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SUBJECT: THE ARMY CAMPAIGN PLAN FOR HEALTH PROMOTION, RISK REDUCTION, SUICIDE PREVENTION (ANNEX D) CENTRALIZED HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

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SENT ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//DACS-SPTF//

REFERENCE: ACPHP, 16 APRIL 09, AND ANNEX D OF SAME

1. SITUATION: IN APRIL 2009, THE VCSA SIGNED THE ACPHP. ANNEX D OF THE ACPHP GUIDES COMMANDERS ON KEY PRINCIPLES TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF HEALTH PROMOTION, RISK REDUCTION, AND SUICIDE PREVENTION. SOME OF THOSE PRINCIPLES -- CONSOLIDATION OF BEHAVIORAL AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, TREATMENT OF SOLDIERS IN MODERN FACILITIES, AND COORDINATION OF CORPS / DIVISION / BCT SURGEONS WITH MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY (MTF) COORDINATORS' DESERVE EXPLANATION AND EMPHASIS.
2. DURING THE VCSA'S RECENT INSTALLATION VISITS, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT HEALTH CARE WAS NOT INTEGRATED AMONG MTFs AND BCTs. IN SOME CASES, INSTALLATIONS ARE NOT PROVIDING CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT OF REDEPLOYING MEDICAL / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHEN THEIR UNITS RETURN TO THE INSTALLATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, IN SOME INSTANCES, HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL IN REDEPLOYING UNITS ARE NOT PROVIDING HEALTH CARE TO SOLDIERS OR ARE NOT PROVIDING FULL SPECTRUM HEALTH CARE. IN SOME INSTANCES, BCT SOLDIERS ARE RECEIVING TREATMENT IN SUBOPTIMAL FACILITIES OR CLINICS.
3. TO ENSURE THE PRIMARY MISSION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AT INSTALLATIONS REMAINS SOLDIER CARE, AND SOLDIERS RECEIVE OPTIMAL CARE, INTEGRAL HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT IS CRITICAL. COMMANDERS MUST OPTIMIZE THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL PRIMARY CARE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.
4. THE VCSA ENCOURAGES CENTRALIZED, INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF PRIMARY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITH THE MTF COMMANDER OR SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER AT EACH GARRISON / INSTALLATION.
5. PLEASE CONTACT THE ARMY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION, 703-571-5575 OR VCSASITFOPS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL.

EXPIRATION DATE IS 22 MARCH 2010