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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL OF ALL STATES, PUERTO RICO, THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM AND THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SUBJECT: (All States Log Number P00-0060) Chapter 2 Prior Service Physical Examination Processing

1. Reference NGB-ARZ-HRP (600), memorandum 29 June 2000, subject (All States Log Number P00-0048) Medical Processing of Prior Service Enlistees.
2. As of that date, the States are authorized to complete a Chapter 2 physical examination IAW AR 40-501, on prior service member applicants and current service members who are required to meet Chapter 2 medical accession standards. The following Chapter 2 physical examinations are authorized to be completed by the States:
 - a. Prior Service Enlistment.
 - b. Prior Service Direct Appointment.
 - c. Prior Service Commissioning.
 - d. Prior Service Officer Candidate School (OCS).
 - e. Prior Service AGR Title 10/32 Accession.
3. Applicants with prior service, who desire a commission in the AMEDD are required to have a Chapter 2 physical completed by Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS). If an active duty installation's Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) is available, that MTF may also perform the physical, however, the physical and all test results will be forwarded to NGB-ARS for approval. A Fort Rucker stamped Chapter 2 flight physical requires no review by NGB-ARS. This paragraph is an exception to 2b, 2d, and 2e above.
4. The above referenced policy letter authorizes completion of prior service Chapter 2 physical examinations at both ARNG and USAR medical component units as well as through civilian contract physicians. It is strongly recommended that these physicals be completed through the STARC medical detachments.
5. Quality Assurance/Control (QA/QC) of the physical examination processing is essential. Adherence to Chapter 2 medical requirements is critical to ensuring a medically fit force for both Federal and State missions. The State Surgeon will be responsible for QA/QC of these Chapter 2 physical examinations.

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6. The State Surgeon's QA/QC Program will ensure prior service Chapter 2 physical examinations are completed through the STARC medical detachment, USAR assets or contract services are in compliance with AR 40-501, Chapter 2 medical requirements.

7. The QA/QC Program will ensure that the State Surgeon or a designated Military Health Care Provider will review prior service Chapter 2 physical examinations completed at facilities other than MEPS. The reviewer will ensure:

- a. The PULHES profile is IAW AR 40-501, Chapter 7.
- b. The Report of Medical Examination is IAW AR 40-501, Chapter 8.
- c. The medical standards used to qualify or disqualify the applicant are IAW the applicable chapters for the program for which they are applying.
- d. The examination must be approved and signed by the reviewing officer.
- e. The purpose of the examination is clearly noted.

8. Oversight of the QA/QC Program for the prior service Chapter 2 physical examinations remains with the Chief Surgeon, National Guard Bureau (NGB-ARS). There is no change to the current medical waiver request process. The Chief Surgeon, National Guard Bureau, as delegated by the Office of the Surgeon General, is the medical waiver approval authority for the ARNG.

9. This memorandum supersedes All States (Log Number P00-0048) and will expire 30 September 2001 unless sooner rescinded or superseded.

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