Medical Actions (NGGA-PEM)

Medical Records

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Chapter 1 Overview

1-1. Purpose

To provide instructions for maintenance and requests of Soldier Treatment Records (STR) for all members of the Georgia Army National Guard (GAARNG).

1-2. Applicability

A STR consists of military medical and dental documentation available as well as any civilian documentation the Soldier submits for the record.

1-3. Process Steps

- a. Once a STR is available in Health Records Record (HRR), it is viewable to the Army Medical Department (AMEDD), Army Records Processing Center (ARPC).
- b. ARPC is the Army's Centralized office that receives VA requests for records; they also receive and consolidated records from various Department of Defense (DOD) systems/locations, and allows them to be viewed through the Health Artifact and Imaging Management System (HAIMS).
- c. HAIMS is a DOD system that is the conduit by which the VA accesses medical records into its electronic system.

1-4 Requesting Copy of STR

- a. The Soldier must fill out an Authorization for Disclosure of Medical or Dental Information (DD Form 2870). It must be filled out completely and signed by the Soldier, either digitally or manually. Each record request must have a new DD Form 2870 with authorization start date and expiration date.
- b. The Soldier must have a current Common Access Card (CAC) or valid government issued photo identification (ID) to receive records. The Soldiers can appoint a third-party to collect their record by filling out a DD Form 2870.
- c. Soldiers can request STRs in person and/or by email by filling out a DD Form 2870, along with a copy of a government issued ID. Response time is 5-7 business days after submission.

Medical Records Repository 1000 Halsey Avenue Bldg. 142 Marietta, Georgia 30060 678-569-5939

ng.ga.gaarng.list.ngga-medical-records@army.mil.

1-5 Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Records Request

a. A VA request is received by email at: ng.ga.gaarng.list.ngga-medical-records@army.mil, direct phone number is: (678) 569-9809 or regular mail to GAARNG Medical Records Repository, 1000 Halsey Ave, Bldg.142 Marietta GA 30060.

b. After receiving the VA request, if STR is located it's then validated in HRR. The STR is available for VA to generate from HAIMS.

1-6 Interstate Records Transfer

- a. An Interstate Record Transfer request is received by email at: ng.ga.gaarng.list.ngga-medical-records@army.mil, direct phone number is (678) 569-9809 or regular mail to GAARNG Medical Records Repository, 1000 Halsey Ave, Bldg. 142, Marietta GA 30060.
 - b. Once a transfer order is received, the STR is located and copied.
 - c. A Transmittal Record (DA 200) is created and inserted with a copy of the transfer order.
 - d. A copy of the order is logged in the interstate transfer binder.
 - e. The medical chart is then sent to the designated location provided on the orders.
- f. An excel spreadsheet is maintained for tracking purposes of all request dates by name and SSN, dates processed, date mailed and date received by requesting VA.

Chapter 2 Medical Records Drop Off

2-1 Process

- a. Units will coordinate an appointment date for medical records drop-off by email at ng.ga.gaarng.list.ngga-medical-records@army.mil every Wednesday, 9a-2p.
- b. Upon receipt, each record or document is validated by the DA 200 with the unit representative.
 - c. A medical jacket is created if one is not provided.
 - d. All information is scanned and validated into HRR.
 - e. The electronic record repository spreadsheet is updated and a permanent label is created.
 - f. The STR is organized by terminal digit (ex. 00, 01, 02, etc.).

2-2 Mobilization Medical Records Validation Process

- a. 120 days prior to unit deployment, a medical scrub will be conducted using the most current Deployment Manning Document (DMD).
- b. All medical documents, per the mobilization checklist, will be retrieved from HRR and Medical Protection System (MEDPROS) to ensure STR is updated prior to final records validation at state level. Some documents can be retrieved from the most recent Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) for the mobilizing unit.
- c. Medical Readiness NCO will provide a completed mobilization medical packet with supporting documentation for each Soldier.
- d. The following documentation must be available in each mobilization medical packet: Chronological Treatment of Dental Care (SF 603), Department of Defense Active Duty/Reserve/Guard/Civilian Forces Dental Examination (DD Form 2813), Hearing Conservation Data (DD 2216), Medical Command Medical Screening Checklist (SF 600), Laboratory results and Physical Profile Record (DA Form 3349).

2-3 Medical Record Request for Soldiers Discharge/Pending Discharge

- a. A list of Soldiers pending retirement, ETS, or discharge will be sent to Medical Records from G-1 and HRO via email to ng.ga.gaarng.list.ngga-medical-records@army.mil; those medical charts are removed from the Record Repository.
 - b. The removed medical charts are scanned/indexed in HRR under the MEDCHART module.
- c. The discharge/pending discharge names are removed from the electronic record repository list.
- d. The removed discharge/pending discharge medical charts are stored numerically on-site for one year.

- e. After one-year, stored discharge/pending discharge records are verified and removed from medical records by the publication manager.
 - f. The publication manager will relocate the records to the archive warehouse located:

Georgia Archives, State Records Center 1050 Murphy Ave. building 15, Atlanta, Georgia 30310 (404) 756-4860

2-4 NGB STR Validation Roster

- a. Commanders notify Soldiers pending separation or discharge to provide medical documentation 90 days before discharge.
 - b. Commanders confirm receipt of medical records 45 days before discharge.
 - c. Medical Records validates all STR are accounted for 30 days after discharge.
- d. Medical Records prepares documents for scanning of STR in HRR 15 days before discharge.
 - e. Medical Records verifies that STRs are unloaded in HRR 30 days before discharge.
 - f. Medical Records verifies all STRs submitted to the VA via HAIMS 45 days after discharge.
 - g. NGB validation is completed within 22 days after discharge.
 - 1. If no records are found, Soldiers can contact AMEDD and National Archives Center.

AMEDD Records Centers 3370 Nacogdoches Rd. ST 116 San Antonio, TX 78217 1-210-221-8317 National Archives Personnel Records Center 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138 1-866-276-9472

Appendix A References

AR 40-66

Medical Record Administration and Healthcare Documentation, dated 17 June 2008.

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Clinical Quality Management, RAR 001, dated 26 February 2004.

AR 40-400

Patient Administration, dated 8 July 2014

Appendix C Glossary

AMEDD

Army Medical Department

ARPC

Army Records Processing Center

CAC

Common Access Card

DMD

Deployment Manning Document

DOD

Department of Defense

HAIMS

Health Artifact and Image Management Solution

HRR

Health Readiness Record

ID

Identification

MEDCHART

Medical Electronic Data Care History and Readiness Tracking

MEDPROS

Medical Protection System

STR

Service Treatment Record

SOP

Standard Operating Procedures

VA

Veteran Affairs