

7. Is MEDHOLD only authorized for RC personnel who are on mobilization orders?

*No. All RC personnel on active duty orders for greater than 30 days can request to remain on active duty for medical care beyond the expiration of their orders.*

8. Must RC personnel who incur or aggravate an injury, illness, or disease on active duty orders greater than 30 days remain on MEDHOLD for medical care?

*No. RC personnel may request to be released from active duty and obtain treatment for the condition(s) utilizing **Line of Duty (LOD)** benefits program at their home of record. The RC Sailor must sign a Page 13 indicating that choice.*

9. What does the RC Sailor need to know about the Navy's DES and PEB?

*The PEB evaluates the Sailor's medical condition(s) when the attending physician determines that the condition will prevent the member from performing his or her duties in the Navy. If the PEB finds the member 'Unfit for continued Naval service' a disability rating will be assigned and the member will be placed on either the **Temporary Disabled Retirement List (TDRL)**, **Permanently Disabled Retirement List (PDRL)**, or separated from the service with severance pay.*

## REFERENCES

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SECNAVINST 1770.3D  
NAVADMIN 056/08  
SECNAVINST 1850.4E  
NAVMED P-117

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# MEDICAL HOLD PROGRAM



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## WHAT IS THE MEDICAL HOLD PROGRAM?

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**Medical Hold (MEDHOLD)** is a Secretary of the Navy program to retain **Reserve Component (RC)** personnel on orders greater than 30 days beyond the expiration of their existing active duty orders to obtain medical treatment for an injury, illness, or disease incurred or aggravated on active duty. The program is managed by **Navy Personnel Command (PERS-95)**. RC personnel authorized extension on active duty for medical care by PERS-95 will be placed in a MEDHOLD status and transferred on voluntary recall orders in accordance with U.S.C, Title 10, 12301(h).

## HOW DOES THE MEDHOLD PROGRAM WORK?

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The assigned **Navy Mobilization Processing Site (NMPS)** will evaluate RC personnel who incur or aggravate an injury, illness or disease while on active duty. If the injury, illness or disease is unfitting and cannot be resolved within the 14-day demobilization period, Medical Evaluation (MEDEVAL) orders for 30 days may be requested by the NMPS.

1. The NMPS forwards the MEDHOLD Request to PERS-95.
2. PERS-95 will authorize MEDHOLD orders if the determination is made that the RC Sailor does require extension on

active duty for medical care.

3. The NMPS will be notified by PERS-95 of the decision and the member will be transferred to the most appropriate Reserve Component Command (RCC) MEDHOLD unit for management.

4. Treatment for the RC Sailor is provided at the local **Military Medical Treatment Facility (MTF)** in coordination with the RCC MEDHOLD unit and PERS-95.

5. RC personnel who have reached maximum medical benefit or have been on MEDHOLD for 12 months or greater; and cannot be returned to a Fit for Duty status will be referred to the **Disability Evaluation System (DES)** for a disability determination through the **Physical Evaluation Board (PEB)**.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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1. Who can authorize RC personnel to be placed on MEDHOLD orders?

*Navy Personnel Command (PERS-95).*

2. Can the RC Sailor on MEDHOLD orders approve/schedule his or her own medical treatment and surgery?

*No. All medical treatment and surgery must be scheduled by the RCC MEDHOLD unit.*

3. Can the RC Sailor go on leave away

from the assigned RCC MEDHOLD unit while in the MEDHOLD program?

*Yes. However, leave cannot interfere with the member's treatment plan. The request MUST be approved by the RCC MEDHOLD unit. Convalescent Leave may be authorized by the RCC MEDHOLD unit.*

4. Will the RC Sailor be employed while in MEDHOLD?

*Yes. Member will have assigned duties within the member's physical limitations.*

5. Does the RC Sailor receive active duty pay while in MEDHOLD?

*Yes. The RC Sailor will receive their pay and allowances in accordance with the JFTR.*

6. Are RC personnel authorized **Limited Duty (LIMDU)** status by the MTF?

*No. The MEDHOLD program is commensurate with the LIMDU Program by ensuring medical treatment for an injury, illness, or disease incurred or aggravated on active duty. The primary difference is that MEDHOLD manages the medical treatment of RC personnel at the RCC MEDHOLD unit; LIMDU manages the medical treatment of AC personnel at their duty station.*