

Chapter 6

SURGICAL SERVICES PRODUCT LINE

Section 6A—Performing Surgical Procedures

6.2. Elective Surgery. Elective surgery on active duty members performed off-base and not coordinated or approved by the MTF/TRICARE, (such as surgery at the member's expense), is prohibited without prior written approval of the member's squadron commander and the MTF/CC. The MTF/CC will assess the risks and duty impact of the proposed surgery and report this information to the commander, respecting the patient's privacy to the extent practicable. Permission must be obtained prior to any non-refundable deposits (for surgery, airline tickets, etc) being made; the potential for lost deposits will not be factored into the decision. In addition, non-emergent elective surgeries within 6 months of separation or retirement must have additional prior approval by HQ AFPC/DPAMM, as required IAW AFI 41-210.