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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DASG-HS-AS

13 JAN 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Deferment of Periodic Medical Examinations

1. Reference memorandum, DASG-HSZ, 3 October 2003, subject: Suspension of Periodic Medical Examinations (enclosed).

2. This reissues guidance from the 3 October 2003 DASG memorandum and expands the categories of Soldiers whose periodic medical examinations may be deferred. Paragraph 8-21a, AR 40-501 provides the authority for the Office of The Surgeon General to defer periodic medical examinations where conditions (such as contingency operations) preclude the accomplishment of the examinations.

3. Effective immediately, periodic medical examinations are suspended for Soldiers serving in a deployed status OCONUS. The examinations will be deferred until the Soldier is no longer deployed. The exams should be accomplished within 180 days post-deployment. This blanket waiver means that Soldiers who require a current periodic medical examination for promotion, reenlistment, extensions on temporary active duty, or other personnel actions will not have those actions held up solely because of a requirement for a current periodic medical examination.

4. This memorandum does not preclude Command Surgeons from directing the accomplishment of periodic examinations if time and resources permit; however the mandatory requirement is suspended.

5. This suspension of periodic medical examinations does not apply to examinations required for applicants for special programs/schools or for flight physicals. Requests for those deferments should be coordinated with the proponent of the particular school or program. My point of contact is Ms. Wortzel, DSN 761-0020.

FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL

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3 Oct 2003

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SUBJECT: Suspension of Periodic Medical Examinations

1. Paragraph 8-21a, AR 40-501, provides the authority for the Office of The Surgeon General to defer periodic medical examinations where conditions (such as contingency operations) preclude the accomplishment of the examinations.

2. Effective immediately, periodic medical examinations are suspended for Soldiers serving in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The examinations will be deferred until the Soldier is reassigned out of theater and should be accomplished within 180 days of being reassigned. This blanket waiver means that Soldiers who require a current periodic medical examination for promotion, reenlistment, extensions on temporary active duty, or other personnel actions will not have those actions held up solely because of a requirement for a current periodic medical examination.

3. This memorandum does not preclude Command Surgeons from directing the accomplishment of periodic examinations if time and resources permit; however, the mandatory requirement is suspended.

4. This suspension of periodic medical examinations does not apply to examinations required for applicants for special programs/schools or for flight physicals. Requests for those deferments should be coordinated with the proponent of the particular school or program.

5. This memorandum has been coordinated with the Offices of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G-1; Director, Army National Guard; and Chief, Army Reserve. My point of contact is Ms. Wortzel, DSN 761-0020.

FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL:

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Enclosure