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# Medical Readiness Operational Panel

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## ABSTRACT

Ensuring a medically ready force is a primary objective of DHA and the Services in support of the COCOMS. While Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) data is relatively standardized across individual Service systems of record, significant variability exists in the documentation, management, and reporting of duty and/or deployment limiting conditions. Additionally, the variation in utilization of the Reserve Components between the Services further clouds some of these conditions. This panel of operational leaders will discuss these issues and progress towards a joint medical readiness system to improve the ability to validate fully qualified Service Members wherever duty calls.

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## OBJECTIVES and APPROACH

1. Describe the operational differences between IMR data and deployability
  - a. Panel members will draw on their current and prior experience to highlight the desired end goal of deployability in support of the COCOMs
2. Outline the challenges in gathering and reporting readiness data.
  - a. Panel members will discuss differences in population and Service systems in gathering and reporting data
3. Explore potential joint medical readiness and deployability system.
  - a. Panel members discuss desired operational capabilities of a joint system to address current gaps and variability
4. Discuss challenges in standardizing and documenting the waiver process for accessions and deployments.
  - a. Panel members address the importance of medical waivers for both accessions and deployment and explore current and proposed mechanisms to address standardization and transparency in these processes
5. Improve understanding of Reserve Component challenges in meeting requirements to provide a medically ready force.
  - a. Panel members share their experience from both AC and RC perspective on operational challenges in attaining and maintaining medical readiness of a diverse and geographically dispersed population

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