



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL COMMAND  
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MEDCOM MAJOR SUBORDINATE  
COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Government Contractor Dental Care (Per DoDI 3020.37 and DA  
PAM 715-16)

1. Contractors are independent entities and are not employees of the United States Government; therefore, the Government is not obligated to provide health or dental services to contract employees unless the contract so provides. The contractor and its employees are therefore responsible for obtaining pre-deployment dental examinations and any necessary follow-up dental care at their own expense.
2. Contracted personnel arriving at a CONUS Replacement Center (CRC) without a pre-deployment annual dental exam and/or the required follow-up dental care, must be directed to a civilian dentist for corrective action prior to deployment (all problems that may soon become a dental emergency will be corrected). The Army may provide screening services to ensure compliance with dental readiness requirements.
3. Once a contractor deploys to theater, they are authorized emergency dental care via the Army operational dental treatment modules assigned within the combatant command.
4. POC for this memorandum is LTC James Honey at (703) 681-3036 or [James.Honey@us.army.mil](mailto:James.Honey@us.army.mil).

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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