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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS FOR WRESP PARTICIPANTS

Subject: Considerations for Commanders signing NCA, National Capitol Area Surgery Consult Form, for Ft Drum Soldiers to participate in Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program at the Refractive Surgery and Research Center at Ft Belvoir Community Hospital, Ft Belvoir VA.

1. Your signature on the NCA will:

- a. Give permission for Soldier to be considered for enrollment in the Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program (WRESP) and for treatment if eligible.
- b. Acknowledge Soldier is required to complete **1,3,6 and 12-month FOLLOW-UP EXAMS** required by the WRESP program. All 1 and 3 month exams are completed at the Ft. Drum Optometry Clinic. If leaving the area before the 6-month exam, Soldier is required to complete the 6 and 12 month with a co-managing optometry clinic. If Soldier deploys after 3 month, Soldier is required to be seen upon redeploy.
- c. Certify the following to be true: A) Soldier has at least **18 months** remaining on **ACTIVE DUTY**. B) Soldier has no adverse personnel actions pending C) Soldier not in process of medical board. C) Soldier will remain local (no PCS/TDY for schools/training) and is **NON-DEPLOYABLE** for at least **90 DAYS** from the date surgery.
- d. Verify your understanding that after refractive surgery the Soldier will be on Convalescent Leave **96-120 HOURS** while at Ft. Belvoir for treatment and will have the following **PHYSICAL PROFILE** for a minimum of **30 DAYS upon return to Ft Drum** but possibly up to 90 days in a small number of patients (<10%): A) No parachuting, diving, night operations or driving military vehicles. B) No field, range or other duties involving strenuous activity including APFT. PT is inside at own pace and distance. C) No swimming, protective mask use, or use of camouflage face paint. D) Needs to wear sunglasses at all times. Sunglass profile remains in effect indoors for 3 months and outdoors for 6 months. E) No CS gas chamber for 6 months.

- e. Acknowledge that you understand that **NATIONAL GUARD** and **RESERVE** Soldiers are **NOT eligible** for treatment **unless** they have been activated and have at least **18 MONTHS ACTIVE DUTY** remaining at their time of surgery.
 - f. Confirm your understanding that failure to attend any scheduled surgery related appointments will disqualify this soldier from any future WRESP treatment. Additionally, failure to comply with the post-operative care requirements may affect future enrollments from your unit.
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