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BUMED NOTICE 1850

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM – POLICY FOR ENROLLMENT

Ref: (a) ASN (M&RA) memo of 16 May 2016 (NOTAL)
(b) SECNAVINST 1850.4E
(c) MANMED Chapter 18
(d) ASN (M&RA) memo of 3 Mar 2016 (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Process Map: Non-Initial Entry Training Service members
(2) Process Map: Initial Entry Training Service members
(3) Legacy Disability Evaluation System Tracker

1. Purpose. To provide guidance for changes to the enrollment in the Disability Evaluation System (DES). This includes new initiatives to provide legal counseling in the referral stage and the re-establishment of the Legacy Disability Evaluation System (LDES) per reference (a).

2. Scope. This notice applies to all Navy medical treatment facilities (MTF).

3. Discussion. Reference (b) and Chapter 18 of reference (c) are the current guidance for processing members through Medical Evaluation Boards and the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES).

a. Reference (d) authorizes commanding officers (CO) to approve requests from Service members requesting their disability evaluation case be processed through LDES versus IDES. Additionally, CO's may direct the Initial Entry Training (IET) Service members into LDES. Service members must request LDES enrollment within 10 business days of being referred into the DES.

b. Enclosures (1) through (3) establish the process, and the forms located in paragraph 10 of this instruction are required to enroll Service members into LDES.

4. Non-Initial Entry Training (IET) Service members. Per reference (d), if requested by the Service member, on a case-by-case basis, CO's can authorize requests to process through the LDES rather than the IDES. Enclosure (1) is the process map for non-IET Service members.

a. Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officers (PEBLO) will initially enroll all non-IET members into Veterans Tracking Application (VTA) for tracking purposes. If a Service member's request to enroll in LDES is approved, they will be dis-enrolled from VTA and tracked via the LDES Tracker see enclosure (3).

b. PEBLO's will immediately send the Service member's contact information to the appropriate DES legal counsel. DES legal counsel will contact the Service member to provide legal counseling and obtain Service member's election of DES options.

c. PEBLO's will contact the designated Office of the Judge Advocate General (OJAG) hotline if DES counsel documentation and election of options are not received within 3 business days of referral.

d. Service members requesting LDES: NAVMED 1850/2 is the Legacy Disability Evaluation System Request, and will be provided to Service members electing to have their DES case processed through LDES.

(1) Requests must be approved by the Service member's CO and returned to their PEBLO within 10 business days of making their election of options. It must be the Service member's responsibility to route and return this request within the timeline.

(2) Service members will be automatically enrolled in IDES if an approved LDES enrollment request is not returned to the Service member's PEBLO within the specified 10 business day period. PEBLO's must accommodate any reasonable extension request to this 10 business day period.

(3) Enrollment in LDES is completed by logging Service member's information into the LDES tracker, see enclosure (3).

e. Service members not requesting LDES: Enrollment in IDES is completed by PEBLO completing VA FORM 21-0819, and referring Service member to the Veterans Affairs (VA) medical service coordinator.

5. IET Service members. Per reference (d), IET Service members may be directed through LDES on a case-by-case basis by their CO (must be a special court-martial convening authority) when processing through IDES would have a detrimental impact on the Service member or the military Service.

a. IET Service members are defined as: Enlisted in basic military or recruit training (boot camp); enlisted undergoing initial training prior to their first assignment; officers yet to be assigned primary military occupational training; or midshipmen. Service members attending IET schools, having previously completed an initial assignment, must not be considered IET Service members for the purposes of this notice.

b. Enclosure (3) is the process map for IET Service members. The NAVMED 1850/1, Initial Entry Training Legacy Disability Evaluation System Enrollment must be used for direct enrollment into LDES.

(1) PEBLO's will initially enroll all IET Service members into the LDES tracker, see enclosure (3).

(2) PEBLO's will immediately send the Service member's contact information to the appropriate DES legal counsel. DES counsel will contact the Service member to provide legal counseling and obtain Service member's election of DES options.

(3) PEBLO's will contact the designated OJAG hotline if DES counsel documentation and election of options are not received within 3 business days of referral.

(4) CO's must be informed if the Service member's injury or illness is considered catastrophic. Catastrophic illness or injury must be defined as an illness or injury that would interfere with the immediate employability of the member once they leave active service. The Service member's referring provider must document the catastrophic injury/illness determination on NAVMED 1850/1.

(5) Upon receiving DES counsel documentation and election of options, PEBLO will forward the NAVMED 1850/1 to the Service member's CO.

(a) CO directed LDES: Service members must continue to be tracked via the LDES tracker see enclosure (3).

(b) CO directed IDES: PEBLO must dis-enroll Service member from LDES tracker, and enroll them into VTA. IDES enrollment is finalized by the PEBLO completing VA Form 21-0819, and referring the Service member to the VA medical service coordinator.

6. Action. The above procedures will be effective 15 June 2016.

7. Reporting. MTF's must track all Service members enrolled in LDES and make quarterly reports to BUMED via Navy Medicine East and Navy Medicine West. LDES tracker (see enclosure (3)) must be used to fulfill this requirement until the report is replaced by an automated system. The first report is due on 1 July 2016, and covers all LDES enrollments from 15 June 2016 through 30 June 2016.

8. Records. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of media and format, must be managed per SECNAV Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

9. Reports. The reports required in paragraph 7 are exempt from reports control per SECNAV Manual 5214.1 of December 2005, part IV, paragraph 7k.

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10. Forms

a. The following NAVMED forms are available at:

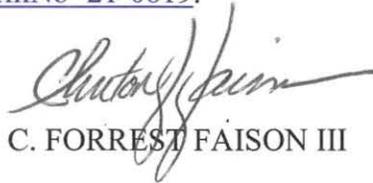
<https://navalforms.documentservices.dla.mil/>:

(1) NAVMED 1850/1, Legacy Disability Evaluation System Enrollment Request.

(2) NAVMED 1850/2, Initial Entry Training (IET) Legacy Disability Evaluation System Enrollment.

b. VA Form 21-0819, VA/DoD Joint Disability Evaluation Board Claim is available at:

http://www.va.gov/vaforms/form_detail.asp?FormNo=21-0819.

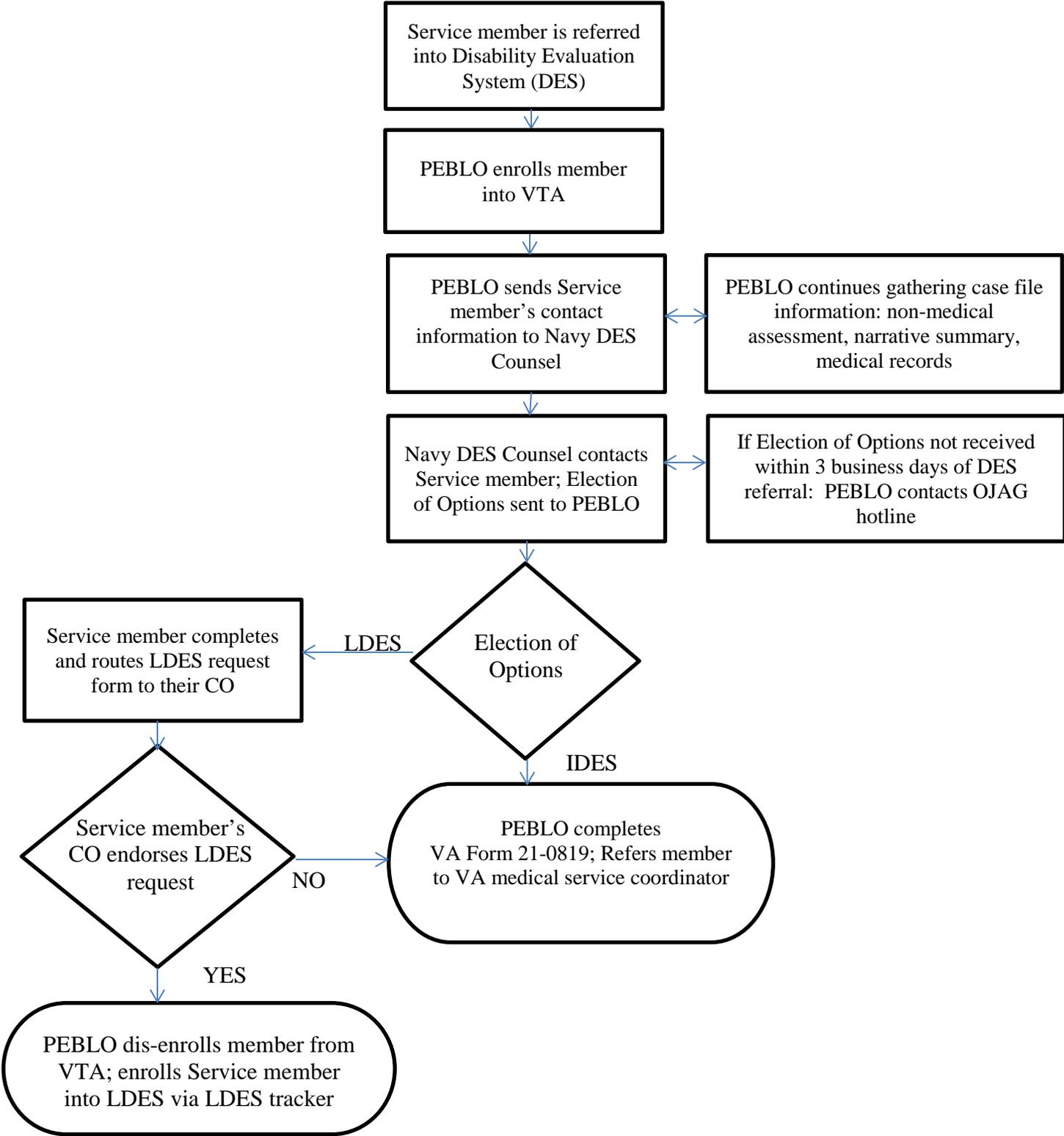


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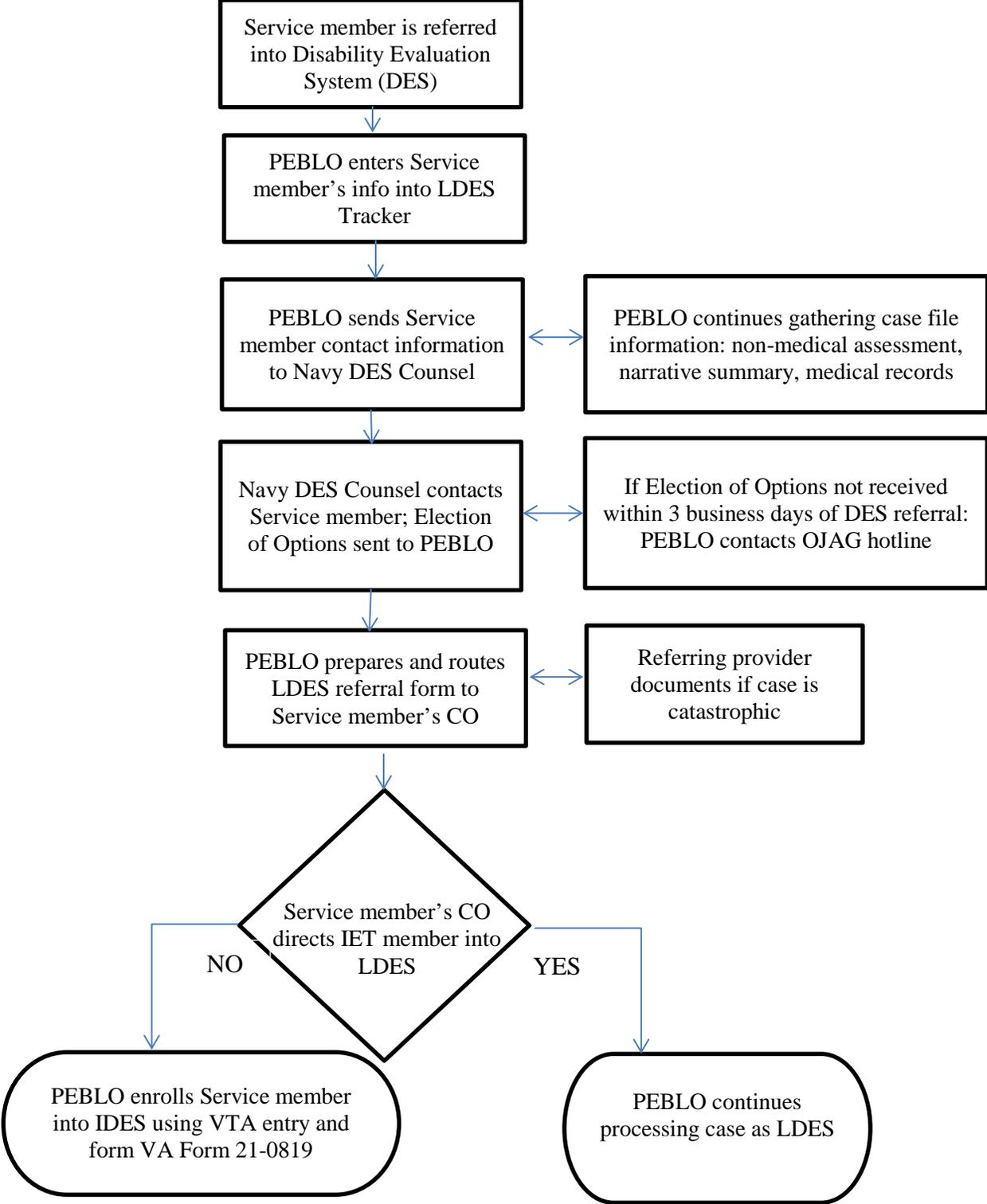
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PROCESS MAP: NON-INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING SERVICE MEMBERS



PROCESS MAP: INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING SERVICE MEMBERS



Legacy Disability Evaluation System (LDES) Tracker														
	Service Member Information				Duty Informaiton							Contact Information		
Case Identification Number	FName	LName	DOB	Gender	Rank	Grade	Personnel Class	Component	Unit	UIC	Branch of Service	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
BUMED assigned														
Addresses	Case Location			PEBLO Information										
Home Address	Mailing Address	Referring MTF	MEB MTF	PEBLO Assigned	Dual Action Case?	Number of Referred Conditions	CBMEB Case	Referral Date	PEBLO Notes					
LDES							NARSUM	MEB						
Reason Electing LDES	Other LDES Reason	DES Counsel Referral Date	LDES Request Date	LDES Request Review Date	LDES Enrollment Decision	NARSUM Date	MEB Counsel Start Date	MEB Counsel End Date	Service Members MEB Selection	Impartial Medical Review Start Date	Impartial Medical Review End Date	MEB Rebuttal Start Date	MEB Rebuttal End Date	MEB End Date
Case Deferment														
Case Deferment Start Date	Case Deferment End Date	Case Deferment Reason												
(SAMPLE- Actual worksheet will be disseminated via Regional PAD officers to MTF's)														