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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Evans Army Community Hospital (EACH) Policy for Independent Medical Review for Soldiers undergoing Disability Medical Evaluation.**

1. Purpose: To provide guidance in the conduct of Independent Medical Review (IMR) at the request of Soldiers undergoing Medical Evaluation Board (MEB).
2. References: Policy Memorandum on Implementing Disability-Related Provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 (Pub L. 110-181), 14 October 2008.
3. Policy: Soldiers undergoing a MEB may request an independent medical review of the medical evidence presented as part of their board. The procedure for conducting this review will proceed as follows:
  - a. A Service member (SM) referred into the Disability Evaluation System (DES) may request a review of the medical evidence presented by the narrative summary or MEB findings. This request is done verbally or in writing by the soldier to his/her physical evaluation board liaison officer (PEBLO). PEBLOs will ensure they include a discussion of the IMR with their standard MEB checklist. The SM should ensure they are locally available for at least three weeks after the date of request to allow for medical review, SM rebuttal, if desired, and the convening medical board's authority return of their decision.
  - b. This request for an IMR is forwarded to the provider conducting the independent review, along with the summary of MEB findings. This provider is most commonly the patient's primary care manager (PCM) at EACH. The exception occurs if the PCM is directly involved in the Service Member's MEB process, then a second EACH primary care provider will complete the IMR. The provider can review consults as needed for additional clarification.
  - c. After reviewing the records, the provider will have no more than five calendar days, excluding weekends and national holidays, to meet with the SM, advise the SM on the MEB findings, and dictate a narrative note with the details of these proceedings for inclusion in the SM's MEB record. (See attachment 1 for narrative format.)
  - d. The SM is afforded the opportunity to request a rebuttal of the results of the MEB. The SM will have seven calendar days, excluding weekends and national holidays, to prepare a rebuttal to the convening medical authority.

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e. All documents from the rebuttal are included with the MEB that goes to the PEB.

4. Point of contact for this document is the MEB Medical Director, LTC Mary V. Krueger, at 526-7196.

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