

Enlisted Personnel

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- a. Medical examinations are required for soldiers being processed for separation under chapter 5 (paras 5-3 (involuntary separation only), 5-11, and 5-12 only); chapter 8, 9, 11 (para 11-3b only), 12, or 13; chapter 14 (section III only), 15 and 18; and for certain other soldiers as required by AR 40-501, paragraph 8-23 and table 8-3. Medical examinations incident to separation under other provisions of this regulation are not required, but will be administrated if requested in writing by the soldier, but separation will not be delayed until completion of the physical.
- b. In addition to medical examinations, mental status evaluations conducted by a psychiatrist or licensed clinical psychologist are required for soldiers being processed for separation under chapter 13, 14 (sec III), or 15. A mental status evaluation is also required when a soldier being processed for discharge under chapter 10 requests a medical examination. The mental status evaluation will be documented in the soldier's medical records on Standard Form 600 (Health Record-Chronological Record of Medical Care.)
- c. Detailed information about the reasons for considering a soldier for separation will be provided to attending medical personnel to permit thorough understanding of the contemplated action. Medical personnel will not be used in an investigative capacity to determine facts relative to a soldier's behavior.
- d. Except as provided in e below, specific responsibilities and procedures for conducting medical examinations and mental status evaluations will be as prescribed in pertinent regulatory guidance issued by The Surgeon General.
- e. Soldiers being considered for separation under paragraph 5-13 must be evaluated by a psychiatrist or licensed clinical psychologist. However, a complete medical examination is not required unless clinically indicated or requested by the soldier.