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Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT: Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)

- Refs: (a) DoD Directive 5136.1, "Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Environment)," August 26, 1971 (hereby canceled)
- (b) Title 10, United States Code, Chapter 55, "Medical and Dental Care"
- (c) DoD Directive 5105.46, "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services," December 4, 1974
- (d) Public Law 92-426, "Uniformed Services Health Professions Revitalization Act of 1972," September 21, 1972 (10 U.S.C. 2112 et seq)
- (e) DoD Directive 5025.1, "Department of Defense Directives System," November 18, 1977
- (f) DoD Directive 5000.19, "Policies for the Management and Control of Information Requirements," March 12, 1976
- (g) DoD Directive 1332.18, "Uniform Interpretation of Laws Relating to Separation from the Military Service by Reason of Physical Disability," September 9, 1968

A. PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 136, as amended, one of the positions of Assistant Secretary of Defense is designated as the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (hereinafter "the ASD(HA)"), with responsibilities, functions and authorities as prescribed herein.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES

The ASD(HA) is the principal staff assistant for all Department of Defense (DoD) health matters and, as such, shall:

1. Develop policies, provide advice, make recommendations, and issue guidance on DoD plans and programs.
2. Develop systems, standards, and procedures for the administration and management of approved plans and programs.
3. Initiate programs, actions, and tasking to ensure (a) adherence to DoD policies and National health objectives; and (b) that programs are designed to accommodate operational requirements.

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4. Review and evaluate programs for carrying out approved policies and standards.
5. Participate in those planning, programing, and budgeting activities which relate to ASD(HA) responsibilities.
6. Promote coordination, cooperation, and mutual understanding within the Department of Defense and between the DoD and other Federal agencies and the civilian community.
7. Serve on boards, committees, and other groups pertaining to assigned functional areas. Also represent the Secretary of Defense on HA matters outside the Department of Defense.
8. Establish requirements for DoD research and development programs in medical fields, and keep abreast of technical developments to provide for their orderly transition to operational status.
9. Establish requirements and standards for medical facilities and material acquisition programs.
10. Execute such other responsibilities as may be prescribed.

C. FUNCTIONS

The ASD(HA) shall:

1. Carry out the responsibilities described in section B. for the following functional areas:
 - a. Preventive medicine and health care delivery, including dental affairs.
 - b. Drug abuse.
 - c. Alcohol abuse.
 - d. Procurement, professional development and retention of medical and dental personnel, and related health care specialists.
2. Perform such other functions as may be assigned.

D. RELATIONSHIPS

1. In the performance of assigned duties, the ASD(HA) shall:
 - a. Report to the Secretary of Defense through the ASD (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) on all matters that have significant manpower and logistics resource implications.

b. Report directly to the Secretary of Defense on all other matters, including recommendations of disability or fitness of particular members of the Armed Forces.

2. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 1, the ASD(HA) shall enjoy direct access to the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense, as appropriate.

3. The ASD(HA) shall provide policy guidance to, and exercise direction, authority, and control over the Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services consistent with title 10, United States Code, Chapter 55 (reference (b)), and DoD Directive 5105.46 (reference (c)).

4. The ASD(HA) shall provide policy guidance to, and exercise direction, control and authority over the Office of the Tri-Service Medical Information System (OTRIMIS).

5. All DoD organizations shall coordinate all matters concerning the functions cited in section C. with the ASD(HA).

E. AUTHORITIES

1. The ASD(HA) is hereby delegated authority to:

a. Issue DoD Instructions and one-time directive-type memoranda, consistent with the provisions of DoD Directive 5025.1 (reference (e)), which carry out policies approved by the Secretary of Defense in assigned fields of responsibility. Instructions to the Military Departments will be issued through the Secretaries of those Departments, or their designees. Instructions to Unified or Specified Commands will be issued through the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

b. Obtain such reports, information, advice, and assistance, consistent with the policies and criteria of DoD Directive 5000.19 (reference (e)), as deemed necessary.

c. Communicate directly with heads of DoD organizations, including the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Directors of Defense Agencies and, through the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands.

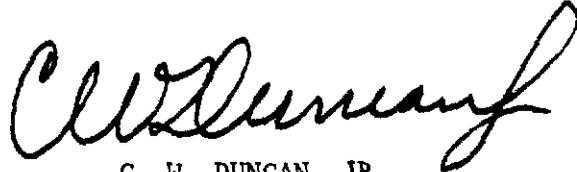
d. Make determinations with respect to the uniform implementation of laws relating to separation from the Military Departments by reason of physical disability as prescribed in DoD Directive 1332.18 (reference (g)).

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e. Develop, issue, and maintain regulations, with the coordination of the Military Departments, as necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Secretary of Defense responsibility to administer title 10, United States Code, Chapter 55 (reference (b)).

F. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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