

## **CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET CUTS EFFECT MARTIN ARMY CLINICS/PHARMACY ACCESS:**

Due to a congressional mandate to implement a furlough for government employees, access to health care will be affected. Martin Army Community Hospital, Pharmacy, outlying clinics and support services have developed a plan to permit the greatest amount of access to Soldiers and beneficiaries, while meeting the 11-day furlough mandate. This will be a challenging time for the Martin Army staff who is committed to quality patient care and for you, the beneficiary, as we support our country's current economical hardship.

Starting July 8 until Sept. 30, the following plan will be implemented:

- **Adult Primary Care Clinic (APCC):** will continue Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- **Family Medical Home, Pediatric Medical Home, and Internal Medicine:** will provide full services for acute, reoccurring, routine and wellness needs from **Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
- **Pediatric Sports and School Physicals:** by appointment only - available Monday-Thursday, July 8 – Aug. 23.
- **North Columbus Medical Home:** will be **CLOSED** every Friday and acute care offered at the main hospital through Central Appointment booking.
- **Friday Appointment Access:** Primary Care Clinics will accommodate "Acute Care" access for patient with urgent medical needs from 8:40 a.m. – 5 p.m. Appointments are obtained by calling the Central Appointment line at 706-544-CARE (2273).
- **Troop Sick-Call** on Saturdays: effective immediately, Saturday sick-call **will not** take place at Winder Clinic. Saturday sick-call is set-up to operate next to the Martin Army Emergency Department from 7 a.m.- 9 p.m.

**Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic will continue to be open 6:30- 3 p.m. Monday-Friday and offer the same services. On Thursdays and Fridays, they will operate at 1/2 staffing.**

- **Pharmacy Services:** Outpatient **main hospital pharmacy** will be **CLOSED** on Saturdays, but Refill Pharmacy services in the PX Mall will remain the same.
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**Emergency Services and Crisis Response:** will continue to be fully supported.

**MEDPROS/Medical Processing** will be **CLOSED** on Fridays.

Despite best plans, beneficiaries should expect possible longer wait times when calling Central Appointments, awaiting prescription pick-up and using other support services. Access to your Primary Care Provider can still be obtained through a number of options: [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com), [www.relayhealth.com](http://www.relayhealth.com) (ask your Provider how to enroll) and telephone consultation via 706-544-2273.

Balancing our fiscal responsibility with our commitment to troop readiness, civilian work force and military families are paramount. Together, we can support our Nation during this time of constraint and still continue to provide the safe, quality health care you deserve.