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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/SG

FROM: HQ USAF/SG3
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SUBJECT: Update to Clinical Policy for Administration of the Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed (AVA)

Recent changes regarding the administration of the AVA have prompted the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)) to update the clinical policy related to this vaccine. That policy, which consolidates and replaces several legacy anthrax vaccine policies, is attached to this memo and updates the clinical administration only. It does not change the personnel who receive the vaccine as identified in the USD (P&R) Memo, "Implementation of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program," 6 Dec 06.

Clinical issues covered in the new policy include:

- a. The recent change in dosage schedule, (from a 6-shot series to a 5-shot series)
- b. Injection site selection, (subcutaneous to intramuscular)
- c. Medical screening and education material, (including pregnancy screening)
- d. Medical exemptions and adverse event management

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Attachment:
ASD/HA Memo, 31 Jul 09