



DoD Health Program to Help Redeploying Troops

Service members returning from deployments will participate in a post-deployment health reassessment program that all the services are instituting in January.

This new program will assess the health - both physical and mental - of service members some 90 to 120 days after they have redeployed.

This new program is in addition to the routine post-deployment health screening that all service members go through upon return to the states from a deployment. The reassessment program is designed to find service members whose symptoms don't show up immediately and get them the help they need.

Key elements of the program include outreach to service members, education and training for service members and their families, screening of service members, assessment by medical professionals, evaluation and treatment, and follow-up. The Navy and Marine Corps will do the assessments face to face with service members.

Active-duty and reserve-component personnel will be treated exactly the same. Unit commanders are charged with ensuring service members participate in this program.

For more information about the Post Deployment Health Reassessment visit the Web site at <https://fhp.osd.mil/pdhrainfo>.

