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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, US ARMY DENTAL COMMAND
COMMANDERS, US ARMY REGIONAL DENTAL COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Disposition of Reserve Component Soldiers with Dental Conditions that Prevent Deployment

1. References:

a. Memorandum, ASA (M&RA), 24 October 2003, subject: Release From Active Duty of Mobilized Personnel Not Qualified For Deployment (enclosure 1).

b. Memorandum, DASG-HS, 5 November 2003, subject: Disposition of Reserve Component Soldiers with Medical Conditions that Prevent Deployment (enclosure 2).

2. This memorandum provides guidance on managing Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers activated for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom and identified with severe, non-deployable Class 3 dental conditions that require prolonged periods of complex dental care. This guidance should be disseminated immediately to dental and medical personnel involved in the dental evaluation of RC Soldiers called to active duty for the military contingency operations as noted.

3. Those Soldiers identified within the first 25 days after reporting for active duty as having severe non-deployable Class 3 dental conditions requiring lengthy treatment and rehabilitation that would result in Soldiers missing their latest arrival date (LAD) will be released from active duty and returned to prior duty status at home of record. These may include, but are not limited to Soldiers diagnosed with dental conditions that require immediate complete dentures or extensive immediate partial dentures, severe dental disease requiring multi-specialty treatment, oral pathology conditions requiring long courses of surgical and/or chemo/radiation therapies (e.g. oral cancer), and significant oral defects requiring surgical repair and prosthetic replacement.

4. In accordance with reference a, the Soldier's mobilization orders must contain the following statement: *"Pursuant to Presidential Executive Order of (date), you are relieved from your present reserve component status and ordered to active duty. Proceed from your current location in sufficient time to report by the date specified. If upon reporting for duty you fail to meet deployment medical standards based on a temporary or permanent medical condition, you may be released from active duty and returned to your prior reserve status and returned to your home address, subject to a subsequent order to active duty upon resolution of the disqualifying medical condition."*

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This guidance has been incorporated into Annex B of the G-1 Personnel Policy Guidance, located at http://www.armyg1.army.mil/Directorates/pr/pro/ConsolidatedPPG/AnnexB_OF_28Oct03.doc.

5. RC Soldiers on active duty orders for 30 days or more with permanent dental conditions who are identified as not meeting medical/dental retention standards of Chapter 3, AR 40-501 are required to undergo MEB/PEB processing prior to release from active duty. This applies regardless of whether the Soldier served less than 30 days before the dental conditions were identified.
6. Prior to release from active duty in accordance with reference a, above, the soldier will be provided treatment guidance for resolving disqualifying dental condition.
7. In accordance with Annex E of the G-1 Personnel Policy Guidance (located at http://www.armyg1.army.mil/Directorates/pr/pro/ConsolidatedPPG/AnnexE_Med_Den.doc), Soldiers in dental class 3 are eligible for deployment within CONUS in support of Operation Noble Eagle.
8. The point of contact for this subject is the undersigned, DSN 761-3033.

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