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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

MCHO-CL-R (40-2p)

12 MAY 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Medical Treatment Facility  
Credentials Coordinators

SUBJECT: Privileging of Army Dietitians and Occupational  
Therapists

1. In accordance with AR 40-48, Nonphysician Health Care Providers, all dietitians and occupational therapists should be individually privileged based on their scope of practice. However, actual practice indicates that few are currently individually privileged.
2. The Air Force and Navy grant individual privileges to dietitians and occupational therapists. Because we function in a joint environment and data from all services will be compared, the Army's privileging action must occur. The Department of Defense (DOD) Ambulatory Data Work Group has established a policy that only privileged health care providers may use the full range of Current Procedural Terminology Evaluation and Management codes. Immediately providing individual privileges to these providers will enable valid data comparison and analysis to occur from the Ambulatory Data System (ADS) database across DOD.
3. Requests for individual privileges should be made by the Chief, Nutrition Care Division or Chief, Occupational Therapy through the credentials committee to the medical treatment facility commander. AR 40-48 is currently under revision and will encompass privileging of occupational therapists beyond the neuromusculoskeletal evaluator (NMSE) role. Dietetics and Occupational Therapy Consultants to The Surgeon General will provide additional information for implementation.
4. Our point of contact is Colonel Richard F. Lynch, Army Nutrition Care Program Manager, Directorate of Clinical Operations, at DSN 471-6608/6344 or Commercial (210) 221-6608/6344.

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