



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2012-01 (Designation of the Categories of Health Professions Officers Under the Provisions of 10 U.S.C. Section 1251(b)(2)(D))

1. References.

a. 10 U.S.C. section 1251.

b. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-24 (Officer Transfer and Discharges), 12 Apr 06, incorporating Rapid Action Revision Issued 13 Sep 11.

2. I approve the recommendation of The Surgeon General regarding the designation of the categories of health professions officers eligible to request deferment of their mandatory retirement for age. The areas of concentration (AOCs) The Surgeon General recommended for designation under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. section 1251(b)(2)(D) are made up of officers whose duties primarily consist of providing health care, performing other clinical care, or performing health care-related administrative duties.

3. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 will initiate a rapid action revision to AR 600-8-24 to incorporate the following change to the regulation. Paragraph 6-25d is revised to read:

"d. The Secretary of the Army may defer the retirement of certain health professions officers. Requests for deferment under this provision will be forwarded through the officer's chain of command to CDR, HRC* (AHRC-OPH-P). Deferment under this provision may not extend beyond the first day of the month following the month of the officer's 68th birth date (10 U.S.C. 1251). For USAR* officers, see paragraph 2-21a(7).

(1) The Secretary of the Army may defer the retirement of RA* officers in the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, and Army Nurse Corps if during the period of deferment the officer will be performing duties consisting primarily of providing patient care or performing other clinical duties.

(2) The Secretary of the Army may defer the retirement of RA officers in the following Corps/AOCs if during the period of deferment the officer's duties will consist primarily of providing health care, performing other clinical care or performing health care-related administrative duties.

*"CDR, HRC" is Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command; "USAR" is U.S. Army Reserve; and "RA" is regular Army.

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(a) Veterinary Corps Officers in the following AOCs:

- (1) 64B Veterinary Preventive Medicine**
- (2) 64C Veterinary Laboratory Animal Medicine**
- (3) 64D Veterinary Pathologists**
- (4) 64E Veterinary Comparative Medicine**
- (5) 64F Veterinary Clinical Medicine**

(b) Army Medical Specialist Corps Officers in the following AOCs:

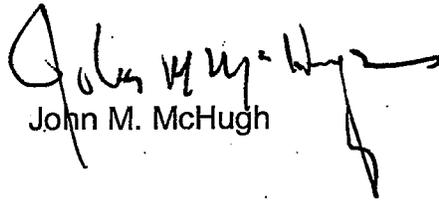
- (1) 65A Occupational Medicine**
- (2) 65B Physical Therapist**
- (3) 65C Clinical Dietician**
- (4) 65D Physician Assistant**

(c) Medical Service Corps Officers in the following AOCs:

- (1) 67B Laboratory Science Officers**
- (2) 67C Preventive Medicine Officers**
- (3) 67D Behavioral Health Officers**
- (4) 67E Pharmacy Officers**
- (5) 67F Optometry Officers**
- (6) 67G Podiatrists"**

4. This Army directive is rescinded upon publication of the rapid action revision to AR 600-8-24.

5. The point of contact is the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 (DAPE-MPO-AD), 703-695-7265.


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