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

SUBJECT: All States Log Letter (P99-0006) Policy Changes to NGR 40-501 and Re-Emphasis of AR 40-501, Chapter 2 Requirements

1. Recently there has been some confusion reference AR 40-501, Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 physical examinations. Also, several states have made inquiries and requests to have their STARC MED DET to do physical examinations on prior military service members and to have the flexibility to meet Operational Mission Support surge requirements. This All States Letter is to re-emphasis AR 40-501, Chapter 2 requirements while changing some sections of NGR 40-501 to allow states to perform Chapter 3 physicals in some instances where Chapter 2 physicals were previously required. The following are requirements and changes to NGR 40-501.

2. The requirement for soldiers to meet AR 40-501, Chapter 2 standards for initial entry into the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Program per AR 135-18, Table 2-1 and NGR 40-501, Chapter 2-2 and 12-1 remains unchanged.

3. The requirements for non-prior service for initial enlistment or appointment and prior service disability separated/retired applicants to have AR 40-501, Chapter 2 physicals and to be examined only at Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) per NGR 40-501, Chapter 5-1 remains unchanged. Any other Chapter 2 physical may be accomplished at an Active Component Military Medical Treatment Facility or MEPS (NGR 40-501, Chapter 12-1).

4. NGR 40-501, paragraph 2-1 change current paragraph to read a. and add paragraph b as follows:

b. REENLISTMENT

Per AR 40-501, paragraph 2-2c(4), a Chapter 2 physical is required to re-enlist a soldier in the AC or RC after a period of more than 6 months has elapsed since discharge. Enlisted service members have initial eight year Military Service Obligations (MSO) with usually shorter contractual active duty obligations. Therefore, a prior service member with an initial MSO, separated/released from the Active Component after finishing a contractual obligation can be "enlisted" into the ARNG anytime after separation from active duty and prior to six months after initial MSO discharge with a Chapter 3 physical examination. STARC Med Dets may perform these Chapter 3 physicals.

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5. NGR 40-501, paragraph 2-3, replace with following statement: Entry into any full time active duty, other than AGR Title 10/32 program, for a period greater than 30 days requires a AR 40-501, Chapter 3 review. As long as the ARNG soldier's last physical examination is within the validity (AR 40-501, Chapter 8-14) and frequency (AR 40-501, Chapter 8-19) period of time, this requirement can be met by a current (within the last 60 days) Annual Medical Certificate reviewed by the State Surgeon, or Physician/ Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner designee. If the soldier has a condition that warrants a 3 or 4 designation in any of the PULHE profiles, the soldier must appear before the State Medical Duty Retention Board (MDRB) and be found to be deployable and meeting the retention standards of AR 40-501, Chapter 3 prior to entry on active duty.

6. Delete paragraph 12-2 and 12-3, NGR 40-501.

7. The point of contact is the undersigned at DSN: 327-7140 or commercial 703-607-7140.

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