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## PREFACE

This field manual (FM) provides information on the employment, functions, and operations of divisional and nondivisional medical companies of Army of Excellence (AOE) and Army XXI divisions to include separate brigades, the interim brigade combat team, and the armored cavalry regiment. It is intended to serve as doctrine and a primary reference publication for medical planners and the medical commander and his staff.

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## CHAPTER 1

## COMBAT HEALTH SUPPORT SYSTEM

**Section I. OVERVIEW OF COMBAT HEALTH SUPPORT****1-1. General**

The combat health support (CHS) system is a continuum from the forward edge of the battle area (FEBA) through the continental United States (CONUS) sustainment base. It is a system that provides medical management throughout all echelons of care. The challenge is to simultaneously provide medical support to mobilizing and deploying forces, establish a CHS system within the theater, and continue to provide health care services to the CONUS base. Additionally, there will be a requirement to provide medical support to redeployment and demobilization operations at the conclusion of operations. The basic tenets of CHS for a Force Projection Army involve strict adherence to AMEDD battlefield rules. These battlefield rules provide the basis for the development of medical organizations and force structure. Table 1-1 lists these rules in order of precedence.

*Table 1-1. Army Medical Battlefield Rules*

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BE THERE (MAINTAIN A MEDICAL PRESENCE WITH THE SOLDIER)

MAINTAIN THE HEALTH OF THE COMMAND

SAVE LIVES

CLEAR THE BATTLEFIELD OF CASUALTIES

PROVIDE STATE-OF-THE-ART-MEDICAL CARE

ENSURE EARLY RETURN TO DUTY OF THE SOLDIER

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**1-2. Theater of Operations**

A theater of operations (TO) is that portion of an area of war necessary for military operations and for the administration of such operations. The scenario depicts the size of the TO and the US forces to be deployed. The theater is normally divided into a combat zone (CZ) and a communications zone (COMMZ). The CZ begins at the Army/corps rear boundary and extends forward to the extent of the commander's area of influence. The COMMZ begins at the corps rear boundary and extends rearward to include the areas needed to provide support to the forces in the CZ. In some instances, the COMMZ may be outside the TO.

**NOTE**

The area encompassed by the COMMZ is often referred to as echelons above corps (EAC), as the COMMZ is no longer routinely established for all operations.