DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY EUROPE REGIONAL MEDICAL COMMAND
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Europe Regional Medical Command (ERMC) Policy Letter 69, Handicap Parking Policy for Military Facilities within the ERMC Footprint.

1. This policy memorandum delineates the medical conditions that qualify eligible Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) beneficiaries for handicap parking at U.S. military facilities within the ERMC footprint and establishes who determines medical eligibility.

2. An individual may qualify for handicap parking if one or more of the following conditions apply to you or a person whom you regularly transport:

a. Cannot walk 200 feet without stopping to rest due to any medical condition or disease to include cardiac, pulmonary, neurological or musculoskeletal disorder. This also includes any other debilitating condition that in the opinion of the MTF provider limits or impairs a person's ability to walk distances.

b. Cannot walk without the use of or assistance from an assistance device, including a brace, cane, crutch, another person, or a prosthetic device.

c. Cannot ambulate without a wheelchair or other device.

d. Uses portable oxygen.

e. Is legally blind defined with vision no better than 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses. Has visual acuity greater than 20/200 but with a limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

3. Determination of medical eligibility for handicap parking:

a. Medical eligibility will be determined by MTF providers only.

b. Providers will complete attached form letter, "*Letter of Medical Eligibility for Handicap Parking*". The letter specifies that the person is medically eligible due to mobility impairment or legally blind; or that you are the person who regularly transports a person qualified for

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handicap parking. Providers must specify if the condition is permanent or temporary. Temporary handicap parking must specify a time frame of six months or less.

4. Handicap parking placards are valid only on military installations within the ERMC footprint and will be issued by the Provost Marshal Registry Motor Vehicle Office per AE REG 190-1.

5. Handicap persons or a family member should present the "*Letter of Medical Eligibility for Handicap Parking*", signed by a MTF provider, to either the Registry Motor Vehicle Office or the Field Registration Station.

6. MTF parking placards are available to MTF beneficiaries who are determined to be medically eligible by a MTF provider.

7. Persons from the United States visiting U.S. MTF beneficiaries for up to 90 days with a CONUS issued handicap parking placard will be provided a 90-day temporary handicap parking placard by the Provost Marshal Motor Vehicle Registration. The individual must present proof of handicap parking eligibility by presenting the U.S. issued handicap parking placard or a signed note from a primary care provider on a prescription pad or office letterhead.

8. Handicap parking placards approved by Host Nation will be allowed to park in U.S. military facilities' handicap parking spaces.

9. The proponent for this policy is the Director, Clinical Services Division at DSN 371-2872.

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LETTER OF MEDICAL ELIGIBLITY FOR HANDICAP PARKING
AT EUROPE REGIONAL MEDICAL COMMAND MILITARY FACILITIES

1. The following person is eligible for a handicap parking sticker.

Name:_____ Social Security #_____

DOB _____

2. Eligibility is due to (check appropriate line)

_____ Mobility Impairment

_____ Legally Blind

_____ You are the person who regularly transports a person qualified for handicap parking.

3. Eligibility dates (check appropriate line)

_____ Permanent

_____ Temporary (1-6 months) dates are from _____ to _____

_____ _____ _____

(Provider signature) *Name of MTF/Clinic* *POC phone #*

Directions to patient:

- ✓ **Present this letter to the Provost Marshal Motor Vehicle Registration Office or to the Field Registration Office where your received your license plates. These offices will assist with issuing the handicap parking placard.**
- ✓ **The handicap parking placard is valid only at U.S. Military Facilities in the European Regional Medical Command footprint and only for the eligible dates specified in # 3.**
- ✓ **U.S. Military issued handicap parking placards are not valid in Host Nation Countries.**
- ✓ **If traveling to U.S. Military facilities outside of Germany but in other countries in Europe, check with that facility's Military Police to determine if the handicap placard will be accepted.**