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the reservist has been issued a notice of eligibility (NOE) (subpart I), the NOE may then be accepted in lieu of the letter of authorization. When authorization has not been obtained beforehand, care may be provided on a civilian humanitarian basis (see subpart G) pending final determination of eligibility.

§ 728.22 Members of other reserve components of the uniformed services.

(a) Members of reserve components of the Coast Guard may be provided care the same as Navy and Marine Corps reservists.

(b) Members of reserve components of the Army and Air Force may be provided care in naval MTFs to the same extent that they are eligible for such care in MTFs of their respective services. Consult current Army Regulation 40-3, Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Care, or Air Force Regulation 168-6, Persons Authorized Medical Care, as appropriate, for particular eligibility requirements or contact the nearest appropriate service facility.

(c) When the service directive requires written authorization, obtain such authorization from the reservist's unit commanding officer or other appropriate higher authority.

(d) Naval MTFs in the United States are authorized to conduct physical examinations of and administer immunizations to inactive reserve Public Health Service commissioned officers upon presentation of a written request from the Commissioned Personnel Operations Division, OPM/OAM, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852.

§ 728.23 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

(a) *Eligible beneficiaries.* (1) Members of the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Armed Forces including students enrolled in the 4-year Senior ROTC Program or the 2-year Advanced Training Senior ROTC Program.

(2) Designated applicants for membership in the Navy, Army, and Air Force Senior ROTC Programs during their initial 6-weeks training period (practice cruises or field training).

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(3) Medical, dental, pharmacy, veterinary or science allied to medicine students who are commissioned officers of a reserve component of an Armed Force who have been admitted to and training in a unit of a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

(b) *Extent of care.* (1) While attending or en route to or from field training or practice cruises:

(i) Medical care for a condition incurred without reference to line of duty.

(ii) Routine dental care.

(iii) Prosthetic devices, including dental appliances, hearing aids, spectacles, and orthopedic appliances that have become damaged or lost during training duty, not through negligence of the individual, may be repaired or replaced as necessary at government expense.

(iv) Care of remediable physical defects, elective surgery or other remediable treatment for conditions that existed prior to a period of training duty are not authorized without approval from the appropriate OMA or ODA, or from the Commander, Naval Medical Command (MEDCOM-33 for medical and MEDCOM-06 for dental).

(v) Medical examinations and immunizations.

(vi) ROTC members are authorized continued medical care, including hospitalization, upon expiration of their field training or practice cruise period, the same as reservists in § 728.21(b) and § 728.22.

(2) While attending a civilian educational institution:

(i) Medical care in naval MTFs, including hospitalization, for a condition incurred in line of duty while at or traveling to or from a military installation for the purpose of undergoing medical or other examinations or for purposes of making visits of observation, including participation in service-sponsored sports, recreational, and training activities.

(ii) Medical examinations, including hospitalization necessary for the proper conduct thereof.

(iii) Required immunizations, including hospitalization for severe reactions therefrom.

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(c) *Authorization.* The individual's commanding officer will prepare a letter of authorization addressed to the commanding officer of the MTF concerned.

(d) *ROTC members as beneficiaries of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP).* Under circumstances described therein, render care as outlined in §728.53 to members of the ROTC as beneficiaries of OWCP.

§ 728.24 Navy and Marine Corps Officer Candidate Programs.

Members of the Reserve Officers Candidate Program and Platoon Leaders Class are entitled to the same medical and dental benefits as are provided members of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Components. Accordingly, the provisions of §728.21 are applicable for such members. Additionally, candidates for, or persons enrolled in such programs are authorized access to naval MTFs for the purpose of conducting special physical examination procedures which have been requested by the Commander, Naval Medical Command to determine their physical fitness for appointment to, or continuation in such a program. Upon a request from the individual's commanding officer, the officer in charge of cognizant Navy and Marine Corps recruiting stations, or officer selection officer, naval MTFs are authorized to admit such persons when, in the opinion of the cognizant officer, hospitalization is necessary for the proper conduct of the special physical examinations. Hospitalization should be kept to a minimum and treatment other than for humanitarian reasons, except as provided in this part, is not authorized.

§ 728.25 Army and Air Force National Guard personnel.

(a) *Medical and dental care.* Upon presentation of a letter of authorization, render care as set forth in AR 40-3 (Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Care) and AFR 168-6 (Persons Authorized Medical Care) to members of the Army and Air Force National Guard who contract a disease or become ill in line of duty while on full-time National Guard duty, (including leave and liberty therefrom) or while traveling to or

from that duty. The authorizing letter will include name, social security number, grade, and organization of the member; type and period of duty in which engaged (or in which engaged when the injury or illness occurred); diagnosis (if known); and will indicate that the injury suffered or disease contracted was in line of duty and that the individual is entitled to medical or dental care. Limit care to that appropriate for the injury, disease, or illness until the resulting disability cannot be materially improved by further hospitalization or treatment.

(b) *Physical examinations.* AR 40-3 and AFR 168-6 also authorize physical examinations for National Guard personnel. Accordingly, when requested by an Army or Air Force National Guard unit's commanding officer, naval MTFs may perform the requested physical examination per the appropriate service directive, subject to the availability of space, facilities, and the capabilities of the staff.

Subpart D—Retired Members and Dependents of the Uniformed Services

§ 728.31 Eligible beneficiaries and health benefits authorized.

(a) *Retired members of the uniformed services.* Retired members, as defined in §728.2(aa), are authorized the same medical and dental benefits as active duty members subject to the availability of space and facilities, capabilities of the professional staff, and the priorities in §728.3, except that:

(1) Periodic medical examinations for members on the Temporary Disability Retired List, including hospitalization in connection with the conduct thereof, will be furnished on the same priority basis as care to active duty members.

(2) When vision correction is required, one pair of standard issue spectacles, or one pair of nonstandard spectacles, are authorized when required to satisfy patient needs. Two pairs of spectacles may be furnished only when professionally determined to be essential by the examining officer. Military ophthalmic laboratories will not furnish occupational type spectacles, such as aviation, industrial safety, double segment, and mask insert, to retired