



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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1 March 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Annual Hearing Screening Scheduling Procedures for III Corps and Fort Hood Active Duty Personnel

1. Scheduling Procedures

a. Individual Soldiers may contact central appointments at (254) 288-8888 to schedule a hearing screening. Personnel needing a screening should inform the central appointments clerk that they have been identified as needing an annual hearing screening due **AMBER** or **RED** status in MEDPROS or require follow up testing.

b. Unit hearing readiness officers with groups of 25 to 75 personnel who need an annual hearing screening may contact the hearing readiness agent at 288-8888 to schedule personnel for testing. Before calling, requestors should have available the names of personnel who require testing. The MEDPROS hearing readiness report should provide the required information for scheduling group appointments. The hearing readiness agent will require the name and contact information of the hearing readiness officer scheduling group appointments. It is the responsibility of the hearing readiness officer to ensure the unit has no training obligations that will conflict with the scheduled group appointment. The hearing readiness officer must give 72 hours notice of a group appointment cancellation.

c. Personnel who are **AMBER** or **RED** in MEPROS and fall in category 3A-3E (see attached for explanation of categories) require an appointment with an audiologist. The unit hearing readiness officer may contact the TMHC audiology clinic at (254) 285-6311 to obtain diagnostic hearing evaluation appointments for individuals falling in these categories, or have the individuals call to schedule an appointment.

d. Unit hearing readiness officers desiring to schedule groups larger than 75 personnel for annual hearing screenings or pre-deployment hearing screenings prior to the SRP date should contact the Army Hearing Program Office at 254-285-6288/6348. Groups larger than 75 personnel must be scheduled at SRP.

2. General Information

a. Hearing loss due to noise exposure is a preventable injury. Through good discipline in the form of command emphasis and compliance with measures proven to prevent noise induced hearing loss, preventing hearing loss due to noise exposure for the vast majority of III Corps and Fort Hood noise exposed personnel is an attainable goal. Proven measures include: hearing loss

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prevention education, enforced use of properly fitted hearing protective devices when needed, and monitoring of hearing thresholds for early signs of noise induced hearing loss. However, it will take commitment to complying with hearing loss prevention measures to attain success.

b. Units without a hearing readiness officer may contact the Army Hearing Program Office at 254-285-6288/6348 to schedule personnel to attend unit hearing readiness officer training course. Personnel selected for this duty should be in the rank of E5 and above.

c. Units scheduling groups 25 or more personnel will be required to provide medic and administrative support for the scheduled test dates. Training is required prior to the scheduled test date. Contact the Army Hearing Program Office at 254-285-6288/6348 to schedule medic training for group hearing test appointments.

d. It is strongly recommended that unit hearing readiness officers schedule the unit's pre-deployment hearing test visit prior to the SRP date to allow time for the completion of hearing profiles for personnel meeting H2 and H3 profile limits, completion of MAR2 proceedings for personnel with H3 profiles, update of test results in MEDPROS and any required medical referrals that may be necessary as a result of the hearing evaluation performed by an audiologist.

e. Personnel will be fit with the appropriate sized hearing protection during their annual hearing screening appointment. Combat Arms Earplugs will not be issued to deploying personnel. However, if personnel arrive with their Combat Arms Earplugs during their pre-deployment hearing test appointment, earplug fit will be checked. Deploying personnel without hearing protection will be fit with available hearing protective devices.

f. Data feeds to MEDPROS from the Defense Occupational Environmental Readiness System Data Repository (DOEHRS-DR) are not real-time and can take up to six weeks. Soldiers who obtain a current hearing test may remain red in MEDPROS even though a current hearing screening has been completed, to address this, Soldiers are given two copies of their hearing screening results one as their personal copy and one for their command.

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g. No shows for scheduled appointments, individual and groups will be reported to
Division/Regiment/ BCT Commanders and Command Sergeant Majors.

3. POC for these instructions is LTC Cheryl Y. Cameron at 254-285-6186.

Attachment:
MEDPROS HEARING READINESS CLASSIFICATIONS