



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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MEMORANDUM FOR NAVY MEDICINE EAST
NAVY MEDICINE WEST
NAVY MEDICINE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA
NAVY MEDICINE SUPPORT COMMAND

SUBJECT: Policy and Guidance

Reference: (a) ALNAV 131451Z JUL 05
(b) OPNAV NOTICE 5450 10 AUG 05
(c) OPNAV NOTICE 5450 29 SEP 05
(d) OPNAV NOTICE 5450 01 NOV 05

The Secretary of the Navy aligned all Navy Medical and Dental Commands under the military command of the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) per reference (a). To increase efficiencies and standardize processes, the Chief of Naval Operations established the Navy Medicine Regional and Support Commands under the authority and military command of the Chief, BUMED per references (b) through (d).

Chief, BUMED will continue to provide guiding principles and overarching policies for Navy Medicine, as well as exercise command and control authority. Regional Commanders are charged with governance within their defined geographic areas of responsibility and delegated day to day operational control and resource execution authority.

The administrative and communication processes at BUMED will evolve to support this new structure. As a first step, Policy and Guidance Memoranda will be serial numbered and only signed by the Chief, BUMED or Vice Chief, BUMED. Open access to policy documents will be centrally maintained on the NMO Homepage via a quick link titled "NAVMED Policy and Guidance."

Regional and Support Commander recommendations for corporate policy guidance or clarification should be addressed to the BUMED Chief of Staff for headquarters coordination.


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