



# WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

## Fact Sheet | Reserve Support



### Reserve Support

The Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) facilitates non-medical and medical care to the total Marine force: Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, and Veteran Marines. Whether drilling, on annual training or serving on orders, the WWR supports Reserve Marines who are wounded, become ill or are injured in the line of duty. The Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination (RMED) Section is responsible for supporting all wounded, ill or injured (WII) Marine Reservists and their unique needs.



### Reserve Medical Entitlements Determination Section

The WWR's RMED Section is the Commandant directed entity that oversees all cases of WII Reservists who require medical care for aggravated medical issues incurred in the line of duty. Those who require retention on active duty are placed into the **Medical Hold (MedHold) Program**. Those who do not require extension on active duty, or who wish to return to their civilian life, have their medical needs addressed through **line of duty (LOD) benefits**.

#### Applies to

#### Guidelines

### MedHold Status

For Reservists on active duty for more than 30 days who must be retained beyond their Expiration of Active Service (EAS)/Expiration of Current Contract (ECC) due to a need for ongoing medical treatment.

- To be placed on medical hold, Reservists must be in a limited duty status (LIMDU) with a valid NAVMED 6100/5 and must CONSENT in writing to stay on MedHold beyond original EAS/ECC.
- After two periods of limited duty, Marines on MedHold status will be referred to a Medical Evaluation Board (MEB).
- WII Reservists on MedHold receive their full active duty pay and benefits.

### LOD BENEFITS

These benefits are for Reservists injured during drill weekend, annual training, or on active duty 30 days or less. Reservists on active duty for more than 30 days who demobilize but need care for aggravated ailments and Reservists who are directed to demobilize by an RMED Senior Medical Officer are also eligible for LOD benefits.

**LOD benefits include medical and/or dental care. There are two types pay that may apply:**

- 1. Non-Drilling 204(g)** Members in an inpatient status, sick in quarters status, or a convalescent leave status following surgery can receive their full pay and entitlements minus any earned income (i.e. income protection plan, vacation pay, or sick leave).
- 2. Drilling 204(h)** Members may be reimbursed for lost wages, not to exceed the military pay for which they qualify, while recovering or to attend medical appointments. In this situation, they must have had a civilian job when the illness, injury or disease occurred and they must provide proof of the lost income.

\*If the injury prevents the Reservist from returning to their civilian work, may be eligible for incapacitation pay.

\*\*A MEB may be initiated at the direction of RMED if condition is not or **will not** be resolved within 90 days or at anytime.

# RMED Policies and Services

## RMED Policies



### RMED Procedures

When a Reserve Marine is wounded, becomes ill or is injured while in a duty status, the WWR is available to support them. The Reservist must report the illness, injury, or disease **immediately**. The unit then submits the appropriate request via Marine Corps Medical Entitlements Data System (MCMEDS) regardless of the member's intent to use benefits. Once in MCMEDS, the Defense Health Agency (DHA) authorizes treatment and settles claims for medical care related to the specific illness, injury or disease on the LOD authorization letter.

When seeking care, the Reservist should use one of the following in order of precedence: Military Treatment Facility (MTF), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital, or civilian health care providers authorized by Defense Health Agency. MTFs require a LOD authorization letter to allow the member to receive treatment. Program benefits are only authorized for medical conditions reported via MCMEDS.



### Status Reporting Requirements

Reservists on a MedHold or LOD status must provide monthly physical status reports from their physician via the MCMEDS system, which includes: (1) detailed recent treatment; (2) planned interventions for the upcoming month; and (3) prognosis of the injury/illness/disease.

## Services Available to WII Reservists

WII Reservists have access to all programs available to active duty WII Marines. These include:

### Limited Duty Coordinator (LDC)

Uses MCMEDS to submit requests and manage cases at each reserve command to ensure reservists get relevant medical evaluations as soon as a problem is identified. The LDC maintains contact with RMED who will assist with case management.

### Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC)

Defines goals for recovery, navigates the system, and identifies resources and services. RCCs work primarily for WII reservists going through the IDES process.

### Medical Cell

Provides medical subject matter expertise, advocacy, and liaison to the medical community.

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#### Wounded Warrior Call Center

Links WII reservists and their families with the resources and services that support them and update WII reservists of policy changes that affect them. Also a hub for social media outreach.

### Non-Medical Care Manager

Offers immediate and typically short-term support on issues ranging from employment, education assistance, financial management and planning, housing adaptation, transportation, and benefits information and access.

### District Injured Support Coordinators (DISC)

DISCs are the WWR Commanding Officer's representatives in the civilian community. They are located throughout the country supporting remote and isolated WII reservists and their families and helping WII Marines transition from active duty or reserves to veteran status.

### Family Support Staff

Family readiness officers and family support coordinators provide assistance, training, and information about family activities offered locally and nationally.

### Transition Specialist

Enhances community reintegration by identifying employers and education to ensure WII Marines are competitive in the job market.

### Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program (WAR-P)

Challenges WII Marines to engage in physical and cognitive activities such as sports and recreational activities.

### Wounded Warrior Attorney

Supplies free legal assistance specifically for WII Marines going through the IDES process.

### Religious Ministry Services

Gives spiritual, moral, and emotional care to WII Marines, their families, and staff.

### Camps and Events

Furnishes opportunities for the entire family to participate in WWR sponsored camps and events including Chaplains' Religious Enrichment Program (CREDO), Outdoor Odyssey, and PTSD for couples.

### VA Liaison/Veteran Service Organization Coordinator

Supplies information, education, and assistance on services available through the VA and veterans service organizations.