

[\[Categorical Listing\]](#) [\[Numerical Listing\]](#)



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1200

**JAN 26 1996**

**MEMORANDUM FOR:**

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MRAI&E)

SUBJECT: Dental Readiness Within The Services

Recently the Service Dental Chiefs Council agreed to develop a common methodology for applying the dental readiness standards outlined in DODI 6410.1, Standardization of Dental Classifications. The common application of the dental readiness standard within the Services gives us an opportunity to use the readiness standard as a comparable metric with which the dental readiness of individuals and military units can be accurately assessed. Common application of the dental classification standard also allows longitudinal reporting and data analysis.

The Department policy is that on the last day of the thirteenth month subsequent to the last dental examination, the Service member would convert to a dental Class 4 status. This policy will promote uniformity and flexibility among the Services' application of the dental classification standard.

My point of contact is Captain J. C. Cecil, III, DC, USN, Senior Consultant for Dentistry. Captain Cecil may be reached at 703-695-6800.

Stephen C. Joseph, M.D., M.P.H.

**HA POLICY 96-023**

cc:  
Chief, Army Dental Corps  
Chief, Navy Dental Corps  
US Air Force, Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Affairs

---

[\[Top\]](#)

---

Last update: 12/22/1998