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Summary

Army National Guard Dental Readiness is an essential component of Unit health readiness. Appropriate dental readiness is a prerequisite for Soldiers and Units to qualify for mobilization. Soldiers may elect to receive dental care and treatment from an alternative provider but cost will be at the Soldiers' expense and not entitled to reimbursement from the ARNG channels.

Title 10 and 32/M-day Soldiers may receive dental care at no personal cost whether it is directed as part of a military medical exam or at the Soldiers' request. A Title 10 Soldier who requires dental attention while In-Theater or while mobilized must receive treatment at an Army Clinic.

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Department of Defense - Oral Health and Readiness Classification

The purpose of this Classification System is to help commanders estimate how many of their Soldiers are likely to require treatment for dental emergencies during a deployment. Commanders can minimize personnel losses to treatment or MEDEVAC by ensuring that as many soldiers as possible are Dental Class 1 prior to deployment.

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Soldier has had a complete dental exam within the past year	Soldier requires some type of dental care or re-check	Soldier requires dental care as soon as possible	Soldier requires a complete dental exam
Soldier does not require any dental care	Simple filling	A dental emergency is likely to occur if the condition is not corrected	Disease status is unknown
	Dental cleaning	Badly decayed teeth	Soldier is not deployable
	Simple wisdom tooth extraction	Severe gum disease	
		Root canal	
		Painful or diseased wisdom tooth	
		Soldier is not deployable	

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Quick Guide: Achieving dental readiness

1. Soldiers will contact their Unit Readiness Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)
2. The Unit Readiness NCO will obtain authorization from the Deputy State Surgeon (DSS) for the Soldier to seek care and treatment from either a government dentist or a contracted provider.
3. Soldiers receiving care from a provider authorized by the DSS will receive a classification of 1, 2, or 3.
4. Class 1 and 2 will have their paperwork processed by the attending provider. Class 3 will be given instructions to contact their Unit to garner authorization for additional care from the DSS.
5. For a Soldier in Demobilization Dental Reset (DDR), a Soldier whose classification is Class 1 or Class 2 will continue with the Demobilization process. For a Soldier that is Class 3, the dentist at DDR will determine if the Soldier is treatable while at DEMOB, or prepare a treatment plan for a secondary appointment.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where is Dental Readiness information located?

- A. MEDPROS is the system used to track all immunization, medical readiness, and deployability data for all Active and Reserve Components of the Army as well as DA Civilians, contractors and others. It is a powerful tool allowing the chain of command to determine the medical and dental readiness of individuals, units, and task forces. Commanders and Medical leaders at various echelons are responsible for the use and implementation of MEDPROS to measure their unit/individual medical readiness status.

Q. Does dental readiness affect my Soldier Readiness Processing?

- A. The Soldier Readiness Program, or SRP, outlined in AR 600-8-101 requires that Soldiers' readiness status be checked at least once a year, and within 30 days before a unit deployment. The SRP requires commanders to maximize Soldier readiness by identifying and correcting non-deployment conditions, such as poor oral health.

Q. Is it possible to update Dental Readiness remotely when dental care is from non-Army/non-military dental providers?

- A. Reserve or Guard personnel who receive Dental care from non-Army/non-military dental providers can still update their Dental Readiness. So can remotely stationed Army Active Duty. Soldiers must download DD Form 2813 Dental Examination. The Soldier must complete fields 1-5. Print out the form and take it to your non-Army Dental provider. The non-Army Dentist must complete section 6-11. It is the Soldier's responsibility to ensure that the form is sent to the proper place. Mail or Fax the DD Form 2813 to the Soldier's Deputy State Surgeon's Office. Only your State medical personnel can change your MEDPROS dental classification. Your DD Form 2813 should be sent to the Deputy State Surgeon's office to be added to your

record and your classification entered into MEDPROS. The completed DD Form 2813 will be accepted at SRP sites as evidence of dental readiness status.

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Links

- [AKO - My Dental](#)
My Dental is under the Self Service tab on AKO and provides all the information pertaining to the Army National Guard Dental Program.
- [Dental.com](#)
Provides links to insurance information, dental plans, dental care, and many other topics related to dental.
- [MEDPROS](#)
The Medical Protection System (MEDPROS) is designed to track immunization, medical readiness, and deployability data for all Active and Reserve Components of the Army as well as DA Civilians, contractors and others.
- [TRICARE Dental](#)
The TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) is the only dental plan sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD) for National Guard/Reserve sponsors and their Families.

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References

Regulations

- [AR 40-501 Chapter 2, Standards of Medical Fitness](#)

Documents and Forms

- [DA Army Personnel Policy, Policy for Overseas Contingency Operations](#)
- [DD 2813, Department of Defense Active Duty/Reserve Forces Dental Examination](#)
- [Department of the Army Personnel Policy, Policy for Overseas Contingency Operations](#)
- [Health Affairs Policy \(02-011\), Policy on Standardization of Oral Health and Readiness Classifications](#)
- [HQDA EXORD 310-08, Reserve Component Demobilization Dental Reset \(DDR\)](#)
- [Memorandum, Policy in Support of Establishing the Army Selected Reserve \(SELRES\) Dental Readiness System](#)
- [Memorandum, Policy on Standardization of Oral Health and Readiness Classifications](#)
- [SF 603A, Medical Records – Dental Continuation](#)

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Points of Contact

- Office of the Chief Surgeon, Chief of Clinical Services (ARNG-CSG-C)
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