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From: Commanding Officer, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center

Subj: ANTI-FRAUD POLICY

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5430.92B
(b) BUMEDINST 5370.4

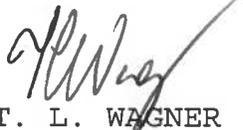
1. Fraud directly threatens our core mission of providing high quality, public health support to eligible beneficiaries. As such, all personnel must maintain constant vigilance to identify and report suspected fraud. Fraud is defined and set forth in reference (a) as "any willful means of taking or attempting to take unfair advantage of the Government, including but not limited to: the offer, payment, or acceptance of gratuities; making of false statements, submission of false claims, or use of false weights or measures; evasion or corruption of inspectors and other officials; deceit, either by suppression of the truth or misrepresentation of a material fact; adulteration or substitution of materials; falsification of records and books of account; arrangements for secret profits, kickbacks or commissions; and conspiracy to use any of these devices." It also includes those cases of conflict of interest, criminal irregularities, and unauthorized disclosure of official information which is connected with acquisition and disposal matters.

2. Reference (b) governs the anti-fraud policy within Navy Medicine, which applies to any irregularity, or suspected irregularity, involving government employees, as well as consultants, vendors, contractors, outside agencies doing business with the government, and/or any other parties with a business relationship with Navy Medicine. Any investigative activity required will be conducted without regard to the suspected wrongdoer's length of service, position/title, or relationship to the command. All military, civilian, and contractor personnel will assume responsibility to perform their official duties in an ethical manner, avoid actions that constitute fraud, and hold a shared responsibility to immediately report suspected fraud for further analysis and investigation.

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3. Report suspected fraudulent acts to your local Inspector General's Office or any member in your chain of command. You may remain confidential or anonymous. The Whistleblower Protection Act protects the rights of all personnel who disclose information of a wrong to any member of Congress, Inspector General, or his/her supervisor to speak out without fear of reprisal or retaliation if he/she reasonably believes evidence of a wrongdoing has occurred.

4. Fraud will not be tolerated, regardless of the magnitude. Substantiated instances of fraud will result in appropriate disciplinary action.



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