



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR COMBAT COMMAND
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ACC MEDICAL GROUP COMMANDERS

FROM: HQ ACC/SG
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Langley AFB VA 23665-1995

SUBJECT: Primary Care Element (Suspense: 1 Apr 04)

1. Our Primary Care Management (PCM) Teams are the AFMS platform for delivery of health care to our enrolled beneficiaries. As the PCM concept is now well established in our MTFs, the next step is the implementation of the Primary Care Element (PCE).
2. The PCE will be comprised of three to five PCMs and their support staffs. The PCE Team will be responsible to deliver or arrange health care for their enrolled population. The PCE leader will be an active duty PCM or support staff nurse. PCE Team success will be measured in terms of access to care, performance on HEDIS metrics, and Preventive Health Assessment and Individual Medical Readiness (PIMR) compliance. MDG/CCs must ensure PCE teams are designated for their MTF not later than 1 April 2004 in accordance with HQ USAF/SGO Memorandum (Atch 1), dated 3 Mar 04, and the implementation instructions for the PCE.
3. To clarify expectations for the ACC aerospace medicine community regarding PCEs in the Flight Medicine Clinic (FMC), each FMC will constitute a single PCE Team. This will ensure our SMEs and flight surgeons are able to continue to meet their operational requirements.
4. Thank you for ensuring the effectiveness of the PCE concept as we work to further enhance our health care delivery to our beneficiaries. POC for this issue is Lt Col Joel Ray, ACC/SGO, DSN 574-3180, joel.ray@langley.af.mil.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Murphy".

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1 Attachment:
AF/SGO Memo, 3 Mar 04 w/1 Atch