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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

AFRC-MD

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: FEDS_HEAL Program Revision

1. Recent experience has shown that the FEDS_HEAL program is an extremely effective means of providing medical and dental services to Army Reserve personnel. FEDS_HEAL has been absolutely integral to the successful mobilization and deployment of troops supporting the Global War on Terrorism. Unfortunately, the program has been so successful that it is now experiencing fiscal constraints causing us to limit services to only those Soldiers that are deploying.
2. In Fiscal Year 2003 (FY 03), the Army Reserve executed over \$40M for FEDS_HEAL services. The total funding for FEDS_HEAL for FY 04 was only \$23.3M due to budgetary limitations in the POM process. As of 31 January 2004, the Army Reserve obligated \$16.5M and committed an additional \$12M against the program. Clearly, continuing to use FEDS_HEAL at this rate is not an option.
3. All commands must immediately limit the use of FEDS_HEAL in order for the program to remain solvent. The priority for services through this program will remain with our deploying troops as described in enclosure. Commanders will ensure that alerted troops and troops on the CGUI list receive medical and dental examination along with the dental treatment needed to bring the maximum number of troops to deployability standards.
4. Upon receipt of this memorandum, Regional Readiness Command/Direct Reporting Command (RRC/DRC) commanders will appoint an approval authority within their commands to review all requests for FEDS_HEAL services that are entered into the Automated Voucher System. The Army Reserve Surgeon will provide guidance on the criteria approving authority should use to determine which services should be approved or disapproved. The Army Reserve Surgeon will also allocate specific funding levels for each command to be used for FEDS_HEAL services based upon the size of the command, the overall readiness of the command and the number of troops on the CGUI list within the command. The RRC/DRC commanders are directed to carefully monitor the use of the allocated funds to ensure the spending is in accordance with the attached priority list.
5. Readiness is key to success and the FEDS_HEAL program contributes immensely to Army Reserve Readiness. Careful stewardship of this program will maximize medical readiness for the Army Reserve.

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SUBJECT: Changes to FEDS_HEAL Program

6. For additional information, contact MAJ Kathy Ponder, Army Reserve Surgeon's Office, at 404-464-9569 or kathrine.ponder2@usarc-emh2.army.mil.

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RANKED PRIORITY LIST FOR SERVICES THROUGH THE FEDS_HEAL PROGRAM

1. Dental screening and treatment for troops on CGUI list
2. Medical screening for deploying troops
3. Immunizations and HIV testing for deploying troops
4. Annual dental screening for troops not on CGUI list
5. Periodic physicals
6. Routine immunization and HIV testing
7. Hearing tests
8. Spectacles

