

## DD Form 2796 Primer: Post-Deployment Health Assessment (PDHA)

Each re-deploying service member must complete a **Post-Deployment Health Assessment** using the revised Post-Deployment Health Assessment Form (**DD 2796**). Completion of the DD 2796 is a key component of the PDHA and must also include a **face-to-face interview** with a trained health care provider. Directed at the individual's health status and concerns at re-deployment, the screening is also used to document health events and enhance future force health.

- DD 2796 is mandatory for re-deploying military personnel from every Service, including Reserve Component personnel
- A credentialed health care provider must help with and discuss the form during the face-to-face post-deployment health assessment interview. These providers include:
  - Physicians
  - Physicians Assistants
  - Nurse Practitioners
  - Independent duty corpsmen/technicians
- DD 2796 is to be completed within 5 days before or after re-deployment
- If this is not possible, the member's commander should ensure that it is completed, processed, and filed in the permanent medical record within 30 days of the member's return

### Form Completion Roles and Responsibilities

- **Military Member** completes the *Demographics and Health Assessment* sections on *Pages 1–3* with assistance from the medical screener, if needed
  - **Demographics:** Includes identification information, Branch of Service, pay grade, and deployment location and dates
  - **Health Assessment:** Comprises 18 screening and triage questions related to the current deployment
- **Health Assessment Administrator** fills out *Administrator Use Only* section on *Page 1* and answers the questions. The administrator can be a medical technician, medic, or corpsman. Positive responses to questions 2–4, 7–8 must be referred to a credentialed provider



## DD Form 2796 Primer (Side Two)

### Form Completion Roles and Responsibilities (Cont.)

- **Health Care Provider** interviews the re-deploying member and completes the *Post-Deployment Health Provider Review, Interview and Assessment* section on *Page 4*
  - **Post-Deployment Health Provider Review, Interview and Assessment:** After patient interview, provider documents PDH concerns and recommends referrals and exposure follow-up

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### Form Sign-off and Processing

- Health care provider signs the form
- Form is integrated into the deployable medical record—DD 2766
- Original form maintained in member's permanent medical record
- Copy is sent to Defense Medical Surveillance System at AMSA
- Credentialed health care provider at member's home station should review the form with military member to ensure that needed follow-up and medical referrals are scheduled

### Follow-up and Ongoing Care

- Personnel with unresolved health concerns indicated during the PDHA should follow-up with their primary care manager
- All military personnel with health concerns they believe are deployment-related, regardless of time of identification, are encouraged to seek medical care
- Patients should be asked, "**Is your health concern today related to a deployment?**" during all primary care visits
- If the patient replies "**yes**," the provider should follow the Post-Deployment Health Clinical Practice Guideline (PDH-CPG) available through the DHCC and [www.PDHealth.mil](http://www.PDHealth.mil)

