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MEMORANDUM FOR A1 MAJCOM/SGD

FROM: HQ USAF/SGD
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SUBJECT: Directive Allowing Active Duty Air Force TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR)
Enrollees to Receive Civilian Periodic Dental Examinations

Active duty Air Force personnel enrolled in the TPR program in the 50 United States are hereby authorized to receive Air Force Dental Readiness Assurance Program (AFDRAP) periodic dental examinations from a civilian provider. However, "Special Duty" personnel must receive approval from their Flight Surgeon Primary Care Manager prior to receiving civilian medical and dental care, except in emergency situations. Additionally, TPR enrollees have the option to continue receiving periodic dental examinations through Veteran's Administration (VA) facilities, if an agreement exists.

Dental Commanders must ensure AFDRAP monitors and staff are apprised of the new directive. TPR enrollees receiving civilian or VA periodic dental examinations will forward a DD Form 2813, Department of Defense Reserve Forces Dental Examination form, to the supporting base after completion of the periodic dental examination. Although originally intended for reservists, this form is also approved for active duty personnel. A dental officer must evaluate all DD Forms 2813 received and assign the appropriate dental readiness classification. All TPR enrollees assigned a class "3" rating will require a thorough military dental treatment facility (DTF) record review (to include x-rays) to confirm classification. Based on review, an evaluation appointment may be scheduled by the host facility. Expenses related to facility-directed evaluations or care will be funded through the servicing facility. AFDRAP monitors or designated personnel should continue to track class "3" personnel to ensure deployment capability.

A sample correspondence memo, that you may find useful in implementing this new TPR option, is attached. The local Finance and/or Military Personnel Flight can assist AFDRAP monitors in directing correspondence to TPR enrollees. Actual process development for this directive is at the discretion of MAJCOMs and DTFs.

This memorandum, the DD Form 2813, and other pertinent information related to this directive, are available on the TPR website at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/remote>, or the SGD website at <http://sg.www.satx.disa.mil/afdental/index.htm>. If you require further information, please contact MSgt Sharon Duke, HQ USAF/SGMA, DSN 297-4699, or e-mail sharon.duke@usafsg.bolling.af.mil.

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Attachments:

1. TPR Sample Correspondence Memo
2. DD Form 2813
3. Lt Gen Carlton's Memo, 20 Mar 00, w/Atchs