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SUBJECT: Uniform Policy for Meeting Mobilization-Related Medical Care Needs at Military Installations

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, Section 737, "Uniform Policy for Meeting Mobilization-Related Medical Care Needs at Military Installations," requires that any military installation that mobilizes, deploys, or redeploys members of the Armed Forces be able to anticipate and accommodate the medical needs of those members.

It is DoD policy that installation commanders coordinate with appropriate command authorities to prepare and implement plans to provide medical care for Service members who mobilize, deploy, or redeploy from that installation. The Department of Veterans Affairs and local or regional civilian medical assets may be included, as appropriate. At a minimum, the plan shall consider the total anticipated members, their time phasing on and off the installation, the requirements for medical evaluation for mobilization, deployment or redeployment, and requirements for further necessary medical treatment.

The active component medical authority responsible for medical care on an installation preparing to mobilize, deploy or redeploy Service members shall use appropriate and relevant data to prepare and implement the plan. This plan must provide flexibility to meet unanticipated surges in requirements and maintain installation required mobilization timelines, including baseline medical care, pre-deployment/demobilization medical care and the disability evaluation system.

This policy is effective immediately and requires concerted efforts.

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