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SUBJECT: VISION READINESS SCREENING AND CLASSIFICATION (VRSC)
TRACKING IN MEDPROS

REF/A/MSG/RUEWMFU5506/09 NOV 04/SUBJ: ALARACT VISION READINESS
AND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

1. (U) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE THE TRACKING
OF THE VISION READINESS SCREENING AND CLASSIFICATION (VRSC) IN
MEDPROS.

2. (U) A ONE YEAR PHASE-IN PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF THIS ALARACT IS
IN EFFECT. ALL SOLDIERS WILL COMPLETE VRSC DURING THE PHASE-IN
PERIOD. VRSC DATA/COMPLIANCE WILL BE RECORDED IN MEDPROS
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY BUT WILL NOT BE REPORTED UNTIL THE END OF
THE PHASE-IN PERIOD. THE PHASE-IN PERIOD DOES NOT SUPERSEDE THE
REQUIREMENT FOR DEPLOYING SOLDIERS TO COMPLETE VRSC AND
RECORD IT IAW AR 600-8-101.

3. (U) MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON CONDUCTING THE VISION
READINESS SCREENING AND RECORDING IT IN MEDPROS CAN BE FOUND IN
THE "VISION READINESS SCREENING GUIDE" WITHIN THE VRSC MODULE OF
MEDPROS.

4. (U) RESPONSIBILITY:

A. (U) COMMANDERS WILL

1. (U) APPOINT UNIT MEMBERS AS UNIT SCREENER (MEDICAL
MOS NOT RQUIRED) TO PERFORM THE VISION READINESS SCREENING.

2. (U) ENSURE VRSC IS COMPLETED AT LEAST ANNUALLY.

3. (U) ENSURE VISION READINESS SCREENING RESULTS ARE
MAINTAINED FOR ONE YEAR. INDIVIDUAL VISION READINESS SF 600
OVERPRINT AND UNIT VISION READINESS DATA WORKSHEET ARE
AVAILABLE IN MEDPROS TO RECORD DATA.

B. (U) UNIT SCREENER:

1. (U) PERFORM VISION READINESS SCREENING AS
PRESCRIBED IN THE "VISION READINESS SCREENING GUIDE" AVAILABLE IN
MEDPROS.

2. (U) RECORD SCREENING RESULTS ON INDIVIDUAL VISION READINESS SF 600 OVERPRINT AND/OR UNIT VISION READINESS DATA WORKSHEET AND VALIDATE RESULTS WITH THEIR SIGNATURE.

3. (U) IDENTIFY AND REFER SOLDIERS REQUIRING CORRECTIVE ACTION IAW LOCAL STANDARD OPERATION PROCEDURE. (SEE CHIEF OF OPTOMETRY/ UNIT SURGEON/ MEDICAL COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES)

C. (U) UNIT MEDPROS USER:

1. (U) ACCURATELY ENTER VISION READINESS SCREENING DATA INTO MEDPROS.

2. (U) ONLY ENTER VISION READINESS SCREENING DATA THAT HAS BEEN VALIDATED BY THE UNIT SCREENER.

3. (U) UNITS WITHOUT PERSONNEL WITH MEDPROS ACCESS MAY REQUEST ACCESS TO MEDPROS FOR DATA ENTRY BY DOWNLOADING THE NISA-9R FORM AT URL: [HTTP://WWW.MODS.ARMY.MIL](http://www.mods.army.mil) AND CLICKING ON "ACCESS" THEN "WHERE DO I GET A COPY OF THIS NISA FORM?"

D. (U) OIC, MEDICAL STATIONS OF POWER PROJECTION PLATFORMS (PPP)/POWER SUPPORT PLATFORMS (PSP)/SOLDIER READINESS PROCESS (SRP) SITES:

1. (U) WHILE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH SOLDIER'S VRSC LIES WITH THE UNIT, THE MEDICAL SECTION AT THESE SITES MUST COMPLETE THIS REQUIREMENT WHEN SOLDIERS ARRIVE WITH AN INCOMPLETE VRSC. THE VISION READINESS SCREENING DOES NOT REQUIRE AN EYE TECHNICIAN. IT CAN BE PERFORMED BY ANYONE ON THE SRP TEAM WITH MINIMAL TRAINING (SEE CHIEF OF OPTOMETRY/ UNIT SURGEON/MEDICAL COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES).

2. (U) UPDATE PPP/PSP/SRP STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES TO INCLUDE PERFORMING THE VISION READINESS SCREENING AND RECORDING THE RESULTS IN MEDPROS.

E. CHIEF OF OPTOMETRY/UNIT SURGEON/ MEDICAL COMMANDER

1. (U) PROVIDE TRAINING FOR UNIT SCREENER OR PPP/PSP/SRP SCREENER WHEN REQUESTED BY UNIT COMMANDERS OR PPP/PSP/SRP OIC.

2. (U) DEVELOP A LOCAL SOP THAT ADDRESSES CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR ALL SOLDIERS IDENTIFIED AS VISION READINESS CLASS 3 (O OR V).

5. (U) POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THIS INFORMATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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D. (U) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT BY EMAIL TO CAT POC IN PARA 5A.

6. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.