

MILPER MESSAGE NUMBER : 07-275
DASG-HCA
PRE-DEPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION OF ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX
VACCINES
Issued: [10/15/2007]

1. THIS MILPER MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE NLT 27 SEPTEMBER 2009.
2. REFERENCES:
 - A. DEPSECDEF MEMO DATED 28 JUN 04, SUBJ: EXPANSION OF FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION FOR ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS FOR DOD PERSONNEL.
 - B. DEPSECDEF MEMO DATED 12 OCT 06, SUBJ: (U) ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP).
 - C. USD (P&R) MEMO DATED 6 DEC 06, SUBJ: (U) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP).
 - D. ALARACT MESSAGE 024/2007 DATED 13 FEB 07, SUBJ: (U) ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP).
 - E. ALARACT MESSAGE 212/2007 DATED 26 SEP 07, SUBJ: (U) CHANGE IN POLICY FOR PRE-DEPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION OF ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINE.
3. ON 12 OCT 06, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DIRECTED A RESUMPTION OF MANDATORY AVA IMMUNIZATIONS FOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS (HIGHER THREAT AREAS) OR TO SPECIAL MISSION UNITS AND VOLUNTARY AVA IMMUNIZATION IN ALL SERVICE MEMBERS ONLY PARTIALLY IMMUNIZED (REF B).
4. REFERENCES B, C, AND D PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE RESUMPTION OF THE MANDATORY ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM.
5. TO ENSURE INITIATION OF ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO KOREA AND USCENCOM AOR COUNTRIES, ORDERS ISSUING AUTHORITIES WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN THE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS) ORDERS, AND DEPLOYMENT / TEMPORARY DUTY ASSIGNMENT (TDY) ORDERS EXCEEDING 15 DAYS TO THE DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS: **"ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR YOUR PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT OR DEPLOYMENT / TDY (IF GREATER THAN 15 DAYS) IN KOREA OR THE USCENCOM AOR. SOLDIERS CAN INITIATE OR RESUME ANTHRAX AND SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS 120 DAYS OUT FROM PCS, DEPLOYMENT, OR TDY. INDIVIDUALS SHOULD ARRIVE IN KOREA OR USCENCOM AOR HAVING COMPLETED THE SMALLPOX VACCINATION AND BEGUN THE ANTHRAX VACCINATION SERIES."** (REF E)
6. SOLDIERS RESUMING ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNDER THE 12 OCT 06 RESUMPTION POLICY (REF B) OR THE EXPANDED POLICY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE WILL CONTINUE THE DOSING SERIES WHERE THEY LEFT OFF. THESE SOLDIERS WILL NOT NEED TO REPEAT ANY DOSES ALREADY RECEIVED IN THE SERIES. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH

GUIDANCE FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) AND PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES AND THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) APPROVED DOSING SCHEDULE. THE FDA APPROVED SCHEDULE FOR ANTHRAX VACCINE IS A 6-DOSE SERIES GIVEN: 0, 2, AND 4 WEEKS; THEN 6, 12, AND 18 MONTHS FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL BOOSTERS THEREAFTER.

7. ALL IMMUNIZATIONS WILL BE POSTED AND TRACKED IN THE MEDICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM (MEDPROS), THE HQDA STANDARD FOR TRACKING ALL INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL READINESS INDICATORS IN THE ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS. LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS CAN TRACK INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT COMPLIANCE USING MEDPROS. MEDPROS CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE INTERNET AT WWW.MODS.ARMY.MIL. USERS MAY REQUEST A LOGON ID DIRECTLY FROM THE WEBSITE OR BY CALLING THE MODS HELP DESK AT DSN 761-4976 OR 1-888-849-4341 FOR ASSISTANCE.

8. HQDA POC FOR THIS MESSAGE IS THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY, 703.681.5101 OR DSN 761.5101, OR EMAIL: VACCINES@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL.