



Department of Defense

DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Armed Services Medical Regulating

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 5154.6, "Armed Services Medical Regulating Office," April 29, 1993 (hereby canceled)
 - (b) USTRANSCOM Interim Policy, "Interim Policy on Movement Regulation of Aeromedical Evacuation of Bioterrorism and Centers for Disease Control Critical List (CL) Agent Casualties," March 25, 2003
 - (c) Sections 8111 and 8111A of title 38, United States Code
 - (d) Section 2461 of title 10, United States Code

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a) to update policy and responsibilities for Armed Services medical regulating during peacetime and contingency (both military and civilian) operations.

2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Directive applies to:

2.1. The Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments (including their National Guard and Reserve components), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components"). The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard (by agreement with the Department of Homeland Security, when it is not operating under the Department of the Navy).

2.2. The Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service (PHS), and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

2.3. Under mutual agreement, the Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA).

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. Medical Regulating. A process that selects destination medical treatment facilities (MTFs) for Uniformed Services patients being medically evacuated between, into, and out of the different theaters of the geographic Combatant Commands and the Continental United States (CONUS).

3.2. Uniformed Services. The Uniformed Services include the Military Services and the Commissioned Corps of the NOAA and of the PHS.

4. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

4.1. Under the policies of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (ASD(HA)) and in accordance with USTRANSCOM Interim Policy (reference (b)), the Commander, United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), shall be the sole manager for implementing policy and standardizing procedures and information support systems for inter-theater medical regulation. The Commanders of the geographic Combatant Commands shall be responsible for intra-theater medical regulating and for the Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center (TPMRC), or surgeon, in their respective theaters.

4.2. In contingency operations, the Commander, USTRANSCOM, shall have the authority to regulate Uniformed Services patients from the supported combat theater directly into the theater MTFs of the other geographic Combatant Commands or the CONUS. Such regulation shall be based on the medical capability and bed availability information released by the respective theater TPMRC and/or surgeon or Military Services, for use by the USTRANSCOM.

4.3. The Commander, USTRANSCOM, with and through his or her direct reporting unit, the Global Patient Movement Requirements Center (GPMRC), shall have the authority to regulate Uniformed Services patients to and in the CONUS, in peacetime and contingency (both military and civilian) operations.

4.4. During contingency operations, the GPMRC may be augmented with active duty representatives from the medical Departments of the Uniformed Services, as requested by the Commander, USTRANSCOM, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

4.5. The Commander, USTRANSCOM, shall have the authority, consistent with Sections 8111 and 8111A of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.) and Section 2641 of title 10, U.S.C. (references (c) and (d)), to regulate Uniformed Services and certain VA beneficiaries to medial facilities of the Department of VA.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, under the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall:


5.1.1. In coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Secretaries of the Military Departments; and the Commander, USTRANSCOM, develop medical regulating policies (including movement of contaminated patients) and issue instructions necessary to implement this Directive.

5.1.2. Provide policy guidance, planning, and standard resource solutions to be purchased by the users (the Combatant Commanders and the Secretaries of Military Departments) for initiatives designed to provide automatic data processing support for patient regulating functions. Those steps shall ensure the compatibility with existing or planned automated medical information systems in the Department of Defense.

5.2. The Heads of the DoD Components shall carry out requirements established by and under the authority of this Directive.

5.3. The Commander, United States Transportation Command, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall:


5.4.1. In coordination with the ASD(HA), the Secretaries of the Military Departments, and the Commanders of the Combatant Commands, serve as single manager for the implementation of policy and the standardization of procedures and ISS for inter-theater medical regulating of Uniformed Services patients. Establish procedures, as necessary, to ensure the efficient inter-theater medical regulating of Uniformed Services patients (including movement of contaminated patients) under the policies in section 4., above, and in instructions issued by the ASD(HA) under subparagraph 5.1.1., above.

5.4.2. In coordination with the ASD(HA), establish a global network system to assist in the command and control of inter-theater medical regulating and aeromedical evacuation and provide the ability to locate and track Uniformed Services' patients being medically evacuated in both peace and contingency (military and civilian) operations. 

5.4.4. Exercise authority, direction, and control over the GPMRC.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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