



# US Forest Service Fire & Aviation Medical Qualifications Office eMedical Program Information for Medical Providers

eMedical is the online version of the US Forest Service Medical exam for our wildland fire and emergency personnel to become medically qualified to take the Work Capacity Test (WCT). These exam forms are in an online and secure format as mandated by the Agency. Contracted or local licensed medical providers will conduct one of the exams, either the OF-178 exam or the Arduous Medical Process exam (AMP), for USFS employees and ADs. They can then create a secure profile and complete and submit exam information into the eMedical system. The medical provider may delegate entering completed exam information into the eMedical system to their staff. Once the exam is received, a USFS Medical Officer will review the exam and complete the final clearance process to the WCT for the employee. The medical provider must be a licensed MD, DO, NP/APN or PA. Chiropractors may not complete this exam.

Billing will be handled by Acuity International/Comprehensive Health Services (CHS) <u>if</u> the exam was scheduled through them. If it was <u>not</u> scheduled though Acuity, *please bill the employee directly*. If this information is not provided prior to the exam, contact either the Acuity/CHS Help desk or the eMedical Program Administrator for assistance.

Please contact the Program Administrator below with any questions about our eMedical program, components of the exam or access issues and we will assist you ASAP. General queries for assistance (password issues, new physician access codes for employees) can be directed to our General eMedical email address.

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#### **General eMedical Questions:**

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Further information, guides and brochures may be found on the USFS eMedical website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/safety/emedical



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#### 1. General eMedical Questions for Medical Providers

#### 1.1 How do I access eMedical?

To access eMedical, a USFS employee will provide a printed email with instructions for creating an account in eMedical during their physician exam. The email will contain the eMedical website address and a **code** to access a particular employee's exam.

**USFS** Website for Medical Providers:

#### https://emedicalacc.gdcii.com/provider

- If you are a new user, click the "Establish Username and Password" link below the main login boxes. You MAY establish an account before accessing eMedical for your first USFS patient.
- If you are an existing user, login with your existing username and password. Any password issues or trouble at this step, please contact us for assistance: SM.FS.mqp\_emedical@usda.gov

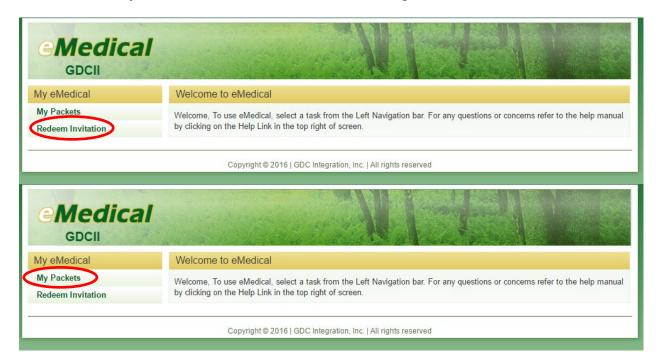




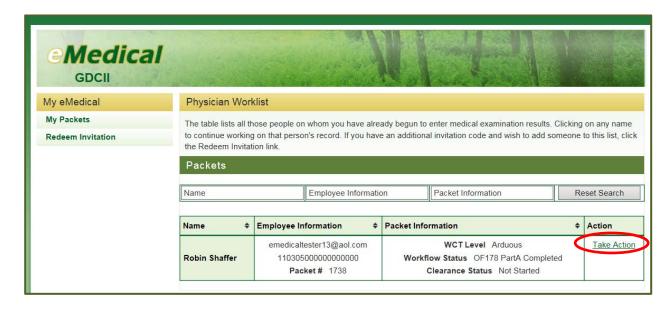
NOTE: Please make sure that the profile information entered is for the person entering the exam results, if not the Medical Provider. There will be an opportunity to add the Medical Provider's information later.

#### 1.2 How do I access a patient's OF-178 or Arduous Medical exam form?

- 1) Click on "Redeem Invitation"
- 2) Enter the patient's 25-digit Physician Access Code and their DOB. If the code has expired, please contact us for a new one. **This code only needs to be entered ONCE.**
- 3) All redeemed invitations/patient exams are found in "My Packets" until they are submitted.
- 4) Click "Take Action" to the right of the patient's name for the exam you wish to work on.
- 5) Click "Save" at the bottom at any time. The screen will timeout after 20 minutes of inactivity. An exam may be accessed as many times as needed before submission and will always be located under "My Packets". Once submitted, it will no longer be accessible.

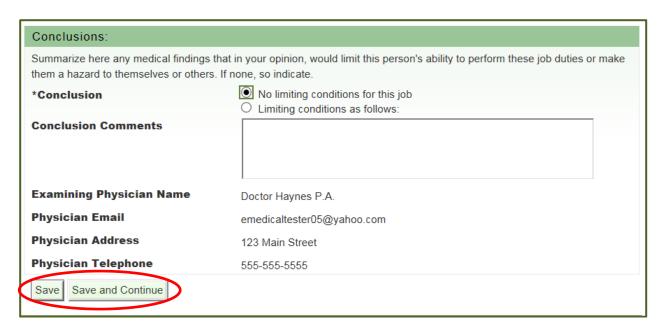






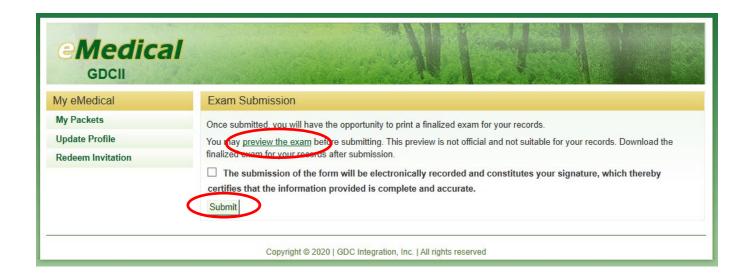
#### 1.3 How do I submit the exam results?

 Any comments regarding testing, diagnoses found, or additional information you wish to include should be added on this last page under "Conclusion Comments" Then click "Save and Continue."





- 2) If you wish to review the form before submission, click the "*Preview the exam*" link to download and review the exam as a PDF.
- 3) To SUBMIT the form, click the check box, and then click the "**Submit**" button. You will be able to view/print the completed form after submission. Check the box to confirm consent. The system will automatically record a digital signature and timestamp. The exam will be routed to the USFS Medical Officer for the final review/clearance process.

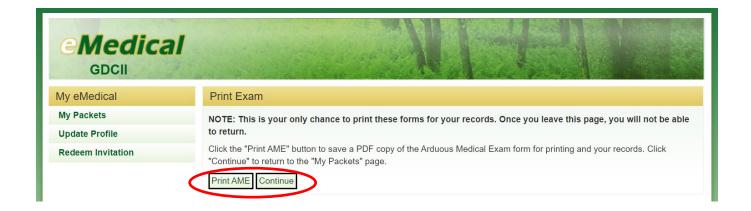


- 4) If you wish to print, you will be prompted to do so PRIOR to submission. You will not be able to print a copy of the exam after it is submitted. After printing, click "Continue".
- 5) Once you click "*Continue*", the exam will be submitted to the USFS Medical Officer and will no longer be visible in "My Packets".

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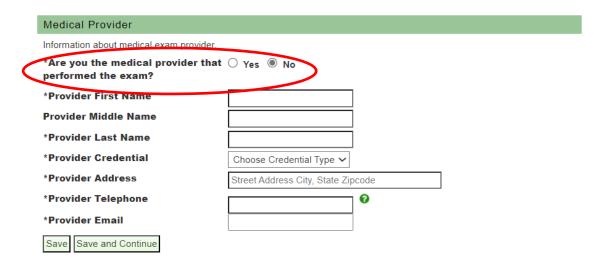
#### 1.4 Can I access an employee's exam form after I have submitted it?

No. To limit exposure of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and Personal Health Information (PHI), physicians cannot access the exam after it has been submitted. However, physicians can access and update pending exams as many times as needed until they are submitted. If physicians need to update information in the exam after submission, please contact the MQP office at: SM.FS.mqp\_emedical@usda.gov

#### 1.5 Provider profile security concerns and employee information release

The personal information required to create a medical provider profile is to enable an electronic signature of the provider and their credentials: MD, DO, NP/APN or PA.

If the person who enters the exam results created their own account profile, there is an opportunity to list the contact information for the Medical Provider at the bottom of the exam form:





#### **Employee Release of Medical Information:**

When an employee completes their eMedical Health Screening Form prior to their exam, they must agree to a release of their medical information to their examining medical provider and to the USFS Agency Medical Officers. Every employee referred to an exam through eMedical has agreed to this statement:

I, (Full Name), certify that all of the information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that submitting information that is incomplete, misleading, or untruthful may result in termination, criminal sanctions, or delays in processing this form for employment. Furthermore, consistent with the Privacy Act Statement, I authorize the release to my employing agency of all information contained on this examination form and all other forms generated as a direct result of my examination.

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