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MEMORANDUM FOR:
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Definition of An Integrated Military Graduate Medical Education Program

The following definition of an integrated military graduate medical education program is adopted for the Defense Health Program. The definition was adapted for our needs from one in use by the Pediatrics Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education.

An integrated military graduate medical education program is a program directed by one officer or Government civilian physician, the program director, who assumes responsibility for the education of trainees conducted in two or more military medical facilities. The program director is responsible for the appointment of all trainees and teaching staff. Such appointments are subject to the normal approval and assignment policies of the military Services. The commanders of the involved medical facilities, through formal agreements, ensure the provision of complementary facilities and support for teaching staff and teaching activities at their institutions.

Thank you for your earlier consideration of the definition and the comments you submitted through the TRICARE Executive Committee. My point of contact is Colonel Michael Dunn at 695-6800.

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