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MedPED Overview

Medically necessary Controlled PEDs (MedPEDs) are devices that have been prescribed by a medical professional and are needed for medical, disability, or health reasons (e.g., motorized wheelchairs, hearing aids, heart pacemakers, glucose monitors).

The Department of Energy (DOE) requires that MedPEDs with Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, microphone, and pairing/transmission capability require an evaluation for technical security vulnerabilities prior to use.

Our goal is to ensure everyone can perform their work at LANL in a safe and secure manner while keeping us compliant with DOE orders. Please remember that use of MedPEDs must be approved prior to bringing a MedPED into limited areas/secure spaces. If approval is not in place, the employee or visitor must work with their Responsible Line Manager (RLM) or Host to secure a workspace and work deliverables that do not require entry into limited areas/secure spaces until approval and/or a compliant device are obtained.

Process for MedPED Submission/Review/Approval

Prior to bringing a medically necessary PED into limited areas/secure spaces, complete the request Submit through MEDSAFe with required medical documentation. Standard review and full processing time can be expected within 30 days.

If approved, employee will be able to download a copy from MEDSAFe. The employee should save the form to their computer and print out a copy of the approved form and applicable mitigations necessary to use the device in limited areas/secure spaces

If denied (based on risk or lack of medical documentation), employee will be provided a formal denial through MEDSAFe. If the denial is based on lack of medical documentation, the employee will need to create a new request and attach the required medical documentation.

Subcontractors

Subcontractors will follow the same approval process as defined above. However, LANL will not procure devices for subcontractor employees or for staff augmentation employees, except in unusual situations. Employees of subcontractors whose devices are not approved must furnish their own approved device, or the subcontractor must replace the subcontractor employee with one who can work in the area.