

## USFFC DHA PROGRAM UPDATE

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MSGID/GENADMIN/USFLTFORCOM NORFOLK VA/N01/JAN// SUBJ/DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROGRAM UPDATE REF/A/DOC/OPNAVINST 6100.3A/10NOV2014//

REF/B/DOC/DODI 6200.05/16JUN2016// NARR/REF A IS OPNAVINST 6100.3A, DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROCESS. REF B IS DODI 6200.05, FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION HEALTH QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM.

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RMKS/1. DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS (DHA) ARE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MANDATED INSTRUMENTS USED TO SCREEN SERVICE MEMBERS (SMS) PRIOR TO AND AFTER DEPLOYMENT. THE GOAL OF THE DHA PROGRAM IS TO IDENTIFY HEALTH CONCERNS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE APPROPRIATE CARE FOR DEPLOYING SMS. THE PROGRAM IS CLOSELY MONITORED AND HAS STRICT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS. REQUIRED REPORTING SHOWS THAT DHA COMPLETION RATES HAVE BEEN DECLINING OVER TIME AND NEEDS IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT. AS A FORCE, WE MUST ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AND WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE DEPLOYING SMS GET THE FOLLOW-UP CARE AND ATTENTION THEY NEED FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS.

2. USFLTFORCOM IS THE EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR DHA.

PER REFERENCE (A), THE DHA PROGRAM REQUIRES PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM SMS AND COMMANDS (ECHELON 5 AND UP) BY UTILIZING ASSESSMENTS IN THE FORM OF QUESTIONNAIRES CONDUCTED AT CRITICAL MILESTONES IN THE DEPLOYMENT CYCLE. THESE ASSESSMENTS ARE USED TO EVALUATE AND TREAT PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CASES FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENT. TRACKED ASSESSMENTS INCLUDE:

2.A. DD-2796: POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT (PDHA) ? COMPLETED BY SMS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENT (BEFORE OR AFTER THE ACTUAL RETURN DATE).

2.B. DD-2900: POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT (PDHRA) ? COMPLETED BY SMS BETWEEN 90 AND 180 DAYS AFTER RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENT.

3. IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS, REFERENCE (B) HAS ESTABLISHED A MINIMUM DHA COMPLETION RATE OF 95 PERCENT. THERE ARE NUMEROUS COMMANDS THAT HAVE LESS THAN 95 PERCENT COMPLETION RATE AND THIS TREND MUST BE URGENTLY ADDRESSED. DOD COMPLIANCE RATES ARE ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

3.A. UNSATISFACTORY: LESS THAN 80 PERCENT.

3.B. NEEDS IMPROVEMENT: 80 ? 95 PERCENT.

3.C. SATISFACTORY: GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT.

4. THE NAVY-WIDE FY2019 FOURTH QUARTER DHA COMPLIANCE REPORT SUMMARIZED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

4.A. PDHA COMPLIANCE RATE: 93 PERCENT (NEEDS IMPROVEMENT).

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4.B. PDHRA COMPLIANCE RATE: 67 PERCENT (UNSATISFACTORY).

5. THE DHA PROGRAM IS A CRITICAL INDICATOR FOR THE HEALTH OF SMS AND NAVY'S ABILITY TO DEPLOY. REQUEST ALL LEADERS PRIORITIZE THIS PROGRAM AND ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE FOR BOTH THE PDHA AND PDHRA. PLEASE CONTACT THE DESIGNATED POC FOR QUESTIONS OR FEEDBACK.

6. RELEASED BY VADM LINDSEY.//

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