

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Medical Reengineering Initiative (MRI) of USARC dental units.

1. Purpose. MRI is the outcome of a process that examined the 10 functional areas of Combat Health Support to insure their relevance to future operations. One of the areas is dental support and this does have an effect on USAR dental units.

2. Points.

a. There are 23 Dental Company's in the USAR. Each has 59 authorizations and are configured under the Medical Force 2000 (MF2K) structure. MRI will have 11 Area Support Dental Company's (ASDC) with 92 authorizations (TAB A). The ASDC is allocated as one per 29,000 non-divisional soldiers and located with the Corps and COMMZ.

b. The units that will inactivate will be rolled into the conversion of other units to the ASDC. Every attempt was made to keep them within RSC boundaries and geographically close (TAB B). Two reserve component (RC) and two active component (AC) Area Support Dental Company's are multi component. The AC flags are located at FT Lewis and FT Hood and each will have 14 RC authorizations. The RC flags are located at Independence, MO and Bellmore, NY and they each have 14 AC authorizations.

c. Timelines for inactivation and conversions are dynamic. They were originally scheduled for TAA05 but have been pushed back to TAA07. The major reason for this was funding constraints. Generally all MRI conversions have been delayed until 2005. What little MRI funding that is available is used under the digitized Corp concept and conversions are projected for 2002. The 965th ASDC is the first USAR dental unit to convert and are assigned to the 3rd Corp.

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