

OVERVIEW OF USAFRICOM Area of Operations (AO) MEDICAL WAIVER POLICY/PROCEDURE

As of 1 JUN 2014

1. Any personnel (uniformed, civilian [DoD or interagency], contractor) requiring entry into AFRICOM AO must undergo health screening to ensure compliance with all applicable DoD, Service, and AFRICOM health standards. See references for DoD and AFRICOM health standards (below). Check with your Service for any other specific guidance.
2. Personnel not meeting health standards must submit a medical waiver request. (See attached form or go to the AFRICOM NIPR website [<http://www.africom.mil/staff-resources>] to obtain the form.)
3. All completed requests will be sent to AFRICOM Force Health Protection (FHP) Branch at the following organizational mailbox: africom.stuttgart.acsg.mbx.j004-force-health-protection@mail.mil. AFRICOM FHP will route requests to the appropriate approval authority. Requests may also be sent directly to the approval authority. Waiver authority will grant, deny or request further information, if needed, within five (5) working days. If you receive a request that you are not authorized to approve, please forward it to AFRICOM FHP Branch immediately.
4. Appropriate waiver approval authority reviews and grants/denies request and replies to applicant and AFRICOM FHP Branch.
5. AFRICOM FHP Branch archives all adjudicated waiver requests.

DELEGATION OF MEDICAL WAIVER AUTHORITY

A. USAFRICOM Command Surgeon has waiver authority for:

1. Any personnel (uniformed, civilian, contractor) of any agency (DoD or interagency), assigned to AFRICOM HQ and entering the AFRICOM AOR.
2. Any personnel (uniformed, civilian, contractor) PCSing to AFRICOM AOR on DoD orders.
3. Any DoD personnel (civilian or contractor) unaffiliated with a specific Service (DIA, DTRA, OSD, etc.) entering AFRICOM AOR on DoD orders.
4. Any non-DoD personnel (uniformed, civilian, contractor) entering AFRICOM AOR on DoD orders (i.e. other agency personnel [USCG, interagency, etc.] on specific DoD mission under DoD responsibility).

B. Excluding personnel covered in A (above), CJTF-HOA Surgeon has waiver authority for:

1. Any personnel (uniformed, civilian, contractor) entering CJTF-HOA CJOA on DoD orders.

C. Excluding personnel covered in A or B (above), SOCAF Surgeon has waiver authority for:

1. Any Special Operations personnel (uniformed, civilian, contractor) entering AFRICOM AOR on DoD orders. Waivers for Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) personnel entering the African continent will be adjudicated in coordination with the SOCAF Surgeon.

D. Excluding personnel covered in A, B, or C (above), Service component surgeons have waiver authority for:

1. Any other personnel (uniformed, civilian, contractor) entering AFRICOM AOR on DoD orders.

References for DoD and AFRICOM health standards

1. Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 1404.10, DoD Civilian Expeditionary Workforce, 23 January 2009
2. Department of Defense USD (AT&L) Instruction (DoDI) 3020.41, Operational Contract Support (OCS), 20 December 2011
3. DoDI USD (P&R) 6490.03, Deployment Health, 11 August 2006, certified 30 September 2011
4. DoDI USD (P&R) 6490.07, Deployment-Limiting Medical Conditions for Service Members and DoD Civilians Employees, 5 February 2010
5. DoD ASD (HA) Memorandum, "Clinical Practice Guidance for Deployment-Limiting Mental Disorders and Psychotropic Medications", 7 October 2013
6. 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 2012
7. U.S. Africa Combatant Commander Memorandum, "Delegation of Authority - U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) Medical Waivers, 22 May 2014