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MEMORANDUM FOR NAVY MEDICINE EAST
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NAVY MEDICINE SUPPORT COMMAND

SUBJECT: Policy Guidance for Implementing Traumatic Injury Protection Under the Servicemember's Group Life Insurance (SGLI)

Reference: (a) USD (P&R) Memorandum of 23 Nov 05

This memorandum provides policy and program guidance for implementation at Navy medical treatment facilities (MTF) as outlined in reference (a).

The Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (Public Law 109-13) signed by the President on May 11, 2005, established a Traumatic Injury Protection Insurance Program (TSGLI) under the auspices of the SGLI Program. The effective date for this Program is December 1, 2005. All service members covered by the SGLI Program will automatically be covered by TSGLI.

The retroactive provision of PL 109-13 provides that any service member who suffers a qualifying injury on or after October 7, 2001, but before December 1, 2005 will receive a benefit under the TSGLI Program if the loss was a direct result of injuries incurred in Operating Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Navy and Marine Corps TSGLI program offices shall contact members eligible for the retroactive provision and direct them to their civilian, Veterans Administration, or military health care provider for completion of the medical portion (Part B) of the claim form.

TSGLI is not disability compensation and has no effect on entitlement for compensation and pension benefits as provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs or disability benefits as provided by the Department of Defense. TSGLI is designed to provide financial assistance to service members during their recovery period from a serious traumatic injury.

It is essential that MTF commanders initiate processes that will immediately identify hospitalized members with qualifying traumatic injuries and expedite submission of the claim form. This guidance pertains to patients with qualifying injuries who are currently hospitalized in or enrolled to the MTF. The MTF Commanders/Commanding Officers will:

- Appoint an MTF TSGLI Program Coordinator.
- Ensure MTF and Service liaison staffs are aware of TSGLI Program in order to immediately identify eligible service members.
- Provide necessary training to ensure accurate completion of the medical certification section of the claim form. Copies of the claim form can be obtained at http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/forms/TSGLI.pdf.
- Establish a centralized medical and administrative process to review all claim forms for completion and appropriate medical documentation.
- Expedite submission of the completed medical section (Part B), along with completed Part A, of the claim form to the appropriate service's program office. MTFs are permitted to mail, FAX, or send the claim as an e-mail attactment to the appropriate program office listed below:
- Maintain a copy of the claim form for one year from the date of submission.

Service Program Offices and points of contact are listed below:

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