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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMAND SURGEON, US ARMY AFRICA
COMMAND SURGEON, US NAVAL FORCES AFRICA
COMMAND SURGEON, US AIR FORCES AFRICA
COMMAND SURGEON, US MARINE CORPS FORCES AFRICA
COMMAND SURGEON, SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
AFRICA
FORCE SURGEON, COMBINED -JOINT TASK FORCE -
HORN OF AFRICA

SUBJECT: Process for Medical Waiver Request Pending Entry to U.S. Africa Command Area of Operations

1. References: (a) DoD USD (P&R) Instruction 6490.03, Deployment Health, 11 August 2006, certified 30 September 2011
(b) DoD ASD (HA) Memorandum, subject: "Clinical Practice Guidance for Deployment-Limiting Mental Disorders and Psychotropic Medications", 7 October 2013
(c) DoD USD (P&R) Directive 1404.10, DoD Civilian Expeditionary Workforce, 23 January 2009
(d) DoD USD (P&R) Instruction 6490.07, Deployment- Limiting Medical Conditions for Service Members and DoD Civilians Employees, 5 February 2010
(e) DoD USD (AT&L) Instruction 3020.41, Operational Contract Support (OCS), 20 December 2011
(f) Exhibit A To Tab A To Appendix 6 To Annex Q To CDRUSAFRICOM Theater Campaign Plan 7000-12, Medical Readiness Requirements for Deployment and Travel, 29 June 2013
(g) USAFRICOM Command Surgeon Memorandum, subject: "Delegation of Authority for Medical Waiver Pending Entry to U.S. Africa Command Area of Operations", 5 June 2014
(h) DoD ASD (HA) Regulation 8580.02-R, DoD Health Information Security Regulation, 12 July 2007
2. The purpose of this memorandum is to define the process for requesting, routing, replying to, and archiving medical waiver requests pending entry to U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) Area of Operations (AO) for uniformed personnel, civilians and contractors (herein collectively referred to as Personnel) who do not meet deployment health standards.
3. All personnel require a health screening prior to entering the USAFRICOM AO. Personnel identified as having one or more deployment limiting medical conditions or deficiencies in

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health requirements, as defined by references 1(a)-(f), must either correct the conditions prior to entering the USAFRICOM AO or must obtain an approved medical waiver (see Attachment 1).

4. IAW Reference 1(d), Commanders or supervisors wishing to deploy an individual with a medical condition that could be disqualifying must request a waiver. Initiate the waiver request using the "USAFRICOM Medical Waiver Request" form (see Attachment 2). Once the waiver request package is completed, submit the request package to the HQ USAFRICOM Force Health Protection Branch (FHP)'s organizational mailbox at africom.stuttgart.acsg.mbx.j004-force-health-protection@mail.mil. The request will be subsequently routed to the appropriate waiver granting authority, as determined by Reference 1(g). Requests may also be sent directly to the appropriate waiver granting authority.

5. Waiver granting authorities will notify HQ AFRICOM FHP Branch upon receipt of waiver requests and will either grant, deny or request further information, if needed, within five (5) working days. The waiver granting authority will communicate directly with the requester and/or provider if additional information is needed. Adjudicated requests will be returned to the requesting office, and copies of the adjudicated requests will be sent to the USAFRICOM FHP Branch's organizational mailbox listed in Paragraph 4. The requester and waiver authority will comply with Protected Health Information (PHI) requirements to protect the confidentiality and integrity of data during electronic transmission of waiver request documents IAW Reference 1(h).

6. Any requests received by a waiver granting authority that does not have appropriate jurisdiction for the specific individual should be immediately returned to HQ USAFRICOM FHP for re-routing to the appropriate waiver granting authority.

7. This policy supersedes all previous policies and is effective 5 June 2014. The primary point of contact (POC) for this memorandum is Maj Juan C. León, Public Health Officer, HQ USAFRICOM FHP Branch at DSN 314-421-4741, Comm. (0)711 729-4741 or by email at juan.c.leon2.mil@mail.mil. Alternate POC is LTC Sueann Ramsey, Chief, HQ USAFRICOM FHP Branch at DSN 314-421-4673, Comm. (0) 711 729-4673 or by email at sueann.o.ramsey.mil@mail.mil.



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Attachments:

1. Medical Waiver Flow Chart
2. USAFRICOM Medical Waiver Request Form