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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE EAST
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE WEST
COMMANDER, NAVY NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE SUPPORT COMMAND

Subj: NAVY MEDICINE POLICY-EXCEPTION TO POLICY GUIDANCE FOR THE
INTEGRATED DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM (IDES)

Ref: (a) USD (P&R) memo of 21 Oct 2011 "Exception to Policy Guidance for the Disability
Evaluation System and Establishment of Recurring Directive Type Memorandum"
(b) ASN (M&RA) memo of 16 Nov 2011 "Department of the Navy Exception to Policy
for the Disability Evaluation System"

1. Per references (a) and (b) effective immediately doctoral level clinical psychologists are authorized to sign Medical Evaluation Boards (MEB) that contain a psychological health diagnosis. Any MEB listing a psychological health diagnosis must contain a thorough psychological health evaluation and include the signature of a minimum of one privileged psychiatrist or doctoral level clinical psychologist. The existing requirement restricting MEB membership to psychiatrists (vice doctoral level psychologists) for MEBs containing at least one psychological health diagnosis is waived.

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