



Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical **DIRECTIVE**

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SUBJECT: Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES)

References: See Enclosure

1. PURPOSE. This Directive, based on the authority of References (a) through (e), cancels and reissues Reference (f) to establish policy, assign responsibilities, and prescribe the procedures for the IDES outlined in References (g) through (s) for:

- a. Retiring or separating Service members because of physical disability.
- b. Making administrative determinations for Service members with Service-incurred or Service aggravated conditions.
- c. Authorizing a fitness determination for members of the Individual Ready Reserve who are ineligible for benefits because the condition is unrelated to military status and duty.

2. APPLICABILITY. This Directive applies to the Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (JTF CapMed) Headquarters, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (FBCH), Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) [hereafter, FBCH and WRNMMC are referred to as Joint Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs)], and the Joint Pathology Center (JPC).

3. POLICY. It is JTF CapMed policy, under DoD Directive 1332.18 (Reference (g)), that:

- a. Joint MTFs comply with existing policies, procedures, and requirements promulgated in DoD Instruction 1332.38 (Reference (h)) and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD (P&R)) Memorandums (References (i) through (m)).
- b. The JTF CapMed IDES, in accordance with USD (P&R) Directive-Type Memorandum 11-015 (Reference (m)), shall be used in the Joint MTFs to provide prompt disability processing, while ensuring that the rights and interests of the Government and Service member are protected.

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c. IDES medical examinations will include a general medical examination and any other applicable medical examinations performed to Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) compensation and pension standards. Collectively, the examinations will be sufficient to assess the member's referred and claimed condition(s) and assist DVA in ratings determinations and assist military departments with unfit determinations.

d. Medical information used to substantiate the existence or severity of unfitting conditions may generally be no older than 6 months from the date of the medical exam. Medical information exceeding that period may be used if more current medical information would not substantially affect the existence or severity of unfitting conditions.

e. Service-specific regulations will be adhered to as appropriate to the separating members' findings and determinations.

f. Joint MTF Commanders must ensure Service members are processed through their Service support units and readiness operations, and are processed expeditiously.

g. Elements of the IDES must be executed with precision and the compassion due the Wounded, Ill, and Injured undergoing Medical Evaluation Boards (MEBs). Should the need for an appeal of the board findings be necessary, said process for these Service members must be clearly delineated and thoroughly communicated to them and their families. Specific elements of the medical evaluation board appeal process include:

(1) Joint MTF Commanders may delegate approval authority, but must retain final appeal authority for all MEBs performed in their Joint MTFs.

(2) The intermediate appeal authority cannot be delegated below the Deputy Commander level.

(3) JTF CapMed fully supports DoD and Service IDES programs in accordance with applicable regulations and policies. If Service regulations include a provision for MEB appeal above the MTF Commander level, JTF CapMed will accept that process and said findings.

(4) Joint MTF MEB providers will accept all DVA diagnoses, considering the findings in the compensation and pension examinations as final findings.

(5) Second opinions for behavioral health diagnoses are permitted, however, Joint MTFs may not use forensic psychiatrists in their forensic psychiatry role for this purpose.

h. In the event of conflict between any provisions of this JTF CapMed Directive and the USD (P&R) policy issuances, References (i) through (m), the USD (P&R) issuances are applicable and controlling for any findings and determinations involving the Service member.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. As stated in References (g) through (s).

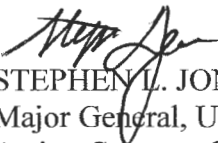
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5. RELEASABILITY. UNLIMITED. This Directive is approved for public release and is available on the JTF CapMed Web Site at: www.capmed.mil.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Directive:

a. Is effective immediately; and

b. Must be reissued, cancelled, or certified current within 5 years of its publication in accordance with JTF CapMed Instruction 5025.01 (Reference (t)). If not, it will expire effective 10 years from its publication date and be removed from the JTF CapMed Website.


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ENCLOSUREREFERENCES

- (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Authorities for Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (JTF CapMed)," February 7, 2012
- (b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Action Memorandum, "Civilian and Military Personnel Management Structures for the Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical," January 15, 2009
- (c) Comprehensive Master Plan for the National Capital Region Medical, April 23, 2010
- (d) Supplement to the Comprehensive Master Plan for the National Capital Region Medical, August 31, 2010
- (e) JTF CapMed Directive 5003.01, "National Capital Region (NCR) Medical Clinical Care and Quality Management Board (CCQMB) Charter," July 3, 2012 as amended
- (f) JTF CapMed Instruction 1332.01, "Physical Disability Evaluation," September 8, 2011 (hereby cancelled)
- (g) DoD Directive 1332.18, "Separation or Retirement for Physical Disability," November 4, 1996
- (h) DoD Instruction 1332.38, "Physical Disability Evaluation," November 14, 1996
- (i) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Policy Guidance for the Disability Evaluation System and Establishment of Recurring Directive-Type Memoranda," May 3, 2007¹
- (j) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Implementing Disability-Related Provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-181)," March 13, 2008¹
- (k) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Implementing Disability-Related Provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-181)," October 14, 2008¹
- (l) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Standards for Determining Unfitness Due to Medical Impairment (Deployability)," December 19, 2007¹
- (m) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Directive-Type Memorandum, "Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES)," December 19, 2011 as amended
- (n) Parts 3, 4, and 14 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations
- (o) Section 8111, title 38, United States Code
- (p) Chapter 61 and section 12643 of title 10, United States Code
- (q) Sections 5104, 5110, and 7105, title 38, United States Code
- (r) Public Law 106-475, "Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000 (VCAA)," November 9, 2000
- (s) Section 1646 of Public Law 110-181, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008," January 28, 2008
- (t) JTF CapMed Instruction 5025.01, "Formats and Procedures for the Development and Publication of Issuances," March 5, 2012

¹ Available at <http://prhome.defense.gov/WWCTP/Reports.aspx>

GLOSSARY

ACRONYMS

IDES	Integrated Disability Evaluation System
DVA	the Department Veterans Affairs
FBCH	Fort Belvoir Community Hospital
JPC	Joint Pathology Center
JTF CapMed	Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical
MEBs	Medical Evaluation Boards
MTFs	Medical Treatment Facilities
USD (P&R)	Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
WRNMMC	Walter Reed National Military Medical Center