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Major changes happening in Medical Protection System

Commanders now have better idea why Soldiers are non-deployable

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Commanders and supervisors will be better able to tell why their Soldiers are non-deployable because of changes taking place in the Army’s online reporting system.

A new ratings system now being used in the Medical Protection System (MEDPROS) removes both the Medically Non-Deployable (MND) and Limited Duty Profile ratings, replacing them with new Deployment Limiting (DL) ratings that specify more clearly how long the limitation will last, said Lynette Tatsch, MEDPROS readiness coordinator in Europe Regional Medical Command’s Force Health Protection Office.

“The hope is that the new MEDPROS logic will provide better visibility and granularity, as well as eliminating many of the equivocal categories of MND and LDP as all-encompassing terminology for a number of deployment limitations,” Tatsch said. “In the past, MEDPROS users could not easily identify the reason a Soldier was non-deployable. With the conversion to the DL ratings, they will now have total visibility, including seeing all the reasons those Soldiers who have multiple DL ratings are considered non-deployable.”

In the past, the LDP rating required no justification or supporting documentation, and wasn’t supported by any regulation or policy, Tatsch explained. Now, LDP ratings will be removed from Soldiers’ records and Soldiers who have no other deployment limiting conditions will convert to a new rating dictated by their current condition.

The new ratings run from DL1 through DL6. DL1 through 5 ratings mean the underlying medical condition will take more than 30 days to correct, while DL6 means the Soldier should be medically ready within 30 days. The DL5 rating is only for Soldiers who are pregnant so they are not counted twice – as could happen in the past – in the non-deployable population.

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Medical providers also use eProfile, an online system for documenting medically limiting conditions. The new MEDPROS changes make it even more critical to ensure that eProfile inputs are done properly, Tatsch said.

“It’s important for commanders and medical staff to understand that all future documentation of pregnancy be done using the pregnancy template in eProfile since this is the only way the automated system can separate this population from others with temporary profiles greater than 30 days,” Tatsch said.

Other changes to MEDPROS include a task force build capability in MEDPROS Web Data Entry that allows for users to build an individual task force based on unique requirements, and a modification to the Commander Profile Report that allows identification of the profile’s origin.

The ERM Force Health Protection office is ready to answer questions and offer assistance with the changes to MEDPROS. They can be contacted at DSN 371-2940 or by email at MEDPROS.europe@amedd.army.mil.