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**THE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND MOBILIZATION
PLANNING SYSTEM**

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1. HISTORY. This issue publishes a revision of this publication. Because the publication has been extensively revised, the changed portions have not been highlighted.

2. PURPOSE. This regulation prescribes responsibilities and provides guidance for developing and

implementing the U.S. Army Medical Command Mobilization Planning System (MEDCOM-MPS).

3. ABBREVIATIONS. Explanation of abbreviations used in this regulation are found in the glossary.

*This regulation supersedes HSC Reg 500-5, 14 May 90.

4. APPLICABILITY. This regulation applies to all staff offices of the U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM), and its U.S. Army Reserve WARTRACE aligned units.

5. OBJECTIVE. The objective of the MEDCOM-MPS is to improve MEDCOM mobilization planning and execution. It will provide a single source document set for issuing policies, procedures, and planning assumptions on mobilization, deployment, sustainment, redeployment, and demobilization of U.S. Army Forces. The MEDCOM-MPS supports the Army Mobilization and Operations Planning and Execution System (AMOPES); the Headquarters, Forces Command Mobilization and Deployment Planning System (FORMEDPS); and the Integrated Continental United States Medical Operations Plan (ICMOP).

6. GENERAL.

a. The MEDCOM-MPS is a short range, current capability planning system. The MEDCOM-MPS:

- (1) Serves as the framework for centralized planning management.
- (2) Provides procedures needed for the conduct of mobilization and sustainment planning and execution.
- (3) Consist of 10 volumes, as follows:

(a) Volume I, System Description, defines the system for Army mobilization planning and the MEDCOM's participation in the process. It describes the processes and relates them to the organizations that interface in the planning and execution of the medical mobilization and sustainment mission.

(b) Volume II, Concept of Operations, defines the concept of operations for the MEDCOM

during contingency operations or mobilization.

(c) Volume III, Mobilization Plan, provides strategic level policy and guidance for contingency operations or mobilization.

(d) Volume IV, Major Subordinate Command (MSC) Commanders' Handbook, provides policy guidance at the operational level to MSC commanders in planning for contingency operations or mobilization.

(e) Volume V, Commanders' Mobilization Planning Handbook, provides policy, guidance, and procedures at the tactical level to commanders, subordinate to MSCs, and medical mobilization planners in planning for contingency operations or mobilization.

(f) Volume VI, Reserve Component (RC) Commanders' Handbook, provides policy, guidance, and procedures for WARTRACE aligned RC commanders in planning for contingency operations or mobilization.

(g) Volume VII, Support Systems, describes communications and automated systems supporting the MEDCOM mobilization process. It is not a user manual, rather a catalog of systems descriptions and connections.

(h) Volume VIII, HQ MEDCOM Wartime Plan, prescribes actions required to organize HQ MEDCOM for wartime operations and other national emergency conditions.

(i) Volume IX, MEDCOM Crisis Action System, provides guidance for the organization of the MEDCOM staff to monitor, process, and execute actions in support of domestic and operational contingencies.

(j) Volume X, MEDCOM Medical Mobilization Readiness Program (MMRP), designed to enhance the overall professional knowledge of the MEDCOM commanders and key staff in the mobilization process. The MMRP is an umbrella document that addresses overall readiness preparedness, and encompasses the full spectrum of readiness responses exercised by the MEDCOM and its subordinate activities. The MMRP includes activities such as:

- 1 Recalls.
- 2 Emergency deployment readiness, exercises (EDRE).
- 3 Mobilization exercises (MOBEX).
- 4 Emergency preparedness plans (EPP) exercises.
- 5 The mobilization planning workshop (MPW).
- 6 Regional seminars. (Regional seminars provide a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues affecting MEDCOM's wartime missions, and establishes a standardized command procedure to record, monitor, and finalize unresolved issues.)

b. Mobilization Planning System Review. The MEDCOM senior staff will conduct a periodic senior staff officer review of the MEDCOM-MPS. The review of the MEDCOM-MPS will:

- (1) Address major mobilization and sustainment issues raised during mobilization or deployment exercises.
- (2) Review and monitor all MEDCOM mobilization and sustainment issues. It will also isolate

problem areas and recommend courses of action to the Commanding General, MEDCOM.

(3) Be chaired by the Chief of Staff, MEDCOM.

(4) Consist of Chiefs of the MEDCOM primary staff offices.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The Assistant Chief of Staff (ACofS) for Operations will:

(1) Have MEDCOM staff responsibilities for mobilization, sustainment planning, and implementation of policy for MEDCOM personnel scheduled to deploy.

(2) Establish, publish, and maintain the MEDCOM-MPS.

(3) Coordinate the structure of MEDCOM-MPS with the MEDCOM staff. Task the staff to prepare appropriate portions of the MEDCOM-MPS.

(4) Coordinate the MEDCOM review of the MEDCOM MSCs mobilization plans.

(5) Schedule mobilization reviews when required.

(6) Ensure the MEDCOM-MPS guidance, policies, and procedures are consistent with Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) guidance, Army objectives, and other approved actions.

(7) Provide the MEDCOM mobilization plan to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (DCSOPS), Department of the Army (DA), not later than 120 days after publication of AMOPES. Provide periodic updates thereafter.

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b. Chiefs of MEDCOM staff offices will:

(1) Assist the ACofS for Operations in developing and maintaining the portions of MEDCOM-MPS pertaining to their respective functional areas.

(2) Provide representatives at periodic mobilization reviews, when requested.

(3) Perform mobilization and operational planning within their functional area.

(4) Coordinate with the ACofS for Operations on all policies, guidance, and procedures affecting the MEDCOM-MPS in their functional areas before dissemination to subordinate activities.

c. The MEDCOM subordinate commands and activities will publish mobilization plans in accordance with the MEDCOM-MPS, and their respective installation mobilization plan.

8. REQUIRED PLANS.

a. The following major subordinate commands are required to publish mobilization plans:

(1) The Regional Medical Commands (RMCs).

(2) The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (CHPPM).

(3) The U.S. Army Dental Command (DENCOM).

(4) The U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School (AMEDDC&S).

(5) The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (MRMC).

(6) The U.S. Army Veterinary Command (VETCOM).

b. Activities subordinate to the MSC listed in paragraph 8a above, including MEDCOM installations, will publish separate mobilization plans, or have their plans incorporated into the mobilization plan of the next higher headquarters as determined by the appropriate MSC.

9. PLAN REVIEW/UPDATE. Publication of the MEDCOM mobilization plan will be in accordance with guidance contained in AMOPES. Publication of the mobilization plans for MEDCOM MSCs (paragraph 8a) will be in accordance with a schedule developed by the ACofS for Operations, MEDCOM, following publication of the MEDCOM plan. Review and update the MEDCOM plans on an annual basis. The MEDCOM will review and approve the MSCs mobilization plans before general distribution. The format for the mobilization plans will follow the MEDCOM plan, and/or the prescribed format in the appropriate Commanders' Handbook. The MEDCOM, United States Army Medical Centers (MEDCENS)/medical activities (MEDDACs), that are tenants on host installations, will also prepare and publish the medical annex to the installation plan for all mobilization installations within their health service area. The dental activity (DENTAC) and veterinary services plan may be an annex to the appropriate MEDCEN/MEDDAC plan.

GLOSSARY

AMEDDC&S.....	U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School
AMCPES.....	Army Mobilization and Operations Planning and Execution System
CHPPM.....	U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
DA.....	Department of the Army
DCSOPS.....	Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
DENCOM.....	U.S. Army Dental Command
DENTAC.....	dental activity
EDRE.....	emergency deployment readiness exercise
EPP.....	emergency preparedness plans
FORMDEPS.....	Forces Command Mobilization and Deployment Planning System
ICMOP.....	Integrated Continental United States Medical Operations Plan
JCS.....	Joint Chiefs of Staff
MEDCEN.....	United states Army Medical Centers
MEDCOM.....	U.S. Army Medical Command
MEDCOM-MPS.....	U.S. Army Medical Command Mobilization Planning System
MEDDAC.....	medical department activities
MMRP.....	Medical Mobilization Readiness Program
MOBEX.....	mobilization exercises
MPW.....	mobilization planning workshop
MRMC.....	U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
MSC.....	Major Subordinate Commands
RC.....	Reserve Component
RMC.....	Regional Medical Commands
VETCOM.....	U.S. Army Veterinary Command

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