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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6320.104

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: MEDICAL COGNIZANCE OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS SERVICE MEMBERS
IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAL READINESS

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(b) BUMEDINST 5450.184
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(d) DHA-PI 6015.03
(e) BUMEDINST 6320.85A

Encl: (1) Medical Cognizance Maintenance Dashboard
(2) Medical Cognizance Assignment Guide

1. Purpose. To establish policies, procedures, and responsibilities for the assignment and performance of medical readiness support via medical cognizance (MEDCOG) and liaison functions for Department of the Navy (DON) Service members, Active Component (AC) and Reserve Component (RC), who require support from Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Commands (NAVMEDREADTRNCMD), either when they do not have an organic medical provider or when additional support is needed.

2. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to Naval Medical Forces Atlantic (NAVMEDFORLANT), Naval Medical Forces Pacific (NAVMEDFORPAC), and their subordinate NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Units (NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT).

3. Background

a. In 2007, the Chief of Naval Operations established two regional commands, NAVMEDFORLANT and NAVMEDFORPAC, under the command and control of Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) to provide oversight for the execution of operational medical responsibilities in support of warfighter requirements, as outlined in references (a) and (b). The Navy Medicine regional commands are designated echelon 3 commands and maintain command and control of subordinate commands, to include the NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs and NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs.

b. BUMED has defined areas of responsibility (AOR) for medical readiness support to all Navy and Marine Corps commands. Reference (c) established MEDCOG support responsibilities for medical readiness for every unit in the Navy, both AC and activated RC, based on physical location. The purpose of this instruction is to ensure Service members and

commands who are either geographically remote, have a deficiency in medical providers, or are without an organic medical provider capable of performing medical readiness requirements, will have access to a provider via MEDCOG. See enclosure (1) for access to the MEDCOG dashboard. In some instances, the NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs or branch health clinics providing medical readiness support are located within the geographical areas of a NAVMED-READTRNCMD that is not their parent command. In these situations, the ultimate responsibility of the MEDCOG support for individual medical readiness (IMR) of commands within the catchment area of the subordinate NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT or branch clinic remains with the parent NAVMEDREADTRNCMD. See enclosure (2) for a full listing of inclusion and exclusion areas per NAVMEDREADTRNCMD. Medical readiness MEDCOG AOR divisions will be based on appropriate division of workload and NAVMEDREADTRNCMD based on staffing.

c. MEDCOG support responsibilities for medical readiness are prescribed to NAVMED-READTRNCMDs based on geographical location. Each NAVMEDREADTRNCMD utilizes their Operational Forces Medical Liaison Services (OFMLS) office, as well as the readiness clinics, to support all DON personnel within their MEDCOG. MEDCOG is the framework for OFMLS to provide medical liaison services to ensure access to care, quality care, and administrative support for remote line units and co-located line units. OFMLS serve as the primary point of contact (POC) for each NAVMEDREADTRNCMD.

d. The current AORs for MEDCOG assignments for medical readiness, as well as MEDCOG POCs for Navy Medicine regional commands and NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs, can be found at: https://esportal.med.navy.mil/bumed/rh/m3/M34/SMMR/PHA_Regional_POCs/.

e. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD and NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT support of medical readiness will vary based on the need of the Service member and the unit. A Service member or unit already having organic medical support or access to a Defense Health Agency medical treatment facility, is not a justification to deny medical support. Navy Medicine is most adept at handling medical administrative processes for the DON requirement, including but not limited to:

(1) IMR performance (e.g., labs or immunizations) and documenting and reporting in the IMR tracking system.

(2) Suitability assignment screenings.

(3) Family member travel screenings.

(4) Periodic health assessments.

(5) Deployment-related health assessments.

(6) Medical evaluation boards (i.e., limited duty, administrative separation conditions not amounting to a disability, Disability Evaluation System, Temporary Disabled Retired List).

(7) Assessment and screening Individual Ready Reserve members returning from active RC or active orders.

f. Reference (d) established guidance for providing medical readiness services to members of the RC.

g. Reference (e) provides information regarding MEDCOG of Navy and Marine Corps patients in non-naval health care facilities.

4. Responsibilities

a. Director, Operations (BUMED-N3) must:

(1) Maintain an up-to-date network of medical readiness MEDCOG POCs.

(2) Provide resources to regional commands and NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs to perform analysis on distribution of workload for medical readiness MEDCOG AOR assignments.

(3) Maintain MEDCOG unit assignments in the IMR tracking system(s) of record for purposes of MEDCOG-based medical readiness reporting.

(4) Provide resources and contact information to identify responsible NAVMEDREADTRNCMD or NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT providing medical readiness support for Service members.

b. Commanders, NAVMEDFORLANT and NAVMEDFORPAC must:

(1) Maintain command and subordinate commands' medical readiness MEDCOG POC list.

(2) Assign medical readiness MEDCOG AORs based on division of available resources for subordinate commands. Medical readiness MEDCOG AORs must be updated or validated on an annual basis.

c. Commanders and Commanding Officers, NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs. Must ensure up to date medical readiness MEDCOG POCs with appropriate readiness staff and OFMLS staff where available, with command duty phone numbers, and medical readiness MEDCOG group e-mail lists. MEDCOG POCs, confirmation of MEDCOG tracking and reporting capabilities, and issues or concerns regarding MEDCOG AOR assignment must be reported to the appropriate region on a quarterly basis.

5. Point of Contact. Questions may be e-mailed to Active and Reserve Medical Readiness Branch, Force Medical Readiness (BUMED-N34) at usn.ncr.bumedfchva.list.m34@health.mil.

6. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division program office.

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, BUMED-N3 will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

8. Information Management Control. Reports required in subparagraphs 3e and 4c of this instruction are exempt from reports control per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5214.1 of December 2005, part IV, subparagraph 7k.



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Releasability and distribution:

This instruction is cleared for public release and is available electronically only via the Navy Medicine Web site at, <https://www.med.navy.mil/Directives>

MEDICAL COGNIZANCE MAINTENANCE DASHBOARD

A data visualization tool for globally mapping units to their respective MEDCOGs:
<https://carepoint.health.mil/sites/BUMEDANLYT/SitePages/MEDCOG.aspx>

Access to CarePoint for MEDCOG Purposes

1. If you do not have a CarePoint Account: Click here to ping system to auto-generate one:
<https://carepoint.health.mil>
2. Click on the CarePoint link:
<https://carepoint.health.mil/sites/BUMEDANLYT/SitePages/Home.aspx>
3. Send the message request with a detailed message explaining why you need access and state the name of the dashboard for which you need access (for MEDCOG):
<https://carepoint.health.mil/sites/BUMEDANLYT/SitePages/MEDCOG.aspx>
4. Once granted approval, an e-mail with the CarePoint link will be sent to each recipient's e-mail address. Click on the link from the e-mail to access the dashboard. If e-mail is not received in the inbox, check spam or junk mail before contacting helpdesk.

MEDICAL COGNIZANCE ASSIGNMENT GUIDE

MEDCOG NAVMEDREADTRNCMD AND NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT	STATES, REGION, OR COUNTRY	EXCLUSIONS
NAVMEDFORLANT		
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Annapolis • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Earle, New Jersey	Parts of: Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania	The parts of Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania <u>outside</u> the catchment areas surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Annapolis • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Earle • Naval Branch Health Clinics Lakehurst, Mechanicsburg, and Philadelphia
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Beaufort • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina	South Carolina	The part of South Carolina <u>inside</u> the catchment areas surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Charleston
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Bethesda	All of: Delaware and West Virginia Parts of: Maryland, New Jersey, Northern Virginia, and Pennsylvania	The parts of Maryland, New Jersey, Northern Virginia, and Pennsylvania <u>inside</u> the catchment areas surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs Annapolis and Ft Belvoir • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Earle, and Naval Branch Health Clinics Lakehurst, Mechanicsburg, and Philadelphia
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Camp Lejeune	North Carolina	The parts of North Carolina <u>inside</u> the catchment areas surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Cherry Point
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Charleston	South Carolina	The part of South Carolina <u>outside</u> the catchment areas surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Beaufort
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Cherry Point	North Carolina	The part of North Carolina <u>outside</u> the catchment areas surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Cherry Point

MEDCOG NAVMEDREADTRNCMD AND NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT	STATES, REGION, OR COUNTRY	EXCLUSIONS
NAVMEDFORLANT (Continued)		
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Corpus Christi • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Fort Worth, Texas • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Kingsville, Texas	Texas, Oklahoma, and Mexico	None
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Fort Belvoir	Parts of: Northern Virginia, including the Pentagon	The parts of Northern Virginia outside the catchment areas surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Fort Belvoir
U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Guantanamo Bay	Cuba	None
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Great Lakes	All of: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin Part of: Indiana	The part of Indiana inside the catchment area surrounding Naval Branch Health Clinic Crane
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Jacksonville • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Albany, Georgia • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Key West, Florida • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Kings Bay, Georgia • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Mayport, Florida	All of: Georgia Part of: Florida	Florida panhandle - NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Pensacola
U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Naples	All of: Austria, Croatia, Czechia (Czech Republic), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Sweden, and Switzerland Part of: Italy	Sicily

MEDCOG NAVMEDREADTRNCMD AND NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT	STATES, REGION, OR COUNTRY	EXCLUSIONS
NAVMEDFORLANT (Continued)		
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD New England <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Groton, Connecticut • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Portsmouth, New Hampshire 	All of: Connecticut, Greenland, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont Part of: Canada	Canadian provinces: Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and Yukon
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Patuxent River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Dahlgren, Virginia 	Parts of: Northern Virginia, and Maryland	The parts of Northern Virginia and Maryland outside the catchment area surrounding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Patuxent River • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Dahlgren
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Pensacola <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Belle Chasse, Louisiana • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Gulfport, Mississippi • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Memphis, Tennessee • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Meridian, Mississippi • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Whiting Field, Florida 	All of: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee Part of: Florida and Indiana	The part of Florida outside the panhandle and the part of Indiana outside the catchment area surrounding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naval Branch Health Clinic Crane, Indiana
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Portsmouth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Little Creek, Virginia • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Oceana, Virginia 	Part of: Virginia	The part of Virginia inside the catchment area surrounding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Patuxent River • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Quantico • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Dahlgren • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Fort Belvoir
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Quantico	All of: District of Columbia Part of: Northern Virginia	The part of Northern Virginia outside the catchment area surrounding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Quantico

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NAVMEDFORLANT (Continued)		
U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Rota	<p><u>EUROPE</u>: Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Iceland, Ireland, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and United Kingdom</p> <p><u>AFRICA</u>: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Democratic Republic of the Congo (D.R.C.), Republic of the Congo (Congo), Equatorial Guinea, The Gambia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, and Western Sahara</p>	None
U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Sigonella • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Bahrain	<p>All of: EUROPE: Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy (Sicily only) Romania, Russia, and Ukraine</p> <p>AFRICA: Botswana, Burundi, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe</p>	Italy, except for Sicily

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NAVMEDFORLANT (Continued)		
U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Sigonella • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Bahrain	MIDDLE EAST: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Malta, Montenegro, and Serbia Part of: Italy	Italy, except for Sicily
NAVMEDFORPAC		
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Bremerton • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Bangor, Washington • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Everett, Washington	All of: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Montana Part of: Washington Part of: Canada	The parts of Washington inside the catchment area surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Oak Harbor Canadian provinces Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Camp Pendleton • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Port Hueneme, California • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Yuma, Arizona	All of: Arizona, Utah Part of: Nevada and Southern California	The part of Nevada inside the catchment area surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Fallon The part of Southern California inside the MEDCOG for: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD San Diego • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Twentynine Palms

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NAVMEDFORPAC (Continued)		
U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Guam	OCEANA: Australia, New Zealand, and Guam EASTERN ASIA: Japan SOUTHEASTERN ASIA: Brunei and Indonesia OCEANA – MELANESIA: Papua New Guinea and Fiji	None
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Lemoore • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Fallon, Nevada • Naval Medical Administrative Unit Monterey, California	Part of: California, Nevada	The part of Northern California inside the catchment area surrounding Branch Health Clinic Bridgeport The part of Nevada outside the catchment area surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Fallon
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Oak Harbor	Part of: Washington	The parts of Washington outside the catchment area surrounding: • NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Oak Harbor
U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Okinawa	<u>SOUTHEASTERN ASIA</u> : Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam <u>SOUTHERN ASIA</u> : India, Nepal, Sri Lanka <u>EASTERN ASIA</u> : Japan, Okinawa	None
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Pearl Harbor	Hawaii	None
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD San Diego • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT North Island, California	All of: New Mexico, Colorado Part of: Southern California	The part of Southern California outside the MEDCOG for NAVMEDREADTRNCMD San Diego

MEDCOG NAVMEDREADTRNCMD AND NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT	STATES, REGION, OR COUNTRY	EXCLUSIONS
NAVMEDFORPAC (Continued)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Naval Base San Diego, California • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Point Loma, California 		
NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Twentynine Palms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT China Lake, California 	Part of: Southern California The part of Northern California inside the catchment area surrounding Branch Health Clinic Bridgeport	The part of Southern California outside the MEDCOG for NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Twentynine Palms
U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNCMD Yokosuka <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Atsugi, Japan • U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Diego Garcia • U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Iwakuni, Japan • U.S. NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT Sasebo, Japan 	EASTERN ASIA: China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan EASTERN AFRICA: British Indian Ocean Territory	None