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**THE CHIEF, ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE BOARD FOR
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, AND DIETITIANS**

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1. **HISTORY.** This is the first printing of this publication.
2. **PURPOSE.** This regulation establishes the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps Award of Excellence Board for Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Dietitians, and provides associated policies and procedures.
3. **REFERENCES.**
 - a. AR 600-8-2, Suspension of Favorable Personnel Actions (Flags).
 - b. AR 600-9, The Army Weight Control Program.
4. **APPLICABILITY.** This regulation applies to all Army Medical Specialist Corps officers recommended for the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps Award of Excellence Board for Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Dietitians.
5. **RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps, will--
 - a. Release a message to the field requesting nominations for the awards no later than 30 September of each year.
 - b. Convene the Board so that the selection of award recipients is made no later than 31 December of each year.
 - c. Designate one of the Board members as president.
 - d. Exercise staff supervision over the award's nomination and selection process.
 - e. Present the awards at appropriate ceremonies with suitable publicity. Authority to present the awards may be delegated to the appropriate Assistant Corps Chief.
6. **BACKGROUND.**
 - a. The award provides personal recognition by the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps to one company grade officer from each of the Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, and Dietitian Sections of the Army Medical Specialist Corps who has made outstanding contributions to the accomplishment of military medicine in his/her respective field. Outstanding contributions

made by a Physician Assistant are recognized through The Surgeon General's Physician and Physician Assistant Recognition Awards Board.

b. The award is intended to recognize excellence in leadership, job performance and self-improvement, and increase motivation for junior officers. It is separate and distinct from any other awards that may be given for exceptional duty performance.

7. POLICY.

a. Any active duty company grade occupational therapist, physical therapist, or dietitian (Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, or Captain) may be nominated for the award.

b. The Award of Excellence Board will not consider officers who have been considered for promotion to Major.

c. An individual who has already received the award is ineligible for future nominations.

d. An Active Army officer must have at least 1 year of active duty service remaining upon receipt of the award.

e. Nominations will generally be made for duty performance in the year immediately preceding nomination deadlines.

8. PROCEDURES.

a. The Chief and four Assistant Chiefs of the Army Medical Specialist Corps will comprise the Board. The Board will convene annually in the Office of the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps to review Award of Excellence nominations and select recipients.

b. The Board, operating under the general guidance of the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps, is responsible for reviewing nominations and selecting one company grade occupational therapist, physical therapist, and dietitian for the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps Award of Excellence.

c. All individuals in the supervisory chain are eligible to nominate Army Medical Specialist Corps officers with the area of concentration of 65A, 65B, or 65C for this award. All nominations will be submitted to Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps, ATTN: MCCA-CA, Suite 273, 2250 Stanley Road, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6100. Nominations must be--

(1) Submitted in memorandum format and should not exceed two double spaced typed pages. The narrative will include the nominee's leadership, job performance, and self-improvement qualities.

(2) Include a statement that the nominee is in compliance with Army Regulation 600-8-2 and Army Regulation 600-9.

(3) Staffed through the senior Army Medical Specialist Corps at the appropriate subordinate military treatment facility, regional medical command, or major Army command level for concurrence.

(4) Endorsed by the nominee's commander.

(5) Forwarded to arrive at the Office of the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps no later than the date indicated in the message.

d. Individuals selected as recipients of the award will receive a letter of commendation from The Surgeon General and the Chief, Army Medical Specialist Corps.

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