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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Reestablishment of Exemption of Initial Entry Trainees in the Integrated Disability Evaluation System

1. References:

a. USD (P&R) memorandum, Integrated Disability Evaluation System-Trainees/Recruits/Midshipmen/Cadets, dated September 30, 2011.

b. ASA (M&RA) (MP) memorandum, Exemption of Initial Entry Trainees in the Integrated Disability Evaluation System, dated November 16, 2011.

2. In accordance with the referenced memoranda, Army commands were authorized to continue to use the "legacy" process of the Disability Evaluation System (DES) as described in DoD Instruction 1332.38 for processing initial entry trainees when they were determined to not meet the retention standards of the Army as delineated in AR 40-501 and were referred to the DES. Under the "legacy" DES, the Soldier is medically evaluated and rated by the DoD, and then medically evaluated and rated by the Veterans Affairs (VA) separately. The prolonged Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) processing times will continue to negatively impact other trainees and commands until the end of calendar year at which time all stages of the process are expected to approach timeliness goals. To facilitate the timely transition of these Soldiers and to decrease the administrative requirements of their respective commands, this authority is hereby modified.

a. Effective the date of this memorandum through March 31, 2015, the legacy process shall be used for trainees and recruits who are otherwise eligible for referral to the DES and who have not completed their initial entry training (IET) or twelve months of active duty, whichever comes first. Soldiers who have completed IET or who are still in IET but have completed twelve months of active duty will be processed through the IDES. The legacy process shall also be used for all cases of cadets in the U.S. Army Military Academy (USMA).

b. Effective April 1, 2015, and beyond, the legacy process shall be used for trainees and recruits who are otherwise eligible for referral to the DES and who have not completed their initial entry training (IET) or six months of active duty, whichever comes first. Soldiers who have completed IET or who are still in IET but have completed six

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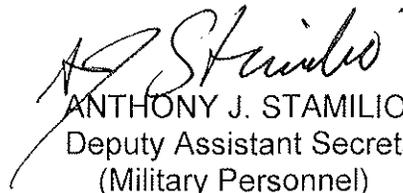
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c. The period of active duty is measured from entry onto active duty until the date of the medical retention determination point, that is, the date that the decision is made to refer to the Soldier to the DES.

3. In order to assist these Soldiers in obtaining timely access to any VA benefits they may qualify for, they shall be referred to the VA's Benefits Delivery at Discharge or Quick Start programs. The Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer (PEBLO) will make this referral as soon as practical once the Soldier has been entered into the DES.

4. My POC for the DES is COL Priscilla Berry at 703-695-4791 or priscilla.a.berry2.mil@mail.mil.


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