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MEMORANDUM

Subj: INTERIM POLICY CHANGES, REMINDERS AND CLARIFYING GUIDANCE
TO OPNAVINST 7220.17

Ref: (a) SECNAV M-5510 .36

Encl: (1) Interim Policy Changes, Reminders and Clarifying
Guidance to OPNAVINST 7220.17

1. Enclosure (1) contains interim policy changes and clarification to guidance provided in reference (a), and is effective immediately pending an update to OPNAVINST 7220.17.

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Interim Guidance for Diplomate Pay
For Psychologists and Non-Physician Board Certified Pay

1. Chapter 4 of OPNAV 7220.17 is amended by replacing the current section 430 with the following:

430. Definition and eligibility: to be eligible for non-physician board certified pay (NPBCP), a nurse corps officer must:

a) be an officer in the Navy and designated as a Nurse Corps officer.

b) be a health care provider having a navy approved subspecialty code as the primary subspecialty code in an approved clinical specialty .

c) The approved nursing clinical specialties are:

- 1) 1972 – Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- 2) 1973 – Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- 3) 1974 – Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- 4) 1976 – Family Nurse Practitioner
- 5) 1980 – Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner
- 6) 1981 – Nurse Midwife

d) have a post-baccalaureate degree or a post master’s certificate in the clinical specialty. The educational suffix shall be either a “Q” (a masters degree and certified in the clinical specialty) or a “M” (a post masters certificate and certified in the clinical specialty).

e) be certified by a professional board listed in Appendix I in the same clinical specialty as their post-baccalaureate degree.

Note: creditable service, for purposes of NPBCP, is defined as all periods of active service after the officer was qualified in the health care provider specialty for which NPBCP is being received.

2. Chapter 5 of OPNAV 7220.17 is amended by replacing the current section 510 with the following:

510. Definition and eligibility: to be eligible for non physician board certified pay (NPBCP), a medical service corps officer must:

a) be an officer in the navy and designated as a non-physician health care provider.

b) be a health care provider having a Navy approved subspecialty code as one of the following:

- 1) Audiology
- 2) Biochemistry
- 3) Dietitian
- 4) Occupational Therapy

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- 5) Optometry
- 6) Pharmacy
- 7) Physical Therapy
- 8) Physician Assistant
- 9) Podiatry
- 10) Clinical Psychologist
- 11) Radiation Health
- 12) Social Worker

c) have a post-baccalaureate degree in their clinical specialty.

d) be certified by a professional board listed in Appendix I in the same approved clinical specialty as their post-baccalaureate degree.

Note: Creditable service, for purposes of NPBCP, is defined as all periods of active service after the officer was qualified in the health care provider specialty for which NPBCP is being received.

3. Chapter 6 of OPNAV 7220.17 is amended by modifying the current section 610 with the following:

610. Special pay for reserve, recalled, or retained officers.

a) The following are authorized for mobilized, recalled, and active duty for special work (ADSW) reservists (not for training only) ordered to active duty for more than 30 days.

b) Medical Service Corps – optometrist pay, Psychologist diplomate pay and non-physician health care provider pay, Incentive Special Pay for Physician Assistants and Clinical Psychologists.

c) Nurse Corps – CRNA-ISP, Psychologist diplomate pay and non-physician health care provider pay.

4. Navy Authorizes the below specialties for Diplomate Pay for Psychologists and Non-Physician Board Certified Pay:

Audiology/speech pathology: (board certified)

Sponsor: American Speech-Language Hearing Association

Responsibility: Clinical Certification Board

Boards: Clinical Certification In-

- 1) Audiology
- 2) Hearing
- 3) Speech-Language

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Biochemistry: (board certified)

Sponsor: Commission on Accreditation In Clinical Chemistry (COMACC)

Responsibility: American Board of Clinical Chemistry (DABCC)

Board: Fellow of the Academy of Clinical Biochemistry (FACB)

Dietitians: (board certified)

Sponsor: American Dietetic Association

Responsibility: Commission On Dietetic Registration

Boards:

- 1) Pediatric Nutrition
- 2) Renal Nutrition
- 3) Metabolic Nutrition
- 4) Sports Dietetics
- 5) Fellow Of The American Dietetic Association

Sponsor: American Society Of Parenteral And Enteral Nutrition

Responsibility: The National Board Of Nutrition Support Certification

Board: Certified Nutrition Support Dietitian

Sponsor: National Certification Board For Diabetes Educators

Responsibility: National Certification Board For Diabetes Educators

Board: Certified Diabetes Educators

Sponsor: National Commission For Health Education Credentialing

Responsibility: National Commission For Health Education Credentialing

Boards: Certified Health Education Specialists (With Masters, PhD, Or Clinical Doctorate In Health Education, Community Health Education, Public Health Education, School Health Education)

Sponsor: American College Of Sports Medicine

Responsibility: American College Of Sports Medicine

Boards:

- 1) Registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist (With Masters, PhD, Or Clinical Doctorate In Nutrition, Exercise Science, Health Promotion)
- 2) Exercise Specialist Physiologist (With Masters, PhD, Or Clinical Doctorate In Nutrition, Exercise Science, Health Promotion)

Occupational therapy: (board certified)

Sponsor: American Occupational Therapy Association

Responsibility: American Occupational Therapy Certification Board

Boards:

- 1) Pediatrics
- 2) Hand Therapy (Recognized By AOTA, But Part Of American Society Of Hand Therapy)

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Sponsor: American Occupational Therapy Certification Board (AOTA)
Responsibility: American Occupational Therapy Association
Board:

- 1) Pediatrics
- 2) Neurorehabilitation

Sponsor: American Occupational Therapy Association
Responsibility: American Occupational Therapy Association Specialists Board
Board:

- 1) Mental Health
- 2) Physical Rehabilitation
- 3) Pediatrics

Sponsor: U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Responsibility: U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Board: Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner

Sponsor: Board Of Certification In Professional Ergonomics
Responsibility: Board Of Certification In Professional Ergonomics
Board: Ergonomics

Sponsor: American Society Of Hand Therapists
Responsibility: Hand Therapy Certification Commission
Board: Hand Therapy

Optometry: (fellow)

Sponsor: American Academy Of Optometry
Responsibility: American Academy Of Optometry
Board: Fellow In The American Optometric Association

Pharmacy: (board certified)

Sponsor: American Pharmacists Association
Responsibility: Board Of Pharmacist Specialties
Boards:

- 1) Nuclear Pharmacy
- 2) Pharmacotherapy
- 3) Nutrition Support Pharmacy
- 4) Oncology Pharmacy
- 5) Psychiatric Pharmacy

Physical therapy: (board certified)

Sponsor: American Physical Therapy Association
Responsibility: American Board Of Physical Therapy Specialists
Boards:

- 1) Cardiopulmonary
- 2) Clinical Electrophysiology

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- 3) Geriatrics
- 4) Neurology
- 5) Orthopedics
- 6) Pediatrics
- 7) Sports

Physician assistant: (board certified)

Sponsor: National Commission On Certification Of Physician Assistants

Responsibility: National Commission On Certification Of Physician Assistants

Board: National Commission Of Certification Of Physician Assistants

Podiatry: (board certified)

Sponsor: American Podiatric Medical Association

Responsibility: The Council On Podiatric Medical Education

Boards:

- 1) American Board Of Podiatric Orthopedics And Primary Podiatric Medicine
- 2) American Board Of Podiatric Public Health
- 3) American Board Of Podiatric Surgery

Clinical Psychology: (diplomate)

Sponsor: American Psychological Association

Responsibility: American Board Of Professional Psychology

Board: Diplomate

Medical physicists (radiation health): (board certified)

Sponsor: American Board Of Radiology

Responsibility: National Certification Board For Medical Physicists

Board: Subspecialties Of Nuclear Medicine Physics, Diagnostic Radiologic Physics, And Therapeutic Radiological Physics

Social work: (diplomate)

Sponsor: American Board Of Examiners In Clinical Social Work

Responsibility: American Board Of Examiners In Clinical Social Work

Board: Diplomate In Clinical Social Work (BCD)

Or

Sponsor: National Association Of Social Workers

Responsibility: Competence Certification Commission

Board: Diplomate In Clinical Social Work (DCSW)

Nurse anesthetist: (board certified)

Sponsor: American Association Of Nurse Anesthetists

Responsibility: Council On Certification Of Nurse Anesthetists

Board: Nurse Anesthetist

Nurse practitioners: (board certified)

Sponsor: American Nurses Association

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Responsibility: American Nurses Credentialing Center, American Academy Of Nurse Practitioners Or Pediatric Nursing Certification Board

Boards:

- 1) Family Nurse Practitioner
- 2) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- 3) Psychiatric/Mental Health Practitioner

Women's health care nurse practitioner (ob/gyn & gyn): (board certified)

Sponsor: National Certification Corporation For The Obstetric, Gynecologic, And Neonatal Nursing Specialties

Responsibility: National Certification Corporation For The Obstetric, Gynecologic, And Neonatal Nursing Specialties

Boards: Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (For Ob/Gyn And Gyn Nurse Practitioners)

Nurse midwife: (board certified)

Sponsor: National Commission For Certifying Agencies

Responsibility: American Midwifery Certification Board

Board: Nurse Midwife