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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Fort Jackson Policy Memorandum #60-Utilization of Medical Specialty Drill Sergeants

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 614-200, Enlisted Assignments and Utilization Management (27 June 2025)
- b. AR 40-68, Medical Services, Clinical Quality Management (RAR 22 May 2009)
- c. Training and Doctrine Command Regulation (TR) 350-6, Enlisted Initial Entry Training Policies and Administration (28 August 2025).
- d. TR 350-16, Drill Sergeant and Cadre Program (27 March 2023)

2. This policy is effective immediately. This is directive does not replace nor supersede any existing policy or regulation as noted above in the references. In situations where other policies or regulations govern Drill Sergeant actions, existing regulations take precedence. This policy will expire only when rescinded by the Commander, United States Army Training Center (ATC) and Fort Jackson, or a higher authority.

3. Nothing in this policy prevents nor eliminates the requirements for subordinate commanders to exercise judicious risk management. Commanders remain responsible for the appropriate utilization of Drill Sergeants within their formations.

4. Utilization of Drill Sergeants

- a. The primary duty of a Drill Sergeant is the transformation of civilians into Soldiers. Nothing in this policy should be construed to interfere with or otherwise disrupt that sacred duty. Commanders must scrutinize any additional duties or tasks to determine whether they detract from the training mission.

- b. Effective immediately, Drill Sergeants holding a medical specialty, patient care focused MOS may perform limited medical duties while assigned as Drill Sergeants. This policy is limited to MOS 68W (Combat Medic Specialist), 68C (Practical Nurse Specialist), and 18D (Special Forces Medical Specialist).

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c. Commanders are prohibited from assigning Drill Sergeant duties based on MOS, or on this policy alone. When Drill Sergeants during normally assigned duties encounter injuries or illnesses with trainees or fellow cadre, this policy permits them to act in accordance with their MOS training.

d. Drill Sergeants operating under the auspices of this policy are limited to patient assessments and initial stabilization and must then revert to previously established procedures.

e. Drill Sergeant medical personnel will not be responsible for, nor will they administer medications.

f. For purposes of this policy, Drill Sergeant medical personnel will operate under the authority of their respective T2COM Organic Medical Structure (TOMS) Surgeon, Battalion and Brigade, respectively. Battalion TOMS Teams will maintain a Competency Assessment Folder (CAF) containing at a minimum validation of current licensure, current HIPPA training, and (for 68Ws only) most recent TP 8-800 training (Table VIIIs).

g. Drill Sergeant medical personnel will not be part of the Medical Officer of the Day (MOD) PACE plan and are not exempt from utilizing the EMS algorithm if a trainee presents beyond the scope of their MOS qualifications. Drill Sergeant medical personnel will not make EMS transport decisions without conducting a history and physical assessment of the patient. All physical assessments will be completed with another Drill Sergeant present (when possible) and will be limited to vital signs, easily observable signs and patient symptoms.

5. The proponent for this memorandum is the USATC&FJ Surgeon, at (520) 716-7708.

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