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MEMORANDUM FOR the ARNG Education and Incentives Personnel of all States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Guam and the District of Columbia.

SUBJECT: Army National Guard (ARNG) Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Kicker Transfer from the United States Army Reserve (USAR) policy update

1. The ARNG MGIB Kicker Policy (NGB-ARM Policy # 07-12), dated 20 August 2007, paragraph 8(f) states "Prior Service (PS) Soldiers that have not completed their initial 6-year Kicker obligation may not transfer a Kicker from another RC unless such a transfer is allowed by the original Kicker contract and approved by the Chief, National Guard Bureau." Due to the increased interest in the transfer of United States Army Reserve (USAR) Kicker contracts it has been found to be in the best interest of ARNG to allow PS Soldiers to transfer their USAR Kicker contract upon enlistment in the ARNG. The submission of Exception to Policy memorandums for this category of Soldiers is no longer required.
2. This change in policy only effects PS Soldiers who have an existing USAR Kicker contract with remaining eligibility for both Kicker benefits and either the Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve, Chapter 1606 or Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty, Chapter 30 educational assistance programs and who meet all applicable ARNG PS Kicker eligibility criteria.
3. In order to transfer a Kicker from the USAR, State GI Bill Managers must do the following:
 - a. Review the USAR Kicker contract to determine if it is transferable. Transferable USAR Kicker contracts contain the following statement: Paragraph 6a(3): "For any reason other than (1) or (2) above, my Kicker benefits will terminate (with recoupment) unless the Chief, National Guard Bureau authorizes continued receipt of Kicker benefits based on my enlistment into the ARNGUS."
 - b. Ensure the period of time served in the USAR and the ARNG enlistment total at least 6 years. Periods of service in the Inactive National Guard (ING) and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) must not be included in this calculation.
 - c. Ensure the Soldier meets all applicable ARNG PS Kicker eligibility criteria.
 - d. Add the Kicker contract information into iMARC, to include the original USAR eligibility date, which can be found in the DMDC database, and issue an ARNG Kicker control number. EXAMPLE: The BA-Eligible date in the USAR was 20050629. Therefore, the BA-Eligible date for this Kicker in the ARNG would also be 20050629.
 - e. Add Kicker transfer information into the Remarks section of the Soldier's iMARC record.
4. POC for this message is MAJ Troy M. Gipps, GI Bill Programs Manager, COMM: (501)

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