

INFORMATION PAPER

MCMR-MMS

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SUBJECT: Reserve Component Hospital Decrement (RCHD)

1. **PURPOSE:** The RCHD stocks consists of Deployable Medical Systems (DEPMEDS) Medical Materiel Sets (MMS), medical and non-medical Associated Support Items of Equipment (ASIOE). The RCHD program does not include Other Support Equipment such as trucks and communications equipment. RCHD stocks are used to bring the Army reserve units from their peacetime authorized levels to their full required level for MMS's and medical and non-medical ASIOE. These RCHD stocks serve as a decrement to a unit's Minimum Essential Equipment for Training (MEET) sets. RCHD is the difference between the required and authorized materiel on the MTO&E for MMSs and ASIOE.

2. **FACTS:**

- a. In April 1993, USAMMA was tasked with the mission of managing the RCHD program. General responsibilities include the modernization, sustainment, COSIS, preparation of Decrement Feeder Data Reports, and the coordination of materiel movement. Currently, there are 32 hospitals in the RCHD program, which are stored at Sierra Army Depot.
- b. Each September, the USAMMA provides a RCHD Feeder Data Report to the U.S. Army Reserve Command and to the RC Unit. However, if data has changed significantly, an updated RCHD Feeder Data Report is provided reflecting the most up-to-date information for that quarter. The report is displayed to the Line Item Number (LIN) level of detail. In accordance with procedures outlined in Army Regulation (AR) 220-1, Unit Status Reporting, units will calculate the equipment on-hand portion of the USR using the on-hand assets in their MEET set and the equipment reflected on the RCHD Feeder Data Report.
- c. OTSG will direct release of RCHD materiel in coordination with the United States Forces Command (FORSCOM) and Army Reserve to meet contingency, emergency, and peacetime requirements. The FORSCOM develops deployment plans for RCHD units and provides guidance to the U.S. Army Reserve Command. Upon receipt of deployment notification, the deploying unit

or Army Reserve Command will notify the USAMMA EOC to request RCHD materiel. The USAMMA validates the deployment of the unit with the TPFDD. If deployment has been validated, then the USAMMA will coordinate with the applicable storage facility and the receiving unit for the shipment of materiel. An RCHD shortage list will be provided to the unit prior to movement. The unit is responsible to prepare shipment of their MEET sets (HUB/HUS/HUM) and obtain the To Accompany Troops (TAT) requirements. According to FM 100-17-3, The Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration (RSO&I), The Materiel Fielding Team (MFT) will be responsible for the issue of the RCHD materiel to the unit. Above are the general call forward procedures for the RCHD decrement. The actual deployment and issue of RCHD will be Mission, Enemy, Troops, Terrain and Time (METT-T) driven.

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