspense date for questions 3c & 3d on the DQ Statement is the last calendar day of the month following the data month being reported (i.e. September data month has a suspense date of 31 October).

Listed below are the two DMHRSi questions on the Data Quality Statement.

Question 1: 3c) For DMHRSi, what is the percentage of submitted timecards by the suspense date?

Question 2: 3d) For DMHRSi, what is the percentage of approved timecards by the suspense date?

## DMHRSi Questions on the Data Quality Statement (cont)

This means that for September, you will be asked to pull the data for these questions on 31 October. You will run the DoD Batch and Timecard Status Report on 31 October and for question 3c, give them the percentage of timecards that show as being submitted. That would include all timecards in any status except "working" or "not Submitted". You would also give them the percentage of those timecards that were submitted that show approved. At that point you would be about 15 days away from your EAS transmission data so everything should show as 100% submitted and 100% approved.

DMHRSi Question: How do I find the occupation code table for Air Force and Navy?

Answer: The FY12 occupation code tables are available on the MEPRS AKO web page at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/folder/32976334>.

The web page contains other valuable FY12 guidance and tables.

## AMPO Halloween Party

