

B-REDI

Behavioral Health Readiness Evaluation and Decision-Making Instrument

Training

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Training Outline



- Overview
- Importance of Behavioral Health (BH) Readiness
- Current Status of BH Readiness Decisions
- Determining BH Readiness
- ▶ B-REDI Tool
- Profile Documentation

Learning Objectives



- Summarize how BH readiness decisions have an impact on soldiers, the unit, and commanders.
- Identify and be able to locate the current Army policies relevant to BH profiles.
- Learn how to use the BH readiness tool to enhance clinical judgement when making BH readiness decisions.
- 4. Summarize the clinical and functional capacity information that should be gathered as part of the process of making a BH readiness determination.
- Learn how to communicate the need for a duty limitation to soldiers and command.
- Describe solutions to overcome common obstacles encountered when making and communicating BH readiness decisions.

Orientation to Training Materials



- Training Slides
- B-REDI Tool
 - Paper version
 - Digital version
- Resource Guide

Purpose of B-REDI Training



- Behavioral Health Return-To-Duty Decision-Making Processes
 - Clinicians want help
 - Our tool can help
 - Clinic Leadership Requested Training



What Is BH Readiness?



- Assessment of a Soldier's capability to perform their duty without limitation, including their eligibility to deploy, with specific regard to behavioral health.
- Profiles document readiness status.



Case Example

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Who Does Readiness Assessment Effect?



- Soldier
- Unit
- Commander







Significance of Behavioral Health Readiness



- Importance of BH Providers communicating with Command
- Risks when Commanders lack knowledge of BH problems



You Cannot Wait Until SRP to Profile

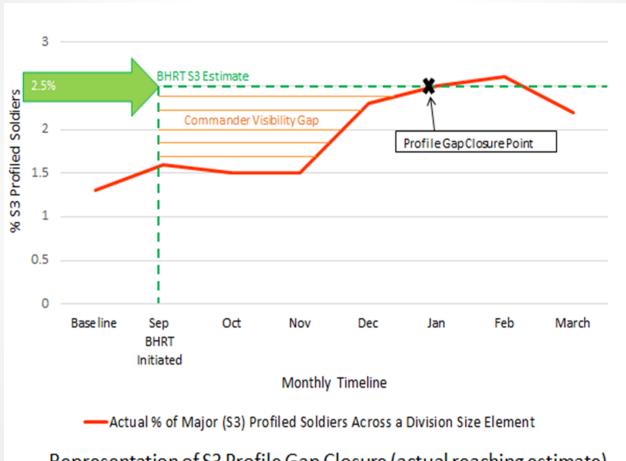


- Nature of deployments has changed
 - Smaller units, less notice, more disparate environments
- Units not overstaffed
- SRP occurs right before movement
 - Little time for waiver process
 - Soldier replaced or unit understaffed → stresses the system
- Profiling before SRP
 - Commander has time to plan and staff
 - BH provider & Commander work together to help Soldier deploy



Underutilization of BH Profiles





Representation of S3 Profile Gap Closure (actual reaching estimate) after Behavioral Health Readiness Tool (BHRT) Application

Provider's Role in BH Readiness Assessment



Unique position with multiple allegiances



Current Status of BH-Readiness Decisions



- Site-specific procedures
- Differing local guidance

WRAIR Qualitative Study – Identified Needs

- Training
 - How to write a BH profile
 - MOS/Unit-specific training
 - Policies
 - Suicide Risk Best Practices
 - Role of the BHO
- Technology/Templates
- Communication/Relationship with Unit



What Can Help You Make These Decisions?



- This Training & B-REDI Tool
- Familiarity with Policies
- Communication with Colleagues & Command





How to Determine BH Readiness



- Clinical Judgement
- Relevant Policies



How to Determine BH Readiness: Regulations & Policies



Clinical Practice Guidelines

(6) Clinical Practice Guidance for Deployment Limiting Mental Disorders and Psychotropic Medications

DoD Wide Policies

- (9) DODI 6130.03: Medical Standards for Military Service: Retention
- (8) DODI 6490.08: Command Notification Requirements to Dispel Stigma in Providing Mental Health Care to SM
- (4) COCOM AOR-Specific Force Health Protection Guidance

Army Specific Policy

- (11) OTSG/MEDCOM Memo 16-087: Release of PHI to Commanders
- (2) OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 21-019: Behavioral Health eProfiling Standardization Policy
- (5) Army Regulation 40-501 Standards of Medical Fitness (Retention & Separation)
- (5) Army Regulation 40-502 Medical Readiness (Physical Profiling)
- (10) OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 19-001: BH Evaluations for Administrative Separation
- (12) OTSG/MEDCOM Policy Memo 21-011: BH At-Risk Management Policy

BH Readiness Decisions: Who Makes Recommendations?



- Credentialed BH Providers
 - Psychologists, Nurse Practitioners, Social Workers, LPCs, LMHCs, LMFTs need Physician signature IF:
 - Temporary Profile extended >90 days
 - Permanent Profile
- Other Credentialed Medical Providers
 - PAs, Medical Physicians

BH Readiness Decisions - Division Level Who Is Involved?



Behavioral Health (BH)

Behavioral Health Officer (BHO)

Commander (CDR)

Commanding General (CG)

Chief of Staff (COS)

Division Personnel (G1)

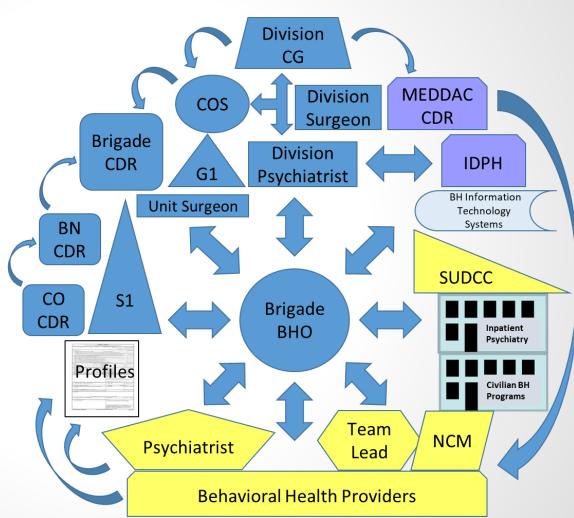
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Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC)

Nurse Case Manager (NCM)

S1 (Brigade Personnel)

Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care (SUDCC)



BH Readiness Decisions - Tenant Units Who Is Involved?



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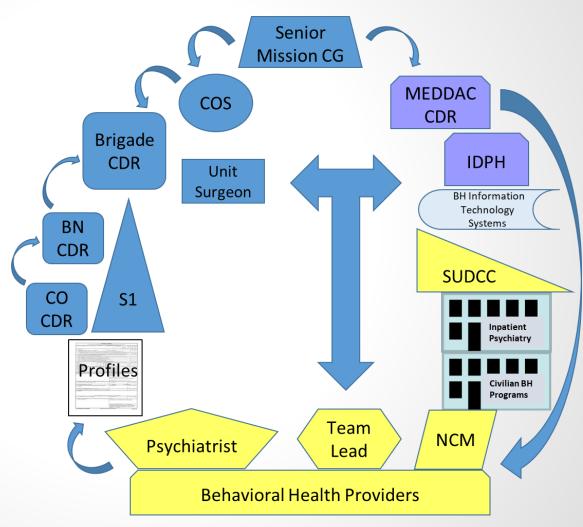
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BH Readiness Decisions: Assessment & Gathering Information

- Mental Status Exam
- Safety Assessment
- Collateral Information
- Occupational Functioning
 - **Educate yourself**
 - Assess
 - BHDP WRAIR Functional Assessment
 - Career Progression
 - PT Failure, Administrative Actions
 - Commander Input
- Medications
- Change in Treatment Status
- Deployment AOR-Specific Standards of Fitness





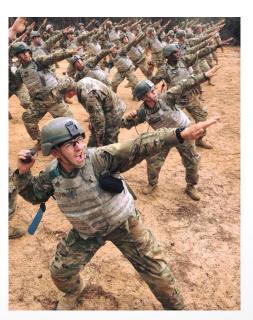


How to Determine BH Readiness: Guidance for Soldiers in Training



- Similarities and differences with deployment
- Consider training environment
 - Treated as deployment?
 - Conditions and resources
- Training progress







B-REDI Tool: Purpose

- Organize information from policies
- Guide assessment
- Documents your recommendation
- Provide structure for notes
- Facilitate communication
- Standardize the process

<u>Aim:</u> Improve provider confidence & increase accuracy

of decisions



B-REDI Tool Overview



- ▶ To Be Referenced During & After Clinical Visit
- 8 Clinical Domains
- Yes/No Questions (If Yes → Proceed Right)
- Identifies:
 - Recommended Profiling Action & Duty Status at Each Step
 - Overall Readiness Status
 - Next Steps
- Excel form (interactive) & Paper form

B-REDI Tool Paper Form



Behavioral Health Readiness Evaluation and Decision-Making Instrument (B-REDI)

Instructions: Work down through each Assessment Domain, circling the response in the next column for each domain. If all responses are No, soldier does not require duty limitations.

For any Yes responses, review the Profile Criteria, If the Profile Criteria are present, circle the appropriate Profiling Action & Duty Status Category.

Assessment Domain	Circle Response	es, review the Profile Criteria. If the Profile Criteria are present, circle Profile Criteria	Circle Profiling Action & Duty Status Category	Reference	If Profile Issued, Consider These Next Steps
	,	a) Schizophrenia, Schizophreniform, Schizoaffective or Bipolar I.	Issue Permanent (S3) Profile	Policy Memo 21-019	Continue to provide care until separation occurs.
1) Diagnosis: Is the Soldier diagnosed with a: a. Psychotic, b. Bipolar, c. Eating OR	No	b) Bipolar II, Bipolar Disorder Unspecified, Brief Psychotic Disorder or Psychosis not due to known cause. c) Anorexia or Bulimia Nervosa with no improvement in symptoms or BMI despite treatment.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions for 90 Days	Policy Memo	Reassess at each visit. If MRDP reached, issue Permanent Profile. Consider Admin Sep if condition
d. Substance use disorder?	Yes	d) Substance use disorder and there is substantial risk for deterioration and/or symptom recurrence in a deployed environment OR if treatment was interrupted.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions	21-019	persists but does not amount to a disability per 16-076.
2) Safety Status: Is the Soldier: a. Currently in outpatient BH high-risk/high-interest program, OR	No	a) Currently in a high-risk program OR has suicidal/homicidal ideation or behaviors.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions for 30 Days	Policy Memo 21-011	Reassess at each visit. If MRDP reached, issue Permanent Profile. Consider Admin Sep if condition persists but does not amount to a disability per 16-076.
b. Suicidal/homicidal ideation with intent or plan, suicide attempt, OR suicidal/violent behaviors in the last 12 months?	Yes	b) Within 90 days of deployment AND had suicidal/homicidal ideation or suicidal/violent behaviors within the last 12 months.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions; Soldier Can Deploy With Waiver	COCOM Guidance	Assist with obtaining waiver for deployment if supported by Commander.
3) Occupational Performance: Is Soldier's occupational performance significantly impaired by BH symptoms or side effects?	No Yes	⇒	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions	Policy Memo 21-019	Reassess at each visit. If MRDP reached, issue Permanent Profile. Consider Admin Sep if condition persists but does not amount to a disability per 16-076.
4) BH Treatment: Has the Soldier received: a. Inpatient BH.	No	a) Discharge from inpatient BH hospitalization.	Immediately Prior to Discharge, Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions for 30 Days	Policy Memo 21-019	Reassess at each visit. If MRDP reached, issue Permanent Profile. Consider Admin Sep if condition
b. Residential OR intensive outpatient treatment OR c. Level 1 or higher substance use treatment in the	Yes	b) Care in an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) or Residential Treatment Facility (RTF).	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions until Completion of IOP/RTF	Policy Memo 21-019	persists but does not amount to a disability per 16-076.
past 12 months?		Within 90 days of deployment and received substance abuse, inpatient BH or Residential treatment in the last 12 months.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions; Soldier Can Deploy With Waiver	COCOM Guidance	Assist with obtaining waiver for deployment if supported by Commander.
	No	a) Lithium, Valproic Acid, Carbamazepine, another anticonvulsant, a routine Benzodiazepine. Antipsychotic or Barbiturate.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions		Reassess at each visit. If MRDP reached, issue Permanent Profile. Consider Admin Sep if condition
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5) Medication: Is the Soldier taking medication to treat a		c) 4 or more psychotropics daily.		21-019	
BH disorder?		d) Medication is causing significantly impairing side effects.			
	Yes	Within 90 days of deployment AND: antipsychotics, medication not feasible in deployed settings, medication hasn't demonstrated symptom stabilization, antidepressant started in past 90 days OR Class II Stimulant for ADHD started in past 90 days.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions; Soldier Can Deploy With Waiver		Assist with obtaining waiver for deployment if supported by Commander.
Stability of Treatment: Does the Soldier have: A new diagnosis with active symptoms or side effects that	No	a) At risk for significant decompensation without adequate BH treatment.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions; Soldier Can Deploy With Waiver	Delieu Memo	
A new diagnosis with active symptoms of side effects that impairs functioning OR b. Less than 3 months stability on current treatment regimen OR c. Risk for significant decompensation without BH support?	Yes	b) Within 90 days of deployment with a new impairing diagnosis OR has less than 3 months stability on treatment.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions Until 90 Days of Stability Are Achieved; Soldier Can Deploy With Waiver	Policy Memo 21-019	Assist with obtaining waiver for deployment if supported by Commander.
7) Standards of Fitness for Deployment: If the Soldier is within 120 days of deployment, do they have a condition limited by the COCOM AOR-Specific Force Health Protection Guidance?	No Yes	Condition listed in the COCOM AOR-Specific Force Health Protection Guidance that requires a waiver for deployment.	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions; Soldier Can Deploy With Waiver	Policy Memo 21-019 & COCOM AOR-Specific	Assist with obtaining waiver for deployment if supported by Commander.
8) Clinical Assessment: Based upon your observations and clinical judgement, does the Soldier require any duty limitations?	No	Clinical BH deterioration supported by factors such as mental status exam (MSE) and BH Data Portal (BHDP) measures OR social/occupational functioning deterioration and/or	Issue Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions; Soldier Can Deploy With Waiver	Policy Memo 21-019	Assist with obtaining waiver for deployment if supported by Commander. Reassess at each visit. If MRDP reached, issue Permanent Profile.
	Yes	interference with ability to carry out MOS.		21-010	Consider Admin Sep if condition persists but does not amount to a disability per 16-076.

OVERALL READINESS STATUS -- Circle Most Restrictive Option That Applies

Soldier Does Not Require A Profile And Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions Issued; Temporary Profile With Duty Restrictions Issued Permanent Profile Issued

Form developed by the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Milliary Psychiatry Branch

B-REDI Tool Excel Form

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with intent or plan, a suicide attempt, suicidal behaviors OR displayed violence to others in the last 12 months?		b) Within 90 days of deployment AND had suicidal/homicidal ideation or suicidal/violent behaviors within the last 12 months.	N/A	COCOM Guidance	
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OVERALL NEXT STEPS

None Required

OVERALL READINESS STATUS

Soldier Does Not Require A Waiver And

No Duty Limitations Are Necessary

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Motivating Case Example Using the B-REDI Tool

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Profile Level & Duration



- Profile level
 - Permanent
 - Temporary



Profile length

- Temp profile > 30 days = DL1 = MRC3 = Non-deployable*
- o Temp profile ≤ 30 days = MRC1 or MRC2 = Deployable

^{*}Final deployability determination made by Commander after review of profile DL=Deployment Limiting; MRC=Medical Readiness Class

BH Readiness Decisions: Documentation



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PULHES Designation

- 1=High Level Medical Fitness
- 2=Some Activity Limitations
- 3=Significant Activity Limitations
- 4=Military Duty Must Be Drastically Limited

Documentation of BH Readiness Decisions



- Use eProfile (MODS)
- DA Form 3349, Physical Profile
- If profile indicated, state how Commander can support treatment plan
- ▶ Enclosure 1 Sample Text
- Commander makes final decision
- Notes entered into Electronic Medical Record

Communication of BH Readiness Decisions



- Talking to the Soldier
 - Discuss at 1st session that profiles are a possibility
 - Tell Soldier and print out form
- Talking to the Commander
 - May not be near a computer to receive eProfile
 - Place realistic limitations
 - Commanders do want to be part of the team to help

Duty Limitations: What to Do When a Profile is Needed

Adjusting/Removing the Limitation



- Waivers for Deployment
 - COCOM Specific Guidance
 - BHO



Practice Activity

Refer to the activity document



Activity Discussion

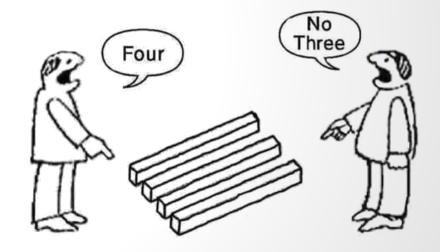


- Overall readiness status
- Important pieces of information
- If Profile/Waiver who did you talk to after making decision?
- Importance of gathering information from all parties

Anticipated Problems & Solutions 1



- Soldier doesn't want to be on profile/threatens not to return to treatment
 - Without profile Soldier and Unit are more vulnerable
 - Don't delay until SRP
- Disagreement among colleagues
 - Case consultation



Command disagrees with your recommendation

Anticipated Problems & Solutions 2



- Tracking (profile returned, 2nd signature needed)
 - Reminder tool
 - At-Risk list includes profile status
 - Review returned/pending signature list



- Process Errors
 - Integrate into peer review



Questions?

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Thank You!

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