

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR USCENTCOM MOD THIRTEEN

- References updated and realigned to document content
- Emphasis of limited capability of deployed/expeditionary medical forces.
- Reinforcement that individuals with disqualifying medical conditions are considered disqualified until an exception to policy in the form of an approved waiver is obtained. This is to reframe the issue from previous “potentially-disqualifying” language which implied qualification as a default.
- Emphasized that physical examinations for deployed civilians and contractors who elect to extend deployments beyond 12 months must be renewed, need not be comprehensive, but must address all potentially disqualifying issues, to include all conditions for which the employee has an approved waiver.
- Personnel found to be medically unfit while deployed due to a condition which existed prior to deployment will now submit a waiver to the Components in lieu of previous reporting/ investigations.
- Added requirement of command endorsement on waiver applications for uniformed personnel.
- Encouraged waiver submission by medical authority rather than direct submission from individuals.
- Clarifies that short-term waivers may be granted with provisions for follow-up information required to obtain future waiver extensions.
- Clarifies procedures for obtaining medical warning tags.
- Provided updated guidance on immunizations
 - Removal of Smallpox requirement
 - Improved documentation requirements for MMR and VAR
 - Addition of Service proof of vaccination requirements for Measles, Mumps, and Varicella
 - Updated Polio requirement for Afghanistan and Pakistan
 - Linking of requirements to ACIP guidelines as published by the Defense Health Agency (DHA).
- Clarified HIV language to include awareness of the CCMD Surgeon and HN legal considerations.
- Added Male to Female transgendered individuals with retained anatomy to predeployment HCG screening requirement.
- Clarified that Tuberculosis testing is to be targeted instead of universal; added supporting ASD(HA) memo to references.
- Added q180d mid-deployment MH assessment as required by DoDI 6490.12, as well as qualifiers which enable deferment if resources are not available.
- Decisions on availability of Medical CBRN Defense Material (MCDM)/CBRN response items and countermeasures deferred to the Service components.
- Reverted to previous stance on Malaria Chemoprophylaxis (required in affected countries by default, with exception available if commanders wish to do an in-depth risk assessment).

Changes to Tab A

- Emphasized common standards which must be met for all medical conditions.
- Requests contingency evacuation plans for afloat forces otherwise exempt from MOD 13, but with individuals who may violate HN law by coming ashore in a given country with certain conditions (such as Blood-Borne Pathogens (BBP)).
- Added standards for endocrine conditions requiring replacement therapy.
- Added standards for migraine headache.
- Updated cardiac risk calculator due to retirement of previous calculator. New calculator may have different results from previous tool, but includes additional factors and has a much more robust evidence base than previous calculator.
- Consolidated obesity standards to all BMI >35 with or without comorbidity.
- Added standards for cosmetic, bariatric, and gender reassignment surgical procedures.
- Emphasized that all psychiatric diagnoses and treatment should be appropriate by current DSM IV/5 criteria, particularly when controlled substances are used for treatment.
- Clarified that BH conditions with persistent counselling requirement are disqualifying.
- Added standards for PTSD, particularly when combat-related or treated inappropriately.
- Added standards for eating disorders.
- Added standards for gender transition.
- Clarified that management of ADHD/ADD individuals must be appropriate by current professional guidelines.
- Clarified that those discharged from substance abuse programs must have a period of post-treatment demonstrated stability, the length of which will depend upon individual factors, and which starts on the day of discharge, not admission.
- Added HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) medications.
- Added all CSA controlled substances to medications requiring waiver, with exemption for otherwise-nondisqualifying testosterone.
- Added recent or current use of botox.

Changes to Tab B

- Citations and references updated.

Changes to Tab C

- References updated
- Currently deployed tab added to waiver request form.
- Commander endorsement added to waiver request form.
- Field size of Case Summary and Comments blocks both increased.