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SUBJECT: Change in Policy for Pre-Deployment Administration of Anthrax and Smallpox Vaccines

References: (a) Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Memorandum, "Implementation of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP)", December 6, 2006

(b) Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Memorandum, "Policy Revision to Increase Pre-Deployment Administration of Anthrax and Smallpox Vaccinations to 60 Days", August 20, 2004

To assist units in the preparation for deployment, vaccinations against anthrax and smallpox can begin up to 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date. Prior to vaccinations, commanders must verify that those starting vaccinations are on orders or have been designated to deploy within 120 days to overseas locations designated for the anthrax and smallpox programs. This revises the previous 60-day policy set forth in references (a) and (b). This policy revision does not expand the population eligible for vaccination, and applies only to overseas movement to areas currently designated for the anthrax and smallpox vaccination program.

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