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MEMORANDUM FOR USCENTCOM COMPONENTS

SUBJECT: USFOR-A Medical Waivers

Ref(s): (a) USCENTCOM MOD 15
(b) USFOR-A FRAGO 20-110

1. With the current COVID-19 pandemic, there exists the temporary ability for the CJOA/Component commanders to have increased restrictions. USFOR-A has exercised this ability and will review members submitted to components/CENTCOM before final waiver disposition is rendered. Waivers should not be sent from submitting organizations directly to USFOR-A.
2. If you have a member who will be assigned to the USFOR-A CJOA, forward the waiver to centcom.bagram.usfor-a.mbx.usfor-a-surgeon@mail.mil for review. USFOR-A will provide a recommendation based solely on the USFOR-A COVID High Risk criteria, but the final decision is at the Component/CENTCOM level. Typically you would follow the USFOR-A COVID-19 High Risk recommendation (but may deny a waiver for any reason, if appropriate). If you strongly disagree with a USFOR-A denial, first you will discuss with them. Elevate to CENTCOM for final determination if you are unable to reach an agreement. This should be very unusual as MOD 15 gives USFOR-A the authority to set stricter standards.
3. If you receive a waiver which is obviously disqualifying (for any condition you know you will not approve at your level), you may immediately deny the waiver. If you receive a waiver you believe is not related to COVID-19 High Risk, you may continue to process the waiver per current processes.
4. The USFOR-A standard is in USFOR-A FRAGO 20-110 and states: "USFOR-A adopts the World Health Organization definition of "At-Risk," defined as persons age 60 and over, and/or have been diagnosed with, or are taking medication for, high blood pressure, heart disease, lung disease, cancer, or diabetes."
5. My point of contact is Vinh Tran, MD, Lt Col, USAF, MC, FS, and can be reached at (813) 529-0348 or by electronic mail at vinh.q.tran14.mil@mail.mil.

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