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AFRH Chief Operating Officer Fact Sheet 17B

Subject: Determining Admission Priority Categories for the Reopening of AFRH-Gulfport

In anticipation of the reopening of the Armed Forces Retirement Home-Gulfport currently scheduled for calendar year 2010, it is important to establish reentry procedures and priorities for former and prospective Gulfport residents. The policy and guidance contained in this Fact Sheet supercedes the policy and guidance provided in AFRH Fact Sheet Numbers 17 and 17A.

DEFINITIONS:

a. **Residents of the Home Status:** This category pertains to all former Gulfport residents who were displaced due to Hurricane Katrina. These individuals will be given **top** priority when reopening occurs. Residents in this category are assigned **Priority 1** status. In order to be a **Priority 1** resident, you must have resided at AFRH-Washington from January 1, 2009 until the Gulfport facility reopens (please see further clarification for Priority 1A/B, below.)

- *Priority 1A: Former Gulfport residents who have lived continuously at AFRH-Washington since Hurricane Katrina and who have not had any breaks in their residency.*

Priority 1A residents will be assigned rooms based on the original date the resident entered AFRH-Gulfport prior to Hurricane Katrina.

- *Priority 1B: Former Gulfport residents who have had one or more breaks in residency at AFRH-Washington since Hurricane Katrina, but who will reside at AFRH-Washington from January 1, 2009 until Gulfport reopens.*

Priority 1B residents will be assigned rooms based on the original date the resident entered AFRH-Gulfport prior to Hurricane Katrina.

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b. **Delayed Reentry Status:** Former AFRH-Gulfport residents who, for whatever reason, decided not to reside at the AFRH-Washington facility and were placed on Delayed Reentry Status. Residents in this category are assigned **Priority 2** status. Former AFRH-Gulfport Delayed Reentry residents who wish to come to AFRH-Washington to upgrade their priority from **Priority 2** to **Priority 1** must have done so before January 1, 2009.

- *Priority for delayed reentry into the AFRH-Gulfport is based on the original entry date into Gulfport.*

c. **Residents who reside at AFRH-Washington who had AFRH-Gulfport reporting dates:** Residents who made application to AFRH-Gulfport and subsequently decided to reside at AFRH-Washington pending the reopening and who have lived at AFRH-W continuously from their original report date are assigned **Priority 3**.

d. **AFRH-Gulfport Waiting list:** This includes all applicants who applied and were approved both before and after the closure of AFRH-Gulfport. These individuals are assigned **Priority 4** status. Priority for these individuals will be based on the date of their application approval. This category also includes AFRH-Washington residents who announced their intention to transfer to AFRH-Gulfport upon reopening. AFRH-Washington residents who request transfer will be placed on the AFRH-Gulfport waiting list based on the date they formally requested the transfer.

Room assignment determination: Room assignments have not yet been made. Room assignments for the new Gulfport facility will be made approximately six (6) months prior to the actual reopening of the Gulfport Facility.

Shipping of personal belongings: Personal belongings will be shipped from AFRH-Washington to AFRH-Gulfport at AFRH expense for AFRH **Priority 1** individuals only.

Updated medical examination: Updated Medical Examination Forms will be required for all **Priority 2** (Delayed Reentry) and **Priority 4** (Waiting list) applicants. Residents who transfer directly from AFRH-Washington to AFRH-Gulfport do not need an updated medical examination. Medical examination and functional assessment forms will be sent out to these Priority Groups six (6) months before the scheduled reopening of AFRH-Gulfport.

Question/Guidance: Individuals who have questions regarding this policy or need additional guidance should contact the Public Affairs Office at 1-800-422-9988.



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