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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum: Medical Support for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Interscholastic Athletic Program

References:

1. DoDEA Regulation 2740.1, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), Interscholastic Athletic Program, August 19, 1997
2. DoD Directive 1342.6-M, Administration and Logistic Responsibilities for DoD Dependents Schools, August 11, 1995, Appendix C, Page C-3

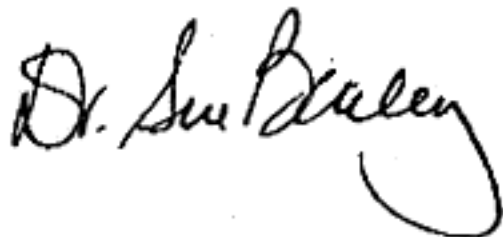
Annual sports physical examinations and medical support for athletic contests shall be provided by all overseas military treatment facilities (MTFs) in support of students and schools involved in OCONUS interscholastic athletic programs. This support is to be free of any remuneration. The level of support for specific activities may be defined by memoranda of understanding between the local MTFs and the schools or by applicable Service regulations.

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) has established an Interscholastic Athletic Program (Reference 1) with a policy that promotes the safety of all student participants through required annual sports physical examinations and medical support for athletic contests. This policy is based on DoD Directive 1342.6-M that instructs installation commanders to provide school health services such as sports physicals and immunizations to all students. This includes students who are not health care beneficiaries (such as some tuition paying students).

School health services do not include definitive medical care outside the school environment. Non-emergency care is to be provided only to authorized beneficiaries. Emergency care to prevent loss of life or limb or undue suffering shall be provided as needed. The MTF providing emergency treatment to a person who is not eligible for care, shall bill the non-DoD parent, guardian or sponsor for service after the fact.

This Interscholastic Athletic Program is an essential part of the morale and development of students in Dependents Schools overseas.

My point of contact for this initiative is CDR Frances Stewart, MC, USNR at telephone: (703) 681-1703 ext. 5214 or email: Frances.Stewart@ha.osd.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Sue Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Dr. Sue Bailey

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