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COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
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SUBJECT: Policy Guidance Extension for Identification Card Operations for COVID-19

References: (a) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Policy Guidance for Identification Card Operations for COVID-19," April 7, 2020
(b) Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Memorandum, "Additional Procedures for Department of Defense Identification Cards for COVID-19," April 16, 2020

In responding to COVID-19, the Department has demonstrated its commitment to ensuring the health and safety of all DoD personnel and beneficiaries, and ensuring their continued access to DoD healthcare and authorized benefits.

Due to the continued spread of COVID-19, and the Department's limited ability to return Identification (ID) Card facilities to normal operations while complying with all safety precautions, **I am extending the temporary policy guidance at reference (a) through June 30, 2021, for Uniformed Services ID cards expiring January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.** The guidance at reference (b) will expire on September 30, 2020, due to the high rate of Common Access Card reissuance and low rate of certificate extensions.

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System will continue to be the authoritative source to verify statutory eligibility to DoD healthcare and other benefits. Please visit https://www.cac.mil/Coronavirus for additional information, or contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Identity and ID Card Policy Team at dhracacpolicy@mail.mil.

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