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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: Reserve Component Access to AHLTA, the Military Electronic Health
Record

In today's environment, an increasing number of the Reserve Component members are deployed; some have served multiple deployments. Because of this, better visibility of health information related to individual medical readiness, pre-existing conditions, and service-related injuries is essential. Access to this information will support more effective determination of deployability status, improve the completeness of Service members' health care records, and better support service-related benefits assessment following the deployment of Reserve Component members.

A working group of representatives from all the Services, including the Reserve Components, recommended AHLTA be the Department of Defense (DoD) electronic health record for reservists. Many Reserve units currently conduct training at installations where AHLTA is deployed, but do not have access to the system. Routine use of AHLTA will ensure Reserve Component Service members' medical information is available to health care personnel at all 481 Active Component medical treatment facilities worldwide. Expanding AHLTA access to support Reserve Component health care personnel will result in the benefits addressed above.

All Services will amend their policies regarding AHLTA, as necessary, to allow AHLTA access for Reserve Component unit health care personnel and providers while they conduct training or operations at your installations. Please provide us with a report by 30 days of the date of this memorandum, on your progress in providing this access. This will require a coordinated effort for the health of our Nation's Service members.

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