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From: Director, Fleet and Family Readiness

Subj: NAVY CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS (CYP) IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 6230.15A (b) OPNAVINST 1700.9E

1. References (a) and (b) require all children enrolling in or currently enrolled in Navy Child Development Programs to provide written documentation of immunizations appropriate for the child's age. Children shall be immunized per recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The ACIP currently recommends the annual administration of the influenza vaccine for all persons six months and older, therefore, all children six months and older who attend Navy Child and Youth Programs are required to receive the annual influenza vaccine. Current information on immunizations can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/nip/acip/.

a. Participants of School Age Care (SAC) and Youth Programs who are enrolled in a local public school system which requires proof of currency of vaccination are excluded from the requirement to provide documentation of immunizations.

b. Reference (b) provides additional guidance regarding required documentation and waivers for medical and religious exemptions.

2. Per reference (a) and (b), CYP Professionals, regular volunteers and Child Development Home Providers shall obtain appropriate immunization against communicable diseases in accordance with recommendations from the ACIP, which **includes the annual administration of influenza vaccine**. The requirement for appropriate immunization is a condition of continued employment or active participation in the program. This requirement is waived if a current immunization or a medical

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exemption is approved and documented. An immunization exemption may also be granted for bona fide religious reasons. Philosophical exemptions are not authorized. Supervisors are encouraged to consult with their Region OGC attorneys should any issues arise with employees' compliance with this requirement.

a. Installation CYP Directors should work with their installation Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) to assist in the compliance of this policy and the administration of the annual influenza vaccine.

b. CNIC (N911) is working to update all CYP standardized position description to reflect this requirement. Installation CYP Directors should work with the appropriate Human Resources to ensure the following statement is added to all APF and NAF position descriptions and job vacancy announcements for positions located in Navy CYP facilities: "Position is subject to special inoculation and immunization requirements as a condition of employment for working with children. Employee is required to obtain appropriate immunization against communicable diseases in accordance with recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), which includes the influenza vaccine."

3. The CNIC Child and Youth Programs point of contact is Ms. Diane Brewer at 901-874-6699, DSN 882, or diane.brewer@navy.mil.

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