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BUMED NOTICE 6230

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: Holders of the Manual of the Medical Department

Subj: CHANGE TO MANUAL OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT (MANMED)
CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 15-29, SEPARATION FROM ACTIVE DUTY

Ref: (a) MANMED, Chapter 15

Encl: (1) Revised pages 15-15 and 15-16

1. Purpose. To update MANMED article 15-29.
2. Action. Remove pages 15-15 and 15-16 and replace with enclosure (1).
3. Form. SF-507 Overprint, NAVMED 6230/1 Overprint (06-01), Screening at Separation or Retirement is available at: <http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/instructions/external/external.htm>.
4. Cancellation Contingency. Retain until incorporated into reference (a).

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Deputy

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(9) Selected Reserve Affiliations

(a) SELRES and personnel in VTUs are members of the Ready Reserve who have incurred a statutory obligation upon enlistment or commissioning, reenlistment, or extension as a Navy or Marine Corps reservist.

(b) Members must be found PQ for affiliation with and assignment to a SELRES unit or VTU. For affiliation, a separation physical completed within the previous 24 months will suffice. Before being formally affiliated with a SELRES unit or VTU, the member must present a copy of the separation SF-88 and complete a new SF-93 for review and signature by the medical officer. The SF-93 must be signed by a credentialed health care provider before SELRES unit or VTU affiliation. If a credentialed provider is unavailable, the SF-93 may be signed by the MDR who must first have written authorization from his or her supervising medical officer or unit commander.

(a) DD Form 2807-1, Report of Medical History available at: <http://www.dior.whs.mil/forms/DD2807-1.PDF>.

(b) A physical examination of the member documented on DD Form 2808, Report of Medical Examination available at: <http://www.dior.whs.mil/forms/DD2808.PDF>. The examination will include blocks 1-44, 52a, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 63, 70, 71a, 71b as needed, 73 as needed, 74a, 77, 78, 81-85, and 87.

(c) DD Form 2697, Report of Medical Assessment available at: <http://www.dior.whs.mil/forms/DD2697.PDF>.

(5) Routine laboratory studies are not required as part of a separation physical examination. The examiner shall obtain whatever laboratory studies are necessary to ensure the member is fit for separation based upon review of the DD Form 2807-1 and DD Form 2697.

(6) If a service member has had a physical examination for any other purpose within the past 5 years that included a DD Form 2807-1 and DD Form 2808, or SF-93 and SF-88, then a new physical examination need not be performed. Instead, the examiner should document the following on an SF-600, Chronological Record of Medical Care:

- (a) The date the physical examination was done.
- (b) That the member's medical history was reviewed.
- (c) Any interval changes in the member's medical history since the last physical examination.
- (d) Focused examination elements as needed.
- (e) Any additional items that need to be updated.
- (f) Whether or not the member is physically qualified for separation.

(7) Each member will be required to read the following statement at the time of examination:

You are being examined because of your separation from active duty. If you feel you have a serious defect or condition that interferes, or has interfered, with the performance of your military duties, advise the examiner. If you are considered by the examiner to be not physically qualified for separation, you will be referred for further evaluation, and if indicated, appearance before a medical board. If however, you are found physically qualified for separation, any defects will be recorded in block 77 of DD Form 2808 or in block 43 of SF-88 or on an SF-600. Such defects, while not considered disqualifying for military service, may entitle you to certain benefits from the DVA. If you desire any further information in this regard, contact the DVA office nearest your home after separation.

15-29 **Separation from Active Duty**

(1) A separation physical examination will be conducted within 6 months of an active duty service member's retirement or completion of obligated active service. The separation physical examination ensures the service member is physically qualified for recall to active duty and documents the presence of any service-connected condition that may entitle the member to medical benefits or disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). A separation physical examination is not required for members who are being separated following completion of a Physical Evaluation Board or for recruits or trainees discharged before completion of 90 days of active service.

(2) Service members anticipating separation from active duty or retirement shall schedule a separation physical examination no later than 6 months prior to separation to preclude delays in separation secondary to medical evaluations or treatments.

(3) A separation physical examination will include a medical history and a physical examination performed by a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner privileged by the command to perform separation physical examinations.

(4) A separation physical examination will include the following elements:

(8) All members will also be requested to sign the following entry in block 73 of DD Form 2808, in block 42 of the SF-88, or on an SF-600:

I have been informed and understand the provisions of article 15-29 of the Manual of the Medical Department.

Refusal of the member to sign this statement will not delay separation. The examiner must note in block 73 of DD Form 2808, in block 42 of the SF-88, or on the SF-600 that the provisions of article 15-29 have been fully explained to the member, who declines to sign a statement to that effect.

(9) All members 35 years of age and older either separating or retiring will be offered screening for antibodies to hepatitis C virus (HCV).

(a) This testing will be voluntary and will not delay release from active duty.

(b) Though screening will be offered to those 35 years of age or older, anyone who wishes to know or is concerned regarding their HCV-infection status should be provided the opportunity for counseling, testing, and appropriate followup. The results of screening and any evaluation and treatment shall be annotated in the member's permanent medical record.

(c) Members offered HCV testing will be required to sign and date the SF-507 Overprint, (NAVMED Overprint 6230/1 (06-01)) available at: <http://navymedicine.med.navy.mil/instructions/external/external.htm>.

(10) Members of the Reserve component of the Navy or Marine Corps who are separating from active duty following annual training, active duty for special work, recall to active duty, etc., need not have a separation physical examination provided the member has had a physical examination done within the past 5 years. In this instance, the provisions of paragraph (6) of this article should be followed.

(11) For members of the Reserve component of the Navy or Marine Corps separating after a period of active duty, the following entry must be made on an SF-600 and signed by the member:

You are considered physically qualified for separation from active duty. No defects have been noted that would disqualify you from the performance of your duties or entitle you to disability benefits. Should you believe the foregoing is not correct, a medical officer will evaluate your concerns, and, if indicated, refer you to an appropriate site for further study. To receive disability benefits from the Navy, you must be

unfit to perform the duties of your office, grade, or rating because of disease or injury incurred while you are entitled to receive basic pay. After you are separated, any claims for disability benefits must be submitted to the DVA. Indicate by your signature that you understand the foregoing statement.

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Transfer of Personnel

(1) *Transfer within the United States (Except to Isolated Duty) or from Overseas or Sea Duty to the United States.* Medical and dental records will be screened by the MDR to determine a member's fitness for transfer. Immunization requirements are in BUMEDINST 6230.15 series.

(2) *Transfer to Sea Duty, Overseas Duty, or Isolated Duty within the United States*

(a) Suitability for overseas assignment is covered in BUMEDINST 1300.2 series.

(b) Members ordered to isolated duty stations or sea duty must not have medical or dental conditions that are likely to require extensive or prolonged treatment. Any required medical or dental care must be provided before the anticipated date of transfer.

(3) *Reporting Requirements*

(a) A dated and signed SF-600 entry will be made noting the health record has been screened.

(b) A member considered NPQ for transfer will be referred for appropriate evaluation, and the member's command will be promptly notified.

(c) Defects waived at the time of original entry into the Service will not be considered disqualifying unless substantial changes have occurred.

(4) *Notification or Noncompliance.* When personnel are received at ports of embarkation, aboard ships, or at overseas stations without required medical examinations, immunizations, dental treatment, or complete health records, the deficiencies must be reported to the unit commander with a written recommendation the matter be brought to the attention of the member's previous command so future overseas screening will comply with directives.