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ARNG-HRR

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MEMORANDUM FOR Army National Guard (ARNG) Recruiting and Retention Force (RRF)

SUBJECT: SMOM 20-038, Exceptions to Policy for I-551 Card Holders during COVID-19

1. References.

a. AR 601-210 (Regular Army and Reserve Components Enlistment Program), 31 August 2016.

b. Memorandum, ARNG-HRR, PPOM 20-012, subject: FY20/21 Accession Options Criteria, 1 April 2020.

c. Memorandum, ARNG-HRR, PPOM 19-049, subject: FY20/21 Strength Maintenance MEPS Processing, 9 October 2019.

2. In response to COVID-19 exceptions to policy may be made for Soldier's scheduled to ship to training and possess a conditional I-551 card which expires two years from the issued date.

3. The Accession Suitability Office (ARNG-HRR) may grant exceptions allowing these card holders to ship to training as long as the I-551 card is valid for 6-months after the scheduled ship date. Exceptions to policy to ship when the I-551 expires within 6-months of the scheduled ship date are not authorized.

4. The point of contact for this action is Mr. Greg Williamson at 502-684-3302 or usarmy.knox.ngb.list.arng-accessions-suitability-mgrs@mail.mil.

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