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MOD EIGHTEEN TO USCENTCOM INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION AND INDIVIDUAL-UNIT DEPLOYMENT POLICY

1. PURPOSE

This instruction establishes medical theater entry requirements to the United States Central Command Area of Responsibility (USCENTCOM AOR). It dictates medical standards, waiver requirements, medication and equipment necessities, immunizations, laboratory requirements and deployment related health assessment requirements, amplification of requirements for permanent change of station to the USCENTCOM AOR and medical, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense materiel.

2. APPLICABILITY

This MOD applies to U. S. Military Personnel, to include activated reserve and national guard personnel, DoD civilians, DoD contractors, DoD sub-contractors, volunteers, military working dogs and third country nationals (TCN) deploying to the CENTCOM AOR and working under the auspices of the DoD. Local nationals (LN) will meet the minimal medical standards addressed in PARA 5.F of this instruction. Shipboard operations that are not anticipated to involve operations ashore must have current sea duty screening and remain fully medically ready following annual periodic health assessment (PHA) but are otherwise exempt from other requirements of MOD 18. For medical purposes, the definition of deployment is travel to or through the USCENTCOM Area of Responsibility with expected or actual time in country excluding in transit or travel time for a period of greater than 30 days.

3. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- a. Updated deployment medication supply requirements. Due to changes with the Deployed Prescription Program (DPP), all personnel deploying or traveling to the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility are required to bring medications and other prescription products (other than FHPPP) for the duration of the deployment (minimum 90-day supply for deployments > 30

days outside the United States) REF CC. Exceptions to this policy will be granted for prescription medications that have quantity limitations, reduced product availability (e.g. national shortages), product expiration dates less than the days' supply of the prescription or are scheduled controlled substances.

- i. All aerosolized medications are no longer being shipped via the DPP, members must bring an adequate supply of medication as theater pharmacies are not guaranteed to stock all medications.
- b. Clarification of requirements for pre-deployment immunization requirements for the prevention of malaria, rabies, anthrax and the religious waiver/accommodation process for members traveling to the USCENTCOM AOR.
- c. Updated waiver requirements regarding gender dysphoria, obstructive sleep apnea, use of GLP-1 inhibitors, ADHD and cardiovascular risk screening for members traveling to the USCENTCOM AOR.
- d. Implementation of new waiver template and waiver submission process. As of this publication all previous waiver templates are now null and void. Submitters are required to utilize the most current waiver template (MOD 18 Tab C) located at <https://www.centcom.mil/CONTACT/THEATRE-MEDICAL-CLEARANCE/>. Until notified submitters should continue to email the waiver template to their respective component or combatant command point of contact.

4. SUPERSEDES

MOD 18 supersedes MOD 17, which is now null and void. This MOD is in effect until re-issued, revised or rescinded at a later date.

5. CLASSIFICATION

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