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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MRAI&E)
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

SUBJECT: Put Prevention into Practice (PIIP) - Policy

This memorandum prescribes policy for the staged implementation of PPIP in accordance with the Military Health System (MHS) Strategic Plan.

PPIP is a national campaign developed by the Office for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Department of Health and Human Services, to improve the delivery of clinical preventive services, including immunizations, screenings, and health counseling. MHS implementation of PPIP supports the transformation of healthcare delivery focus from treatment of illness and injuries to health promotion and wellness, prevention of illness or injuries, and improving the health of TRICARE PRIME enrollees.

A joint task force of multidisciplinary health care professional has developed a plan for health promotion and wellness, Clinical Preventive Services (CPS), and self-care that includes the training of staff and education of all beneficiaries about health and fitness. This plan will be implemented at selected Service Model Sites, beginning April 1998, and will extend beyond the walls of the military treatment facilities (MTFs) and dental treatment facilities (DTFs) to worksite and community-based health promotion and wellness programs that include line and community partnerships. Monitoring and evaluation of the Model Site programs will be ongoing. Lessons learned at these sites shall be shared throughout the MHS and used to expand PPIP to all MTFs and DTFs. The designated Service Model Sites are:

Army: William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, Texas

Navy: Naval Hospital Camp LeJeune, North Carolina
Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida
Naval Hospital Bremerton, Bremerton, Washington

Air Force: Brooks AFB, Texas

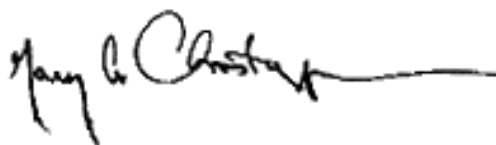
Services shall develop strategies and systems to successfully implement PPIP at all MTFs and DTFs worldwide. Facilities already implementing PPIP are encouraged to proceed with their efforts. The following policy

applies to all military hospitals and clinics by April 1999:

- a. Establish staffing and resourcing structures for primary care sufficient to provide acute care, chronic care, and clinical preventive services. Establish staffing and resourcing structures for health promotion and wellness to provide individual, workplace and community based health promotion and health education.
- b. Administer the age appropriate HEAR (Health Enrollment Assessment Review) annually to all TRICARE PRIME (which includes Active Duty) beneficiaries.
- c. Implement aggressive campaigns to screen immunization status at every visit and provide age appropriate immunization services due to all infants, children, adolescents, and adults.
- d. Ensure age and sex appropriate clinical preventive screenings and other services are provided through the TRICARE PRIME Clinical Services Benefit. Prevention and health promotion counseling shall be provided at every medical and dental patient encounter, particularly in primary care settings, acute care, and emergency rooms.
- e. Document clinical preventive services and prevention or health promotion counseling delivered in medical records. The MHS prevention flowsheet must be used in every outpatient medical record for TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries.
- f. Provide the PPIP publication "Clinicians Handbook of Preventive Services" to all providers and support staff members in primary care settings at medical and dental treatment facilities.

Prevention and health promotion performance measurements as required by the MHS will be accomplished through evaluation instruments such as HEDIS, HEAR, the DoD Annual Beneficiary Survey, and the tri-annual DoD Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel.

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