

ENCLOSURE 3

MEDICAL CONDITIONS USUALLY PRECLUDING CONTINGENCY DEPLOYMENT

This list of conditions is not intended to be all-inclusive. A list of all possible diagnoses and their severity that may cause an individual to be potentially non-deployable, pending further evaluation, would be too extensive. Medical evaluators must consider climate, altitude, rations, housing, duty assignment, and medical services available in theater when deciding whether an individual with a specific medical condition is deployable. In general, individuals with the conditions in paragraphs a. through h. of this enclosure, based upon a medical assessment as described in Enclosure 2 and Reference (1), shall not deploy unless a waiver is granted.

a. Conditions Affecting Force Health Protection

(1) Physical or psychological conditions resulting in the inability to effectively wear personal protective equipment, including protective mask, ballistic helmet, body armor, and chemical and/or biological protective garments, regardless of the nature of the condition that causes the inability to wear the equipment if wearing such equipment may be reasonably anticipated or required in the deployed location.

(2) Conditions that prohibit immunizations or the use of force health protection prescription products (FHPPPs) required for the specific deployment. Depending on the applicable threat assessment, required FHPPPs may include atropine, epinephrine, and/or pralidoxime chloride (2-PAM chloride) auto-injectors; certain antimicrobials and antimalarials; and pyridostigmine bromide.

b. Unresolved Health Conditions Requiring Care or Affecting Performance

(1) Any chronic medical condition that requires frequent clinical visits, fails to respond to adequate conservative treatment, or necessitates significant limitation of physical activity.

(2) Absence of a dental exam within the last 12 months or presence of the likelihood that dental treatment or reevaluation for oral conditions will result in dental emergencies within 12 months. Individuals being evaluated by a non-DoD civilian dentist should use DD Form 2813, "DoD Active Duty/Reserve Forces Dental Examination," as proof of dental examination (available on the Internet at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/formsprogram.htm>).

(3) Pregnancy.

(4) Any medical condition that requires either durable medical equipment or appliances, or periodic evaluation or treatment by medical specialists that is not readily available in theater.

(5) Any unresolved acute or chronic illness or injury that would impair duty performance in a deployed environment during the duration of the deployment.

(6) Cancer that requires continuing treatment or specialty medical evaluations during the anticipated duration of the deployment.

(7) Precancerous lesions that have not been treated and/or evaluated and that require treatment and/or evaluation during the anticipated duration of the deployment.

(8) Any medical condition that requires surgery or for which surgery has been performed that requires rehabilitation or additional surgery to remove devices.

(9) Any musculoskeletal condition that significantly impairs performance of duties in a deployed environment.

(10) An acute exacerbation of a physical or mental health condition that could significantly affect duty performance.

c. Conditions That Could Cause Sudden Incapacitation

(1) Recurrent loss of consciousness for any reason.

(2) Any medical condition that could result in sudden incapacitation including a history of stroke within the last 24 months, seizure disorders, and diabetes mellitus type I or II treated with insulin or oral hypoglycemic agents.

d. Pulmonary Disorders. Asthma that has a forced expiratory volume-1 (FEV-1) of less than or equal to 60 percent of predicted FEV-1 despite appropriate therapy and that has required hospitalization at least 2 times in the last 12 months, or that requires daily systemic (not inhalational) steroids.

e. Infectious Disease

(1) Active tuberculosis or known blood-borne diseases that may be transmitted to others in a deployed environment.

(2) A diagnosis of human immunodeficiency (HIV) antibody positive with the presence of progressive clinical illness or immunological deficiency. The cognizant Combatant Command surgeon shall be consulted in all instances of HIV seropositivity before medical clearance for deployment.

f. Sensory Disorders

(1) Hearing Loss. The requirement for use of a hearing aid does not necessarily preclude deployment. However, the individual must have sufficient unaided hearing to perform duties safely.

(2) Vision Loss. Best corrected visual acuity must meet job requirements to perform duties safely.

g. Cardiac and Vascular Disorders

- (1) Hypertension not controlled with medication or that requires frequent monitoring.
- (2) Symptomatic coronary artery disease.
- (3) History of myocardial infarction within 1 year of deployment.
- (4) History of coronary artery bypass graft, coronary artery angioplasty, carotid endarterectomy, other arterial stenting, or aneurysm repair within 1 year of deployment.
- (5) Cardiac dysrhythmias or arrhythmias, either symptomatic or requiring medical or electrophysiologic control (presence of an implanted defibrillator and/or pacemaker).
- (6) Heart failure.

h. Mental Health Disorders

- (1) Psychotic and/or bipolar disorders. (See Reference (i) for detailed guidance on deployment-limiting psychiatric conditions or psychotropic medications.)
- (2) Psychiatric disorders under treatment with fewer than 3 months of demonstrated stability.
- (3) Clinical psychiatric disorders with residual symptoms that impair duty performance.
- (4) Mental health conditions that pose a substantial risk for deterioration and/or recurrence of impairing symptoms in the deployed environment.
- (5) Chronic medical conditions that require ongoing treatment with antipsychotics, lithium, or anticonvulsants.

ENCLOSURE 4

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. ASD(HA). The ASD(HA), under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P&R), shall review and issue to the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Directors of the Defense Agencies and the DoD Field Activities technical adjustments to the deployment standards in Enclosure 3 as needed, based on changing conditions or additional unanticipated difficulties encountered in the in-theater management of medical conditions.

2. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS, COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD, AND DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES AND THE DoD FIELD ACTIVITIES. The Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and the Directors of the Defense Agencies and the DoD Field Activities shall:

a. Direct their respective Components to apply and uniformly implement the standards in this Instruction.

b. Ensure that:

(1) All deploying DoD personnel assigned to their respective Service, Defense Agency, or DoD Field Activity have a medical assessment in accordance with Reference (1), including a medical record review, to evaluate their medical status before contingency deployments and other deployments pursuant to paragraph 4.a. of the front matter of this Instruction.

(2) Pre-deployment processes are in place to identify individuals with deployment-limiting medical conditions.

(3) DoD personnel who occupy deployable positions maintain a high state of pre-deployment health and medical readiness.

3. CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall ensure that the Combatant Commanders:

a. Establish a minimum standard when developing medical requirements for entering the theater of operations that factors in the medical conditions described in Enclosure 3 of this Instruction.

b. Implement a medical requirements waiver process that includes waiver computerization and archival storage.

4. COMBATANT COMMANDERS. For all DoD personnel deployed or deploying to a theater within their respective Combatant Commands, the Combatant Commanders shall:

a. Establish a process for reviewing recommendations from the Services regarding the granting of exceptions to medical standards (waivers) for the conditions in Enclosure 3, including a mechanism to track and archive all approved or denied waivers and the medical conditions requiring the waivers.

b. Serve as the final approval authority for exceptions to the medical standards (waivers) made pursuant to the procedures in this Instruction.

5. COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (CDRUSSOCOM). The CDRUSSOCOM shall perform the responsibilities in section 2 of this enclosure for SOF personnel.