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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)

SUBJECT: Approval of U.S. Army Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program Implementation Plan

In accordance with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum, dated December 6, 2006, Subject: Implementation of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP), each Service is required to submit and receive approval of their AVIP plan before mandatory vaccinations can commence.

The U.S. Army AVIP implementation plan meets the requirements established in the memorandum above. As such, I approve the U.S. Army AVIP implementation plan for service wide distribution and education.

This policy is effective immediately and should be communicated to the appropriate Army organizations involved in the implementation of the AVIP. Specific questions regarding implementation may be directed to the Military Vaccine Agency at (703) 681-5101.

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