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Heidelberg Acute Care Clinic hours change

Services remain the same

HEIDELBERG, Germany – New operating hours for the Heidelberg Hospital's Acute Care Clinic will go into effect April 1, 2008. It will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on normal work days and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for weekends and holidays, including U.S. Army, Europe, training holidays.

“Due to our directed transformation and a review of our patient needs and our ability to meet those needs, we converted to an Acute Care Clinic Jan. 15. We will continue to take care of patients who have illnesses or injuries that are not life threatening,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) John Garr, deputy commander for clinical services.

Individuals who need emergency care should continue to call 117 or 06221-57117 in the Heidelberg community to get an ambulance. The ambulance services will take patients to the host nation emergency rooms. The local emergency rooms have a wide variety of specialty equipment and intensive care capability to best meet the needs of patients. The Heidelberg Hospital does not have an intensive care unit. It also does not possess specialty equipment to care for critically ill or injured patients.

“We will continue to keep our beneficiaries informed on this and other changes to come, with weekly articles in the Herald Post, with AFN news spots and postings to the Heidelberg MEDDAC Web site” said Col. Kyle D. Campbell, hospital commander.

The web address is <http://www.heidelberg.healthcare.hqusareur.army.mil/hmeddac.htm>.

He said beneficiaries will see other modifications to the hospital services as it continues to convert to a health center and that the communication effort would continue to receive his highest priority. The changes are due to the Transformation of the Army in Europe and a shrinking population in the hospital footprint.