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MEMORANDUM

From : Head, Medical Corps Detailing (PERS-4415)
Medical Corps Chiefs Office, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Via: Branch Head, PERS-4415

Subj : OPERATIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER (OMO) DETAILING PROCESS

Ref-:

(a) BUMED INSTRUCTION 1520.42B dtd 11 June 2021

Encl : (1) OMO Community Descriptions

1. Purpose. To announce application/ detailing procedures and provide guidance for potential OMO applicants.

2. Background. Serving as an OMO represents an opportunity for residency-trained physicians with or without prior operational experience to garner knowledge of and support the operational forces. These positions function as organic medical support within a line unit. OMOs act as the primary/urgent care clinician, medical advisor to the Commanding Officer, and medical staff leader, in addition to filling community-specific programs and roles. This experience will provide for future opportunities and consideration for senior operational positions within the Fleet Marine Force, Surface Navy, Naval Aviation and Undersea Medicine communities. Descriptions of the communities and types of positions can be found in enclosure (1).

3. Scope, Applicability and Eligibility.

a. All specialties are authorized to apply for OMO positions, keeping in mind that providing direct primary and urgent care clinical support is an obligation of the position. Members should only apply to be screened if interested in taking an OMO tour. Residency-trained physicians who have completed a previous operational tour do not necessarily need to apply for OMO opportunities within the same operational community, but will need to still meet any community requirements (medical standards, etc.) that they apply to.

b. Additionally, this process does not include those billets specifically coded for a particular clinical specialty. In these cases, officers can engage directly with their respective clinical specialty leaders (SL's) for advice and recommendations and their detailers for definitive negotiation for those billets.

c. Officers are strongly encouraged to coordinate with their respective clinical SL and the detailer on the potential of an OMO assignment.

d. Applicants must be world-wide assignable and able to meet permanent change of station parameters. Rare exceptions may be considered but must be communicated during the application process. Officers that are unsure if they meet permanent change of station parameters for the current fiscal year career milestone assignment should discuss with their detailer prior to applying.

e. Members are required to apply via the procedures outlined in reference (a) and adhere to the dates listed below. Please note that slates are fluid documents and opportunities will change throughout the year.

f. If applying for OMO, residency-trained physicians must also submit a ranking list of billets within their respective clinical specialty with their detailer.

g. As operational billets, OMO positions will be a priority to fill. If there are not enough approved applicants for OMO billets, a residency-trained physician may be slated to an OMO position even if they did not submit an OMO application.

4. Key Dates.

Item of Interest	Deadline
Applications due	15 October, 2024
Notification to Members	11 December, 2024
Accept/Request to Decline Position	3 January, 2025

5. Selection Process/Notification. Operational SL's will review the applications and make recommendations to PERS-4415 (Medical Corps Detailers). PERS-4415 will work with the OMO-screened applicants to make final OMO assignments. Detailers will assign orders and notify members of final OMO assignment. Note: the Detailer is the final authority on all OMO billet assignments.

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