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**SUBJECT:** Class VIIIA Medical Materiel Supply Management

**References:** See Enclosure 1

1. **PURPOSE.** This directive:

a. Reissues and renames DoD Directive (DoDD) 5101.9 (Reference (a)) to establish policy and assign responsibilities for the management of the Class VIIIA medical materiel across the spectrum of military operations.

b. Designates the Director, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) as the DoD Executive Agent (DoD EA) for Medical Materiel, in accordance with DoDD 5101.1 (Reference (b)).

c. Establishes the relationship of the DoD EA for Medical Materiel to the other DoD Component heads worldwide, in peacetime, wartime, for homeland defense, defense support of civil authorities (DSCA) in accordance with DoDD 3025.18 (Reference (c)), and other contingencies.

2. **APPLICABILITY.** This directive applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this directive as the “DoD Components”).

3. **POLICY.** It is DoD policy that:

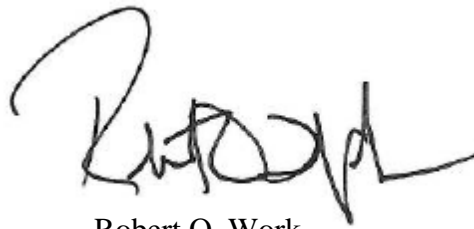
a. The supply and use of Class VIIIA medical materiel is an integral part of a jointly interoperable military health system supporting the DoD’s global engagement, force protection, warfighting, and DSCA capabilities.

b. The Class VIIIA medical materiel acquisition and logistics program is jointly integrated and synchronized from customer to supplier to maintain a consistent level of efficient and effective worldwide medical support throughout the full spectrum of military operations.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure 2.

5. RELEASABILITY. **Cleared for public release**. This directive is available on the Internet from the DoD Issuances Website at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives>.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This directive is effective September 29, 2015.

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ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

- (a) DoD Directive 5101.9, "DoD Executive Agent for Medical Materiel," August 23, 2004 (hereby cancelled)
- (b) DoD Directive 5101.1, "DoD Executive Agent," September 3, 2002, as amended
- (c) DoD Directive 3025.18, "Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA)," December 29, 2010, as amended
- (d) DoD Instruction 4140.01, "DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management Policy," December 14, 2011
- (e) DoD Directive 5136.01, "Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA))," September 30, 2013
- (f) DoD Directive 5136.13, "Defense Health Agency (DHA)," September 30, 2013
- (g) DoD 7000.14-R, "Department of Defense Financial Management Regulations (FMRs)," current edition
- (h) Joint Publication 4-02, "Health Service Support," July 26, 2012

ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY, AND LOGISTICS (USD(AT&L)). The USD(AT&L) establishes policy and provides guidance and oversight as necessary to ensure the timely and successful implementation of this directive.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LOGISTICS AND MATERIEL READINESS (ASD(L&MR)). Under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(AT&L), the ASD(L&MR):

a. Oversees the materiel support activities of the DoD EA for Medical Materiel.

b. Periodically assesses DoD EA for Medical Materiel responsibilities for continued need, currency, and effectiveness.

c. Coordinates with the DoD EA for Medical Materiel to ensure:

(1) All necessary action is taken and funding is obtained to ensure that medical materiel support satisfies operational plans and force structure.

(2) Logistics plans for medical materiel are developed to support operations in all environments.

3. DIRECTOR, DLA. Under the authority, direction, and control of USD(AT&L), through the ASD(L&MR), and in his or her capacity as the DoD EA for Medical Materiel, the Director, DLA:

a. Establishes the strategic and operational relationships, capabilities, and system integration necessary to achieve effective Class VIIIA supply chain support in accordance with DoD Instruction 4140.01 (Reference (d)).

b. Establishes agreements with theater lead agents (TLA) and functional lead agents (FLA) to act in concert with, and on behalf of, the DoD EA for Medical Materiel.

c. Plans the provision and distribution of Class VIIIA medical materiel sustainment and establishes performance standards as necessary to achieve efficient and effective worldwide support.

d. Identifies, programs, and invests in the information and analytical tools necessary to:

(1) Maintain the Class VIIIA surge and sustainment requirements management process.

(2) Achieve a single representation of Class VIIIA materiel requirements within the DoD enterprise.

e. Establishes an effective operational relationship with the Military Health System (MHS) and DoD Component medical logistics entities to integrate medical materiel logistics processes, systems, and capabilities to achieve unity of effort, efficiency, and economy in providing effective force health protection and health care delivery support to the DoD.

f. Establishes sourcing and distribution plans, agreements, and contracts to support theater requirements for Class VIIIA surge and sustainment materiel.

g. Establishes strategic alliances, as necessary, with other federal agencies and enters into contracts in support of funded materiel requirements.

h. Provides financial resources and acquisition programs to reduce duplication and achieve materiel readiness that supports Combatant Command operational requirements.

i. Establishes performance metrics for the Class VIIIA supply chain.

j. Assesses Class VIIIA supply chain performance and readiness.

k. Recommends the designation of a TLA when required to support the joint operations plans of the Combatant Commander.

4. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY. The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy coordinates with the DoD EA for Medical Materiel in matters of DoD policy for planning and execution of military contingency, wartime, and DSCA.

5. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (USD(C)/CFO). The USD(C)/CFO includes financial requirements for implementation of this directive in the budgets of the DLA and other DoD Components, as necessary.

6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS (ASD(HA)). Under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the ASD(HA):

a. Provides guidance and standards that govern the provision of military healthcare in accordance with DoDD 5136.01 (Reference (e)).

b. Establishes performance standards for the provision of medical materiel support to the MHS medical materiel programs.

- c. Designates an FLA as required.

7. DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY (DHA). Under the authority, direction, and control of the ASD(HA), the Director, DHA:

- a. Manages the execution of medical materiel guidance developed by the ASD(HA) in accordance with Reference (e) and DoDD 5136.13 (Reference (f)).
- b. Exercises management responsibility for shared services, functions, and activities in the MHS, including medical logistics and other common business and clinical processes.
- c. Collaborates with the DoD EA for Medical Materiel to integrate MHS and medical materiel logistics processes, systems, and capabilities to achieve unity of effort, efficiency, and economy in providing effective force health protection and health care delivery support to the DoD.
- d. Advises and assists the DoD Components and DoD multi-Service markets to optimize medical materiel readiness to deploy medically ready forces and ready medical forces in accordance with Reference (f).
- e. Identifies and standardizes medical materiel requirements for use in both direct care and operational capabilities of the MHS.

8. DoD COMPONENT HEADS. The DoD Component heads:

- a. Develop supporting guidance and provide resources to authorized elements of their respective Components in accordance with this directive.
- b. Coordinate Class VIIIA support requirements with the DoD EA for Medical Materiel and Director, DHA.

9. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. In addition to the responsibilities in section 8 of this enclosure, the Secretaries of the Military Departments:

- a. Execute Secretary of Defense taskings to provide medical materiel support for assigned units.
- b. Provide the necessary force structure and initial outfitting to operate Class VIIIA unit support and, when designated, resource and execute the TLA mission.
- c. Provide medical materiel requirements to the DoD EA for Medical Materiel.

d. Provide reimbursement and funding to the DoD EA for Medical Materiel for supplies provided and budget for changes resulting from implementation of this directive, in accordance with DoD 7000.14-R (Reference (g)).

10. COMBATANT COMMANDERS. In addition to the responsibilities in section 8 of this enclosure, the Combatant Commanders:

a. Develop Class VIIIA medical materiel requirements in the joint operations planning and execution processes.

b. Identify the need for designation of a TLA as required to support joint operations plans.



GLOSSARY

PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ASD(HA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
ASD(L&MR)	Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics, Materiel, and Readiness
DoDD	DoD directive
DoD EA	DoD Executive Agent
DHA	Defense Health Agency
DLA	Defense Logistics Agency
DSCA	defense support of civil authorities
FLA	functional lead agent
MHS	Military Health System
TLA	theater lead agent
USD(AT&L)	Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
USD(C)/CFO	Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense

PART II. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this directive.

Class VIIIA. Medical consumable supplies not including blood and blood products.

DoD EA. Defined in Reference (b).

initial outfitting. A Service-defined process that establishes, creates, and fields the initial medical materiel set or assemblage.

TLA. Defined in Joint Publication 4-02 (Reference (h)).

MHS. Defined in Reference (h).

medical materiel. The Class VIIIA commodity includes pharmaceutical, medical-surgical, dental, medical laboratory, radiology, and optometry supplies; as well as preventive medicine

items, medical equipment, and associated medical repair parts. These various supplies and equipment constitute the items supported in the “medical supply chain.” Does not pertain to blood or blood products normally designated as Class VIII B as described in References (f) and (h).

supply chain. Linked activities associated with providing materiel from a raw materiel stage to an end user as a finished product.

surge. The rapid provision of materiel and equipment to fill shortages, meet unanticipated requirements, or achieve contingency stock levels in theater. This materiel is normally released from military or commercial storage locations within hours of notification. Commercially based surge agreements and contracts are managed by the DLA Troop Support to meet materiel requirements generated by the Military Departments and the Combatant Commands.

sustainment. The provision of logistics and personnel services required to maintain and prolong operations until successful mission accomplishment.