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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

Ref: (a) National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, Section 702  
(b) National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Section 711  
(c) Memorandum of Agreement between Defense Health Agency (DHA) and The United States Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) for Direct Support to the DHA for Military Treatment Facility (MTF) of 20 August 2021 (NOTAL)  
(d) DHAPI 5000.01

1. Purpose. To provide interim guidance for authority, direction, and control of medical treatment facilities (MTF) and dental treatment facilities (DTF) outside the continental United States (OCONUS) that are Defense Health Program (DHP) funded within Navy's budget submitting office (BSO) 18.
2. Scope and Applicability. This notice applies to all DHP-funded OCONUS MTFs and DTFs (specifically naval dental centers) within BSO-18 activities that have not transitioned under the authority, direction, and control of the Defense Health Agency (DHA).
3. Background
  - a. References (a) and (b) mandate the reorganization of the Military Health System (MHS). Congress mandated transferring responsibility for the management and administration of MTFs from the Military Services' Medical Departments to the DHA by 30 September 2021.
  - b. DHA has established direct reporting markets and completed transition of authority, direction, and control of all CONUS MTFs and DTFs. DHA has begun the transition for Alaska and Hawaii MTFs and DTFs. However, DHA regions have yet to fully establish OCONUS market support, and do not yet have the capability to meet management and administration requirements for all OCONUS MTFs.
  - c. To ensure optimized continuity of MHS operations, BUMED will continue to provide support to all DHP-funded OCONUS MTFs and DTFs, until DHA is able to assume full authority, direction, and control.

d. As a result of the delayed transition for OCONUS authority, direction, and control, DHA and BUMED established a memorandum of agreement to facilitate continued BUMED support. Per reference (c), BUMED will continue providing direct support and oversight, to the greatest extent possible, to DHP-funded OCONUS MTFs and DTFs. BUMED direct support continues until OCONUS MTFs and DTFs are aligned to the DHA market construct, including the small market and stand-alone organization, and the DHA regions.

e. The OCONUS MTFs and DTFs will experience minimal changes in day-to-day operation. DHP funding and Statement of Operations will begin to originate from the DHA. Per reference (c), BSO-18 will provide direct support in day-to-day operational management, including Department of Navy civilian support, and resource (contracts and facilities) management. BUMED's direct support role will be varied, depending on the maturity of the functional capabilities and coordination within DHA.

#### 4. Policy

a. BSO-18 activities will continue providing direct support and oversight of DHP-funded OCONUS MTFs and DTFs until DHA meets requirements of management and administration of OCONUS MTFs and DTFs, per reference (c).

b. DHP-funded OCONUS MTFs and DTFs, via MTFs, will receive DHP funds and Statement of Operations from the DHA, per reference (c).

c. BSO-18 activities that are co-located within MTFs or DTFs are organized as Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Commands (NAVMEDREADTRNCMD) and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Units (NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT). NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs and NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs missions, functions, and tasks are to ensure a medically ready force, as well as a ready medical force to deploy in support of Naval Superiority. Manpower from NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs and NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs may be loaned to the DHA MTFs and DTFs to perform healthcare delivery functions. Manpower may also be directed by BSO-18 to support cross-leveling requests, including readiness requirements.

d. For all sentinel events or adverse healthcare-related patient events that meet the Department of Defense patient safety criteria and the DHA Director's critical information requirements, OCONUS MTFs and DTFs will continue to report to their BSO-18 echelon 3 command, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer (BUMED-M5) and the High Reliability Office (BUMED-M51).

#### 5. Roles and Responsibilities

a. Assistant Deputy Chief, Financial Management (BUMED-M8) must coordinate with echelon 3 commands for new or unfunded readiness related requirements not previously funded by DHP funding.

b. Assistant Deputy Chief, BUMED M-Codes (M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M9) must provide direct support and subject matter expertise as required, per reference (b).

c. Commanders, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic and Naval Medical Forces Pacific must:

(1) Continue providing operational oversight and day-to-day support to their respective NAVMEDREADTRNCMD commanding officers.

(2) Assist MTFs and DTFs with new or unfunded requirement submissions, related to healthcare delivery, to MHS Request Submission Portal, per reference (d).

(3) Submit new or unfunded readiness requirements not previously funded with DHP to BUMED-M8.


(4) Coordinate with BUMED-M8 for questions regarding funding readiness requirements.

#### 6. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this notice, 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 notice 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. Information Management Control. The reports required in subparagraph 5(c)3 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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