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AEROMEDICAL CONSULTATION/IN-FLIGHT EVALUATION

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**Section I. GENERAL**

**1. Purpose.** This regulation prescribes procedures governing the conduct of aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluations for Army aviators whose physical condition following hospitalization precludes their meeting class II flying standards. These personnel may be returned to flying status following a comprehensive evaluation if it is determined that their physical condition does not compromise flying effectiveness or flying safety, providing there is a valid requirement in the grade and branch of the individual being considered.

**2. Applicability.** This regulation is applicable to all Army aviators who have been suspended from flying status for an incapacitation requiring hospitalization, whom the flight surgeon determines still possess a capability for flying duty with

possible restrictions. This regulation is not applicable to those aviators who are found to be unqualified for flying duty during conduct of routine flight physicals or medical consultations. These personnel will continue to be processed through routine channels.

**3. Definition.** The aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluation is a comprehensive clinical examination and in-flight appraisal conducted by the Aeromedical Consultation Service, Department of Aeromedical Education and Training (DAET), U.S. Army Aviation School (USAAVNS), Fort Rucker, Ala., which will provide for the flight utilization of selected experienced Army aviators who would otherwise remain suspended from flying status for medical reasons.

**Section II. RESPONSIBILITIES**

**4. Flight surgeon.** The flight surgeon of a medical treatment facility may request an aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluation for an Army aviator who, in his judgment, still possesses a capability for flying duty following hospitaliza-

tion for an incapacitation which resulted in the aviator not meeting class II medical standards.

**5. Commander of medical facility.** The commander of a medical facility forwards the request and the individual's health record jacket to

The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDDD-PA, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20315, when an aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluation is recommended for a grounded aviator who has recovered sufficiently from hospitalization and is available for duty.

**6. The Surgeon General.** *a.* Upon receipt of request for aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluation and individual's health record jacket, determines the necessity for further evaluation.

*b.* Coordinates with the USAAVNS for scheduling aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluations.

*c.* Coordinates with the Chief of Personnel Operations for issuance of temporary flight status orders and travel orders.

*d.* Notifies the appropriate hospital commander/post surgeon or the aviator's unit commander of the inclusive dates of the evaluation.

*e.* Reviews the findings and recommendations of the aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluation.

**7. Chief of Personnel Operations.** *a.* Determines necessity for evaluation of each individual recommended by medical authorities, based on needs of the service.

*b.* Coordinates with The Surgeon General for scheduling of the aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluation.

*c.* Issues temporary flight status orders for the inclusive dates of the evaluation.

*d.* Issues assignment and travel orders as indicated in paragraph 13.

*e.* Makes an appropriate determination of flight status upon receipt of completed evaluation report and publishes flight status orders as necessary.

*f.* Coordinates assignment instructions with the aviator's career branch following final determination of the case, as appropriate. The Surgeon General provides assignment instructions for Army Medical Service (AMEDS) personnel.

**8. Commandant, U.S. Army Aviation School.**

*a.* Convenes a board of flight surgeons who comprise the Aeromedical Consultation Service.

*b.* Coordinates scheduling of aircraft and instructor pilot requirements.

*c.* Coordinates specialized medical support requirements essential to a complete medical evaluation with the Post Surgeon, Fort Rucker, Ala.

*d.* Confers with The Surgeon General as to the propriety of conducting an evaluation in all cases and notifies that office of dates during which approved scheduled evaluations will be conducted.

*e.* Accomplishes the evaluation, prepares a written report to include appropriate recommendations, and forwards the report to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPS-SP.

### Section III. CONDUCT OF EVALUATION

**9. Medical consultations.** The individual's health record jacket will be completely investigated to determine the magnitude of the medical problem. Further consultations, laboratory, and X-ray studies will be conducted as appropriate. During the in-flight evaluations the aviator will be accompanied by a flight surgeon in all aircraft in which he can be accommodated to evaluate the aviator's reactions to physical in-flight requirements and psycho-physiologic stresses.

**10. Flight demonstration capability.** The aviator will present a copy of his most recent DA Form 759. The aviator will be required to demonstrate his ability to safely perform all the normal functions associated with piloting the aircraft in which he is qualified. This demonstration will include ability to preflight the aircraft as well as perform all flight maneuvers. The flight demon-

strations will be evaluated by a qualified instructor pilot from the USAAVNS. The instructor pilot will provide the DAET, USAAVNS, a complete written report indicating the performance capabilities and/or limitations of the aviator in each type aircraft flown and make appropriate comments concerning his ability to operate the aircraft safely and efficiently. This report will be incorporated in the final written report.

**11. Aeromedical consultation service.** The material provided in paragraphs 9 and 10 is consolidated and submitted in the form of an aeromedical summary. This summary is evaluated by a Consultant Board of Flight Surgeons and a qualified instructor pilot designated by the Director, DAET, USAAVNS. The board then makes a determination of the ability of the aviator to perform flying duties safely and efficiently. If



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Further reevaluation is indicated at a later date, this should be so indicated and a statement of the desired time interval included. The conclusions

and recommendations of the board, with the aeromedical summary, are forwarded as the aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluation.

**Section IV. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

**12. Temporary flight status orders.** The Chief of Personnel Operations will issue temporary flight status orders which will be authority for the individual to perform flying duties during the period of evaluation. These temporary flying status orders will define the limitations imposed on the aviator for the evaluation. Such orders will terminate on the specified date, at which time the aviator will be administratively suspended from flying status pending final determination in his case.

**13. Travel orders.** a. For aviators reported for reassignment, the Chief of Personnel Operations will coordinate assignment instructions with aviator's career branch for a new assignment. Permanent change of station (PCS) orders will be issued with provision for temporary duty (TDY) en route to the Officer Student Detachment, USAAVNS with further attachment to the DAET, USAAVNS for purposes of an aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluation.

b. When a grounded aviator is not assigned to a medical holding company or detachment of patients, provide fund citation and instructions to the individual's unit for the necessary TDY orders.

**14. Final evaluation report.** The formal written report will be forwarded to The Surgeon

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Official:

J. C. LAMBERT,  
Major General, United States Army,  
The Adjutant General.

Distribution:

To be distributed in accordance with DA Form 12-9 requirements for Military Personnel Procedures, Officer.

Active Army: A. NG and USAR: None.

General, ATTN: MEDPS-SP. The report will be reviewed by The Surgeon General and forwarded to the Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: OPXAA, with appropriate recommendations.

**15. Distribution of evaluation report.** The evaluation will be prepared in a minimum of six copies to permit the following distribution:

a. One copy for the individual's medical record.

b. One copy for the DAET, USAAVNS.

c. Two copies for The Surgeon General. One copy will be forwarded to the medical installation in which the aviator was treated or to the aviator's parent unit as appropriate.

d. Two copies to the Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: OPXAA. One copy will be forwarded to the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., 20310, for permanent filing in the individual's official 201 file.

**16. Final action of report of aeromedical consultation/in-flight evaluation.** The Chief of Personnel Operations will make a final determination of flying status in each case and will officially notify the individual of the decision. Reassignment instructions, if appropriate, will then be issued to the individual.

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