## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**



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From: Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-9)

To: Commanding Officer, Navy Operational Support Center Washington DC

Subj: APPROVAL OF DRILLING LINE OF DUTY HEALTHCARE BENEFITS ICO ABH2 MICHAEL

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Ref: (a) NAVOPSPTCEN Washington DC ltr 1770 Ser N9/1871 of 6 Mar 15

(b) SECNAVINST 1770.3D

(c) NAVMED P-117

(d) 37 U.S.C. 204

(e) DODI 1241.2

(f) SECNAVINST 1850.4E

(g) NAVMEDCOMINST 6320.3B

(h) BUMEDINST 6320.72

(i) Joint Travel Regulations

Encl: (1) Drilling Line of Duty Healthcare Responsibilities

1. In response to reference (a), member's Line of Duty Healthcare (LOD-HC) benefits are approved for the following diagnosis and dates:

a. Diagnosis: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

b. Effective date: 12 November 2010

c. Expiration date: 22 October 2015

2. A Medical Evaluation Board must be initiated not later than 22 May 2015. Administration of the LOD-HC program is governed by references (b) through (i). Enclosure (1) outlines member's responsibilities.

3. Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Washington DC is required to provide a copy of this letter and its enclosure to the member. PERS-95 must receive all LOD-HC results from NOSC Washington DC and not from member.

4. If you have any questions, please contact PERS-952 at 901-874-4831.

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## DRILLING LINE OF DUTY HEALTHCARE RESPONSIBILITIES

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1770.3D

- (b) DODI 1241.2
- (c) 37 U.S.C. 204(h)
- (d) NAVMED P-117, U.S. Navy Manual of the Medical Department
- (e) SECNAVINST 1850.4E
- (f) NAVMEDCOMINST 6320.3B
- (q) BUMEDINST 6320.72
- (h) Joint Travel Regulations
- 1. Upon receipt of this correspondence, you will need to contact your Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) and complete the appropriate enclosures located in the Medical Readiness Reporting System (MRRS). Your Medical Department Representative (MDR) will serve as your point of contact and will oversee the handling of your LOD-HC case.
- 2. Per reference (a), you may perform Inactive Duty Training (IDT), however, PERS-95 must approve all requests for Annual Training (AT) or Active Duty for Training (ADT) orders while in an approved drilling LOD-HC status. Per references (a) through (c), lost earned income may be eligible for reimbursement as incapacitation pay not to exceed the military pay and allowances for your pay grade and years of service minus earned income. You are required to submit the "Incapacitation Pay Request Form" from MRRS for the period you are requesting incapacitation pay and must demonstrate loss of earned income as a result of your LOD-HC diagnosis with clear and convincing evidence. All LOD-HC Monthly Updates must be current to qualify for incapacitation pay. Failure to provide sufficient information may result in delay, suspension, or discontinuation of incapacitation pay. Navy Personnel Command is authorized to approve up to six months of incapacitation pay. A request to extend incapacitation pay beyond six months must be requested in accordance with the LOD-HC Desktop Guide.
- 3. If not already submitted, you must complete the "Member's Privileges and Responsibilities" NAVPERS 1070/613, "Reporting of Civilian Income" NAVPERS 1070/613, and "Dependency Application/Record of Emergency Data" NAVPERS 1070/602 within 10 days of receipt of this letter. In addition, you must obtain a medical treatment plan from your physician. An updated medical treatment plan must be provided each time the initial plan is modified.
- 4. On a monthly basis, you must complete and submit the following to PERS-952 via your NOSC:
- a. LOD-HC Monthly Update and Incapacitation Pay Request form (if requesting pay).
- b. Physician Recommendation/Limitation for Civilian Employment and Military Duty form.
- c. Any additional medical documentation. Medical documentation must be from a physician, family nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. Chiropractic care and physical therapy notes alone are not acceptable as monthly medical documentation; however, these notes should be submitted in addition to the monthly medical documentation. Incapacitation pay will not be authorized without the aforementioned documentation.

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- 5. In accordance with reference (d), Reserve Component members expected to be incapacitated for greater than 90 days will be referred to the Medical Evaluation Board (MEB), initiated by your NOSC MDR. A military medical physician will conduct the MEB. Your MEB must be forwarded to the Physical Evaluation Board with a copy to PERS-952 by your NOSC MDR. Under reference (e), you are not entitled to a limited duty board.
- The MDR will assist you in obtaining medical treatment. Per references (f) through (h), if your residence falls within the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) catchment area, all medical care will be obtained through or approved by the MTF. If your residence does not fall within the MTF catchment area, medical care must be approved through the Defense Health Agency in Great Lakes at 888-647-6676, except in emergency cases. Authorization for transportation in connection with medical treatment over 50 miles from your residence will be coordinated by your NOSC in accordance with reference (h). If you need non-medical assistance because of a serious medical condition you can self-refer to the Navy's Wounded Warrior Program, Navy Safe Harbor, for screening. Navy Safe Harbor is the Navy's lead organization for coordinating non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill, and injured Sailors and their family members. Service members who meet enrollment criteria are provided a lifetime of individually tailored assistance designed to optimize the success of recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration activities. For questions on enrollment eligibility, call Navy Safe Harbor's toll-free line, 877~746-8563, or e-mail safeharbor@navy.mil. Additional information is available on the program's website, www.safeharbor.navy.mil. For the latest Navy Safe Harbor information, join them on their Facebook and Twitter pages.
- 7. Per reference (a), if it is determined at a later date that the injury, illness, or disease was not incurred or aggravated by service, your LOD-HC benefits will be terminated.