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SUBJECT: Priority Space-Available Transportation for Retirees in Commonwealths and  
U.S. Possessions for Health Care

This memorandum implements section 374 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law 110-181. Section 374 requires the Secretary of Defense to provide Category IV space-available transportation for members and former members of the uniformed services who are entitled to retired or retainer pay and who reside or are located in a Commonwealth or possession of the United States for the purpose of obtaining certain health care services.

Effective immediately, members and former members of the uniformed services who are entitled to retired or retainer pay, and who reside or are located in a Commonwealth or possession of the United States will be provided space-available transportation in a Category IV status for the purpose of obtaining certain health care services. The member must be referred in writing by a military or civilian primary care provider located in that Commonwealth or possession to a specialty care provider for services to be provided outside of that Commonwealth or possession. The member may be accompanied by a dependent, if required, as determined by the primary care provider and stated in the referral for medical services. This applies to travel from the Commonwealth or possession and return.

This guidance will be incorporated in DoD 4515.13-R, "Air Transportation Eligibility," Chapter 6, Space-Available Travel, Table C6.T1., Category IV, which is under revision. My point of contact is Lt Col Holmes, OADUSD (TP), 703-601-4461, extension 110.

  
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