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Special Operations File

for the

MHS Data Repository (MDR)

(Version 1.00.00)

Current Specification

**Revision History**

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| **Version** | **Date**  | **Para/Tbl/Fig** | **Originator** | **Description of Change** |
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**MDR Special Operations File**

1. Source

Data capture system: DEERS

1. Transmission (Format and Frequency)

DEERS provides a monthly file containing the cumulative history for all sponsors activated since September 11, 2001. Specifically, records are extracted from the DEERS database, if the following conditions are met:

* Begin/End Entitlement Condition Dates include September 2001 or later
* Sponsor Status (Member Category Code) is Guard or Reserve.
* The personnel entitlement condition type is either 1 or 2 (recall or activation).

Files are provided in fixed length, text format.

1. Organization and batching

Each month’s data file is a complete replacement of the prior month.

1. Receiving Filters

No filters are applied.

1. Field Transformations and Deletions for MDR Core Database

Not applicable.

1. File layout and content

Table 1 reflects the fields as they are received from DEERS, and stored in the MDR Special Operations Data File. The MDR Special Operations file is stored in fixed length, text format.

The MDR Special Operations file has changed format over time. Table 1 reflects the format of the MDR Special Operations file, effective 12/31/2004. The file layout for the MDR Special Operations File prior to 12/31/2004 is described in Appendix A.

**TABLE 1: MDR Special Operations File**

| **Variable Name** | **Format** | **Pos** | **Comment/Derivation/Destination** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sponsor Social Security Number | $9 | 1 | No transformation |
| Branch of Service | $1 | 10 | No transformation |
| Type of Beneficiary | $1 | 11 | No transformation. Indicates whether beneficiary is guard or reserve |
| DEERS Person ID | $10 | 12 | No transformation |
| Special Operations Code | $2 | 22 | No transformation |
| Zip Code | 5 | 24 | No transformation. Note that leading 0’s are not provided by DEERS. |
| Begin Entitlement Condition date | yyyymmdd | 29 | Begin date of entitlement period |
| End Entitlement Condition date | yyyymmdd | 37 | End date of entitlement period. |

1. Refresh Frequency

Data are refreshed monthly by replacement of the entire file.

1. Special Outputs

The Special Operations File will be used as an input to the processing of the Longitudinal PITE file.

**Appendix A. MDR Special Operations File Format**

**(For data received prior to 12/31/2004)**

| **Variable Name** | **Format** | **Comment/Derivation/Destination** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sponsor Social Security Number | $9 | No transformation |
| Branch of Service | $1 | No transformation |
| Type of Beneficiary | $1 | No transformation. Indicates whether beneficiary is guard or reserve |
| Special Operations Code | $2 | No transformation |
| Zip Code | 5 | No transformation. Note that leading 0’s are not provided by DEERS. |
| Begin Entitlement Condition date | yyyymmdd | Begin date of entitlement period |
| End Entitlement Condition date | yyyymmdd | End date of entitlement period. |