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Clarifying Permanent Change of Station Guidance for Medical Professionals During STOP MOVEMENT-COVID-19

Applicable to: Active Duty

Please forward this message to all Medical Group and Squadron Commanders.

The intent of this message is to provide clarifying guidance regarding the **authorized** Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves of Airmen for medical professionals in the following categories.

- Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) officers selected for Health Professions Education programs who are starting advanced academic education are considered mission essential. These board-selected military and civilian programs, include, but are not limited to, medical and dental residencies and fellowships, Education with Industry, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences degree programs and advanced academic degrees. Airmen selected for these programs are considered mission essential and therefore must travel to their Permanent Change of Station (PCS) from CONUS and/or OCONUS locations on a timeline conducive to their program's scheduled start date. Additionally, dependents are authorized to travel concurrently with the Airman.
- Current Health Professions Education students and Health Professions Scholarship Program students are authorized to PCS to their next duty station or follow-on training upon graduation, in accordance with OSD and AF guidance.
- Also included in advanced academic education for AFMS Officers are DT selected Fellowships. Typically a 12 month developmental competitively selected fellowship. (*Examples: HAF Sr. Executive Nursing, HAF Jr Executive Nursing, Strategic Manpower & Resourcing, HAF/SG Legislative Liaison, Clinical Inquiry in Nursing Readiness, AF Central Command (AFCENT), AFPC DP2NN Nurse Utilization, AFPC Education & Training, AE Planner, AFCENT AE Planner). Any training that is AFSC awarding should be considered advanced academic education (Example: Health Services Administration Course). *Not all inclusive.
- In addition to the advanced academic education covered above, Airmen with a PCS who administer and/or oversee the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) at any level (base through MAJCOM level) are authorized to proceed on PCS. Examples of Airmen in this category are, Chief of Medical Staff (SGH) and Special Needs Identification and Assignments Coordinator (SNIAC).

- With regards to medical professionals selected to be Instructors for Health Professions Residencies/Fellowships. Airmen with a projected PCS to be instructors for health professional residencies or fellowships, are authorized to PCS with dependents concurrently.
- Lastly, before Airmen proceed on any of these PCS moves, coordination between losing and gaining commander and/or gaining organization is required before departure and organizations must be updated on travel itinerary.

Point of Contact

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