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HEALTH AFFAIRS

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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
(M&RA)**

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2007 Dental Officer Special Pay Plan

Attached is the amendment to paragraph D. of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Dental Officer Special Pay Plan within Health Affairs Policy 06-016 dated, September 19, 2006, Subject: FY 2007 Medical and Dental Officer Special Pay Plan. This amendment is effective the date signed and pertains only to Dental Officer Additional Special Pay (ASP) entitlement. It is in response to the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The 2007 NDAA revised Title 37 to repeal the internship and residency exception to Dental Officer ASP entitlement. The ASP shall be administered in accordance with the policy established herein, in Title 37 United States Code, and in Department of Defense Instruction 6000.13. I emphasize that possession of a current, unrestricted license (or approved waiver) is a prerequisite to enter into a special pay contract. Please provide this office a copy of your implementing guidance within 30 days of the date of this memorandum.

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Attachment:
As stated

cc:
PDUSD (P&R)
ASD (RA)
Surgeon General of the Army
Surgeon General of the Navy
Surgeon General of the Air Force
Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service
Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service

**AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPH D. OF FISCAL YEAR 2007 DENTAL
OFFICER SPECIAL PAY PLAN**

D. Additional Special Pay (ASP). Effective 1 October 2006, a dental officer entitled to VSP, who possesses a current, valid, unrestricted license or approved waiver, is entitled to ASP at the following rates for any 12 month period during which the officer executes a written agreement to remain on active duty for a period of not less than one year beginning on the date the officer accepts the award of ASP. ASP shall be paid annually at the beginning of the 12 month period for which the officer is entitled to such payment.

1. \$4,000 with less than three years of creditable service.
2. \$6,000 with at least three but less than 10 years of creditable service.
3. \$15,000 with at least 10 or more years of creditable service.

Subject to acceptance by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee), a dental officer with an existing ASP agreement may terminate that ASP agreement on or after the anniversary of their creditable service date to enter into a new one-year ASP agreement if the new agreement results in a higher ASP rate due to the number of years served.