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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Change to Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP)
Operational Procedure (One Day Policy)

Effective immediately, the AVIP will be applied to all U.S. military personnel and Department of Defense (DoD) emergency essential civilian employees and contractor personnel assigned, deployed or on temporary duty in the high threat areas and contiguous waters of Southwest Asia (Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Jordan, Qatar, Oman, UAE, Yemen, and Israel) and the Korean Peninsula for any period of time. Prior to entry into the designated high threat areas these personnel must initiate vaccination against anthrax in accordance with the prescribed Immunization schedule. Ideally, personnel should receive at least the first three vaccinations in the series. In those rare circumstances when an Individual is not able to take or continue with the anthrax vaccination for medical or administrative reasons, they will be evaluated for deployability in accordance with Service criteria. Neither this policy nor the requirement to participate in AVIP is applicable to civilian employees or contractor personnel who are not designated as emergency essential.

Services will emphasize this policy immediately in all appropriate communications. Programs to educate and inform personnel about the threat and the anthrax vaccine, prior to being immunized will continue as directed. Services will ensure that your activities meet labor relations obligations and contracting requirements prior to implementing this policy with respect to civilian employees and contractor personnel. The Military Health System shall support provision of anthrax immunizations.

Our continued success in executing the AVIP depends greatly upon meticulous execution of communication and compliance programs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Ryan".