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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MEDCOM RMCs/MEDDACs

SUBJECT: Health Services Command (HSC) Pamphlet (PAM) 40-7-21

1. Many medical treatment facilities (MTF) and troop medical clinics utilize HSC PAM 40-7-21, Algorithm-Directed Troop Medical Care (ADTMC), to screen active duty soldiers during sick call. The regulatory guidance for the use of HSC PAM 40-7-21 was contained in HSC Regulation 40-5, Ambulatory Patient Care, which has been rescinded.
2. The following policies will be utilized to implement the use of HSC PAM 40-7-21 until new regulatory guidance is published on ADTMC or a new screening methodology is implemented.
 - a. The use of ADTMC is mandatory when enlisted medics or civilian screeners provide evaluation, treatment, and/or disposition of active duty personnel.
 - b. The objective of the ADTMC screening function is to provide care within algorithms or to refer patients to the appropriate level of care provider.
 - c. Medical treatment facility Commanders will ensure a local training program is established for screening personnel utilizing ADTMC. Completion of this training program will be appropriately documented.
 - d. Medical treatment facility Commanders will ensure that supervision of medical care provided by screening personnel is assigned to a specific physician, Physician Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner. Supervisory responsibility for the screening personnel will be delineated in writing.
 - e. Army Regulation 40-66, Medical Record Administration, requires the supervising physician/physician assistant to delineate in writing the scope of practice for all ADTMC screeners. This documentation will be provided and reviewed as needed, but not less than annually.
 - f. In accordance with HSC Pam 40-7-21, medications used with self-care protocols must be endorsed by the Therapeutics Agents Board (TAB) (or equivalent) and approved by the MTF Commander for dispensing by screeners. Approval must be documented. Screeners may dispense approved medications only in accordance with

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the screening manual. Locally-approved TAB (or equivalent) additions are not authorized.

g. Required evaluations of the screening function will be accomplished in accordance with HSC PAM 40-7-21. These evaluations will be documented on HSC (now MEDCOM) Form 425-R, Internal/External Audit Form for ADTMC, or other locally developed forms.

3. The Chief, Department of Primary Care/Ambulatory Patient Care will make monthly mandatory visits to all Troop Medical Clinics or Ambulatory Care Clinics within the responsibility of the MTF to ensure compliance with the regulatory requirements. This responsibility will not be delegated.

4. Health Services Command PAM 40-7-21 and the instructor manual are out of print and all stocks have been exhausted. Local reproduction of existing copies is authorized.

5. Questions regarding this memorandum can be directed to LTC Louis H. Smith, Clinical Services Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Health Policy and Services, Headquarters, U.S. Army Medical Command, DSN 471-6525 or Commercial (210) 221-6525.

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