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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM THRU Assistant Secretary of the Army (M&RA)

FOR Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)

SUBJECT: Vaccination of New Recruits Against Hepatitis B Virus

1. The US Army will vaccinate all new recruits against Hepatitis B virus beginning in Sep 02. The implementation plan for this program is attached and includes the following elements:
  - a. Vaccination of all trainees, service academy cadets, and officer accessions who begin initial training on or after 1 Sep 02.
  - b. Vaccination of all direct accessions at their first duty station.
  - c. Serologic screening for immunity is deferred until such time as this approach is determined to be cost-effective.
  - d. Allowance for use of any FDA-approved hepatitis B vaccine.
2. The Office of The Surgeon General has submitted a request for funding to cover the costs of this program for the remainder of FY02 and for FY03. The program has been added to the FY04 POM submission.
3. My point of contact for this action is COL Jeffrey Gunzenhauser in the Proponency Office for Preventive Medicine, E-mail [Jeffrey.Gunzenhauser@otsg.amedd.army.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.Gunzenhauser@otsg.amedd.army.mil), DSN 761-3160, comm. 703-681-3160.

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