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SUBJECT: Housing Prioritization for Warriors in Transition (WT)

1. References:
   a. Army Regulation 210-50, Housing Management, 03 Oct 05.
   b. Army Regulation 420-10, Management of Installation Directorates of Public Works, 15 Apr 97.

2. Our Army intends to provide housing to WT Soldiers that is commensurate with their service and specialized needs. This includes co-locating non-medical attendants and accessibility requirements. Per Joint Federal Travel Regulations paragraph U7961-A, an attendant is a parent, guardian, or another adult (over 21 years old) member of the patient’s family. Authorization for a non-medical attendant is at the discretion of the WT’s attending physician.

3. To complete this task, garrisons will use their existing authority per above references to assign WT Soldiers with dependents to housing on a priority basis, on par with key and essential personnel while maintaining the flexibility necessary for the Soldiers’ well-being within the particular conditions of each installation’s facilities. Each must work closely with their housing office, local community and within their existing resources to find the best method for success in WT housing.

4. The following is a list of options to meet the housing needs of our single WT Soldiers.
   a. Single WT Soldiers without non-medical caregivers/attendants will be housed in MEDCOM facilities or in existing available Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (WT FCG 72112 designated facilities) provided it meets their accessibility requirements. Installations could also use Army lodging or contract with local hotels.
   b. Single WT Soldiers with non-medical attendants:
      (1) For Single WT Soldiers on temporary duty (TDY) status, the WT should be lodged in Army lodging or contracted hotels. Non-medical attendants are provided compensation for their lodging, meals and incidental expenses through a daily per diem.
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(2) For Single WT Soldiers located at their permanent duty stations (PDS), garrisons may use the authority in AR 210-50 to temporarily divert non-privatized AFH to WT FCG 72112 for WT w/non-medical attendants. Requests will be forwarded thru IMCOM to ACSIM for approval. Digital requests and acceptances meet the requirement in AR 210-50.

(3) Additionally, garrisons should utilize contracted hotels and government leased housing in the immediate area to provide lodging for WT Soldiers and their non-medical attendants. The Garrison Commander may issue an exception to policy and provide a Certificate of Nonavailability, authorizing the WT Soldiers Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) at the without dependent rate, and ensure their housing staffs fully assist the WT Soldiers and attendee in locating and renting adequate, safe apartments that meet accessibility requirements.

(4) The least desired option is to place WT Soldiers into privatized (RCI) family housing. In this case the Garrison Commander could request assistance from the RCI housing partner to rent available quarters to WT Soldiers at the BAH without dependent rate. Non-medical attendants desiring to co-habitat with their WT, can enter into a contract agreement with the RCI partner and pay rent equal to the difference in BAH with and BAH without dependent rate. Military families will continue to have priority for RCI housing and no family will be displaced by a WT Soldier. We encourage the installations and RCI partners to work together to develop innovative solutions to address this issue. Army staff elements will assist with regulatory exceptions whenever possible.

(5) In cases where the non-medical attendants chooses to live in government provided quarters with their WT, their daily lodging per diem will be zero.

(6) Commanders must counsel the WT Soldiers that the attendant’s per diem stops when they no longer require the extra care. At that time they may be required to move to more affordable accommodations. Installations must keep this in mind whenever housing arrangements combine the WT's BAH and the attendant’s per diem.

5. Army leadership at all levels must look closely at the available options for housing their WT Soldiers. The quality of life and care of our Wounded Warriors remains one of the highest priorities of the Secretary of Defense.

6. Any questions or requests for assistance should be forwarded to G-1, IMCOM, and or ACSIM representatives. Any additional resources required to meet accessibility or housing requirements must be coordinated thru IMCOM and ACSIM. The Army G-1 point of contact for this action is MAJ Katrina Parisze, at 703-692-5948, or Ms. Brenda
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