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References: See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.) (Reference (a)), and in accordance with Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum (Reference (b)), this directive:

a. Establishes the Defense Health Agency (DHA) with the mission, organization and management, responsibilities and functions, relationships, and authorities as described in this directive.

b. Effective October 1, 2013, disestablishes the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), transfers appropriate TMA functions to the DHA, and cancels DoD Directive (DoDD) 5136.12 (Reference (c)). Any reference in law, rule, regulation, or issuance to TMA will be deemed to be a reference to DHA, unless otherwise specified by the Secretary of Defense.

2. APPLICABILITY. This directive applies to:

a. OSD, the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard at all times, including when it is a service in the Department of Homeland Security by agreement with that Department), the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of 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”).

b. The Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services.

3. MISSION. DHA:

a. Manages TRICARE, integrating health care delivery under the direct care and private sector care components of the Military Health System (MHS).

b. Manages and executes the Defense Health Program (DHP) appropriation and MHS funding from the Medicare Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund, as directed by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)).

c. Manages military medical treatment facilities (MTFs), in accordance with Sections 1073c and 1073d of Reference (a) and other applicable requirements of law, functioning as the single agency responsible for the administration of MTFs.

d. Ensures coordinated management of health care markets to create and sustain a cost-effective, coordinated, and high-quality health care system.

e. Exercises management responsibility for enterprise activities, functions, and services of the MHS and its common business and clinical processes, as directed by the ASD(HA).

f. Supports the effective execution of the DoD medical mission.

4. ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

a. The DHA is established as a Defense Agency, in accordance with Sections 191 and 192 of Reference (a), under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), through the ASD(HA).

b. The DHA is designated a combat support agency (CSA), in accordance with Section 193 of Reference (a) and DoDD 3000.06 (Reference (d)). This designation applies to that portion of the DHA mission involving support for operating forces engaged in planning for, or conducting, military operations, including support during conflict or in the conduct of other military activities related to countering threats to U.S. national security. This portion of the DHA mission is focused on providing enterprise-level support to echelons at the Combatant Command level and below.

c. The DHA consists of:

(1) A Director, who is recommended by and reports to the ASD(HA). Unless otherwise determined by the Secretary of Defense, the Director, DHA, is appointed, in accordance with Section 601 of Reference (a), as a general or flag officer in the grade of Lieutenant General or Vice Admiral and published on the Joint Duty Assignment List, in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1300.19 (Reference (e)).

(2) An Assistant Director for Health Care Administration and Deputy Assistant Directors for Information Operations, Financial Operations, Health Care Operations, and Medical Affairs, pursuant to Section 1073c of Reference (a).

(3) Not more than two DHA regions outside the continental United States, pursuant to the requirements of Section 712(c) of Public Law 115-232 (Reference (f)).

(4) Subordinate organizations called DHA Research and Development and DHA Public Health pursuant to Section 1073c(e) of Reference (a) and the October 31, 2022 and May 8, 2023 Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandums (References (ap) and (aq)).

(5) Additional subordinate organizational elements established by the Director, DHA, within resources assigned by the Secretary of Defense.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

a. The Director, DHA:

(1) Carries out the agency mission and assigned responsibilities and functions, in accordance with direction from the ASD(HA), adopted with the advice and assistance of governance councils established by the USD(P&R) and ASD(HA), including senior representatives of the Military Departments.

(2) Organizes, directs, and manages the DHA and all assigned resources.

(3) Manages the execution of policy developed by the ASD(HA), pursuant to DoDD 5136.01 (Reference (g)), in the administration of all DoD medical and dental programs authorized by Reference (a). Issues program direction for the execution of policy within the MHS. When issued to the Military Departments, program direction is transmitted through the Secretaries of those Departments.

(4) Develops technical guidance, regulations, and instructions, as required, to manage TRICARE and to support the ASD(HA) in administration of all medical and dental programs, authorized by Reference (a).

(5) Serves as the program manager for TRICARE health and medical resources, supervising and administering TRICARE programs, funding, and other resources within the DoD, as directed by the ASD(HA) and within the established MHS governance processes.

(a) Prepares and submits program and budget requirements to resource health and medical activities and programs, pursuant to guidance of the ASD(HA), for the DoD Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution (PPBE) process, in accordance with DoD 7000.14-R (Reference (h)).

(b) Supports, as requested, the ASD(HA)'s presentation and justification of the DoD Unified Medical Program and budget throughout the PPBE process, including representations before Congress.

(c) Executes funds as programmed and budgeted for TRICARE, in accordance with instructions issued by the ASD(HA), fiscal guidance issued by the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense (USD(C)/CFO), and applicable law.

(6) Exercises oversight and provides program direction for information management and information technology systems, programs, and services, in accordance with DoD policies and guidance issued by the DoD Chief Information Officer, and in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in accordance with the policies and procedures governing the Department of Defense Acquisition System, where applicable.

(7) Supports the conduct of studies and research activities to assist the ASD(HA) and others, as necessary, in support of their responsibilities and to support the management and implementation of health policies for the MHS developed by the ASD(HA).

(8) Contracts for managed-care support, dental support, other health programs, claims processing services, studies and research support, supplies, equipment, and other services necessary to administer TRICARE and other functions assigned to the DHA in support of the MHS.

(9) Manages TRICARE by providing beneficiary information, centralized administration, and program and contract management for health care services.

(10) Exercises authority, direction, and control over each TRICARE market and TRICARE area office.

(11) Exercises management responsibility for MHS enterprise activities, functions, and activities, including but not limited to, the TRICARE Health Plan, pharmacy programs, medical education and training, medical research and development, health information technology, facility planning, public health, medical logistics, acquisition, budget and resource management, other common business and clinical processes, and other shared or common functions or processes, as determined by the ASD(HA). The Director, DHA will develop appropriate management models to assume responsibility most effectively and efficiently for particular functions and processes.

(12) Identifies, to the ASD(HA), other opportunities for medical and health enterprise activities and makes recommendations on appropriate governance and oversight arrangements.

(13) Exercises authority, direction, and control over each MTF, in accordance with Section 1073c of Reference (a) and other applicable law.

(14) Assists the Market Director, who has authority to:

- (a) Manage and allocate the budget for the market.
- (b) Direct the adoption of common clinical and business functions for the market.
- (c) Optimize readiness of medically ready forces and ready medical forces.
- (d) Direct the movement of workload and workforce between or among the MTFs in the respective market area.
- (e) Take other actions as authorized by ASD(HA) or Director, DHA.

(15) Supports the Combatant Commands, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in addition to the responsibilities listed in Reference (d) to:

- (a) Recommend medical research and development initiatives to support or enhance Combatant Commands military operations.
- (b) Manage data standards and standard health information technology to support Combatant Commands and the MHS capabilities. Establish and maintain appropriate health information technology support to Combatant Command, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and in accordance with the policies and procedures governing the Department of Defense Acquisition System, where applicable.
- (c) Advise and assist on DoD health readiness including, but not limited to, medical logistics, pharmacy support, and public health matters to OSD, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Military Departments, other DoD Components, and other designated organizations, as appropriate, for planning and execution of military operations.
- (d) Participate fully in the Joint Combat Capabilities Assessment to determine the readiness of joint medical capabilities against strategic documents and Combatant Commander's operational plans.
- (e) Support the Combatant Commands and provide medical support and resources when a designated medical command order is executed as part of an operational plan.

(16) Implements policy and executes programs to support recovering Service members, their families, and caregivers.

(17) Coordinates funding for DHP research, development, test, and evaluation; the congressionally-directed medical research programs; and related DoD medical research functions.

(18) Supports the responsibilities and functions of the ASD(HA) and performs other duties that the Secretary of Defense, the USD(P&R), or the ASD(HA) may prescribe.

b. The Director, DHA may not direct a change in the structure of the chain of command within a Military Department or with respect to medical personnel assigned to that command.

6. RELATIONSHIPS

a. In the performance of assigned responsibilities and functions, the Director, DHA:

(1) Reports directly to the ASD(HA).

(2) Exercises authority, direction, and control over the director of each MTF.

(a) The Director, DHA selects, after considering nominations from the Secretaries of the Military Departments, Directors of MTFs, who exercise authority, direction, and control of all MTF operations and of all personnel assigned, allocated, detailed to, or otherwise used to perform duties and functions associated with MTF operations, including the delivery of clinical/health care services and MTF business operations.

(b) As a general rule, the MTF director will be dual-hatted as the MTF Service commander, unless the Director, DHA, with the concurrence of the ASD(HA), authorizes an exception to this general rule.

(3) Coordinates and exchanges information with the other DoD Component heads and the OSD Principal Staff Assistants having collateral or related responsibilities and functions.

(4) Uses existing systems, facilities, and services of the DoD and other Federal agencies, when possible, to avoid duplication of effort and to achieve maximum efficiency and economy.

(5) Maintains appropriate liaison, consultation, and coordination with other governmental and non-governmental agencies, as required, to exchange information and advice on programs in the fields of assigned responsibility.

(6) Collaborates with the Military Departments to ensure an integrated and standardized TRICARE and healthcare delivery system.

(7) In managing TRICARE, including MTF health care operations, coordinates with the Military Departments on matters regarding MHS personnel under their jurisdiction.

(8) Gives primary consideration to the advice of the Surgeons General of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, as the chief medical advisors to the Director, DHA on matters pertaining to military health readiness requirements and the force health protection of their respective Service members.

(9) Coordinates with the Secretaries of the Military Departments to ensure MTF staffing supports readiness requirements for Service members and health care personnel.

b. The Secretaries of the Military Departments:

(1) Establish a chain of command and exercise command and control responsibilities over a Service commander of each MTF, who, as provided in Section 1073c(a)(4) of Reference (a), has authority under the Uniform Code of Military Justice respective to military personnel assigned to the MTF.

(2) Communicate Service-specific readiness requirements and requests relating to enterprise activities; and functions to the Director, DHA.

(3) Provide military personnel and other authorized resources to support the activities of the DHA.

(4) Maintain unrestricted access to the military medical personnel of their respective Military Department for all validated warfighting and operational requirements.

(5) Assign uniformed medical and dental personnel primarily to MTFs or secondarily to partnerships with civilian or other medical facilities for training activities specific to their respective Military Department.

(6) Acting through the MTF Service commander, maintain administrative control over the military medical personnel of the Military Department assigned to duty with a MTF.

(7) Recruit, organize, train, and equip medical personnel, consistent with DoDD 5100.01 (Reference (i)) and this issuance.

(8) In accordance with Section 2682 of Reference (a), DoDI 4165.70 (Reference (j)), and DoDI 4165.14 (Reference (k)), maintain jurisdiction over and real property accountability for all real property used by DHA or its components.

c. Under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of their respective Military Department, the Surgeons General of the Military Departments:

(1) Serve as the principal advisors to their respective Secretary of the Military Department and the Service Chief(s) of their Military Services on all health and medical matters, including strategic planning and policy development.

(2) Serve as the chief medical advisors to the Director, DHA on military health readiness requirements and the safety of their respective Service members.

(a) Provide advice to the Director, DHA on the operation of MTFs associated with the Military Departments of the respective surgeons general.

(b) Communicate to the Director, DHA responsibilities of MTFs to the operational commands on installations where MTFs are located, as well as their superior commands.

(3) Recruit, organize, train, and equip medical personnel of the respective Military Departments consistent with this directive.

(4) Carry out the additional duties prescribed by Section 712 of Reference (f).

d. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff carries out oversight functions, in accordance with Reference (d), with respect to the designation of the DHA as a CSA.

e. The Director, Defense Legal Services Agency provides legal advice and services for the DHA.

f. The other DoD Component heads and OSD Principal Staff Assistants coordinate with the Director, DHA, as appropriate, on matters relating to DHA operations, functions, and responsibilities.

7. AUTHORITIES. The Director, DHA is hereby delegated authority to:

a. Execute the authorities of the Secretary of Defense, pursuant to Section 717 of Public Law 114-328 (Reference (l)) regarding evaluation and treatment of veterans and civilians at MTFs.

b. Execute the authorities of the Secretary of Defense, pursuant to Section 722 of Public Law 115-91 (Reference (m)) regarding common qualifications and core competencies of MTF directors.

c. Implement, in coordination with the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the authority provided to the Secretary of Defense, pursuant to Section 1320a-7a(m) of Title 42, U.S.C., (Reference (n)) to impose civil monetary penalties and assessments against providers and suppliers who commit fraud and abuse in the TRICARE program. Notify and provide the Inspector General of the Department of Defense an opportunity to participate in investigations.

d. Obtain reports and information, in accordance with the DoDI 8910.01 (Reference (o)), as necessary, in carrying out assigned responsibilities and functions.

e. Communicate directly with the other DoD Component heads, as necessary, in carrying out assigned responsibilities and functions, including requests for advice or assistance. Communications to the Military Departments are transmitted through the Secretaries of the Military Departments, or as otherwise provided in law or directed by the Secretary of Defense in other DoD issuances. Communications to the Combatant Commanders will be in accordance with Reference (i).

f. Communicate with other U.S. Government officials, members of the public, and representatives of foreign governments, as appropriate, in carrying out assigned responsibilities and functions. Communications with representatives of the Legislative Branch must be conducted through the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, except for communications with the Defense Appropriations Committees, which will be coordinated with the Office of the USD(C)/CFO and be consistent with the DoD Legislative Program.

g. Serve as the Component acquisition executive, senior procurement executive, head of agency, and head of contracting activity within the meaning and limitations of DoDD 5000.01 (Reference (p)), DoDI 5000.02 (Reference (q)), and subpart 2.1 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), as supplemented by Section 202.101 of the Defense FAR Supplement (Reference (r)).

h. Exercise the administrative authorities contained in Enclosure 3.

8. ADMINISTRATION.

The Secretaries of the Military Departments assign military personnel to the DHA in accordance with approved authorizations and established procedures. In addition, military personnel for MTFs will be provided by the Military Departments, consistent with manpower documents maintained by the Military Departments and the DHA, and according to manning documents maintained by the Military Departments and coordinated with the DHA.

9. RELEASABILITY. **Cleared for public release.** This directive is available on the Directives Division Website at <https://esd.whs.mil/DD/>.

10. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 2. The changes to this issuance are administrative and update:

a. The DHA's organizational structure to include the suborganization of DHA Research and Development pursuant to Section 1073c(e) of Reference (a).

b. Responsibilities of the Director, DHA to coordinate funding for DHP research and development, test, and evaluation; the congressionally-directed medical research programs; and related DoD medical research functions in accordance with the Reference (aq).

c. References for accuracy.

11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This directive is effective September 30, 2013.



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Enclosures

1. References
2. Delegations of Authority

Glossary

ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

- (a) Title 10, United States Code
- (b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Implementation of Military Health System Governance Reform," March 11, 2013
- (c) DoD Directive 5136.12, "TRICARE Management Activity (TMA)," May 31, 2001 (hereby cancelled effective October 1, 2013)
- (d) DoD Directive 3000.06, "Combat Support Agencies (CSAs)," June 27, 2013, as amended
- (e) DoD Instruction 1300.19, "DoD Joint Officer Management Program," April 3, 2018, as amended
- (f) Public Law 115-232, "John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019," August 13, 2018, as amended
- (g) DoD Directive 5136.01, "Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA))," September 30, 2013, as amended
- (h) DoD 7000.14-R, "Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR)," date varies by volume
- (i) DoD Directive 5100.01, "Functions of the Department of Defense and its Major Components," December 21, 2010, as amended
- (j) DoD Instruction 4165.70, "Real Property Management," April 6, 2005, as amended
- (k) DoD Instruction 4165.14, "Real Property Inventory and Forecasting," September 8, 2023
- (l) Public Law 114-328, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017," December 23, 2016
- (m) Public Law 115-91, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018," December 12, 2017
- (n) Title 42, United States Code
- (o) DoD Instruction 8910.01, "DoD Implementation of the Paperwork Reduction Act," December 5, 2022
- (p) DoD Directive 5000.01, "The Defense Acquisition System," September 9, 2020, as amended
- (q) DoD Instruction 5000.02, "Operation of the Adaptive Acquisition Framework," January 23, 2020, as amended
- (r) Subpart 2.1 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, "Definitions," current edition, as supplemented by subpart 202.101 of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, "Definitions," current edition
- (s) Title 5, United States Code
- (t) DoD Instruction 1400.25, Volume 451, "DoD Civilian Personnel Management System: Awards," November 4, 2013
- (u) DoD Instruction 5025.01, "DoD Issuances Program," August 1, 2016, as amended
- (v) DoD Instruction 5105.04, "Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committee Management Program," August 6, 2007
- (w) DoD Instruction 5105.18, "DoD Intergovernmental and Intragovernmental Committee Management Program," July 10, 2009, as amended

- (x) Executive Order 10450, "Security Requirements for Government Employment," April 27, 1953
- (y) Executive Order 12968, "Access to Classified Information," August 2, 1995
- (z) DoD Instruction 5200.02, "DoD Personnel Security Program (PSP)," March 21, 2014, as amended
 - (aa) DoD Manual 5200.02, "Procedures for the Personnel Security Program (PSP)," April 3, 2017, as amended
 - (ab) Title 26, United States Code (also known as the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," as amended)
 - (ac) Joint Travel Regulations, current edition
 - (ad) Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations
 - (ae) Title 37, United States Code, Section 455
 - (af) Title 44, United States Code
 - (ag) DoD Instruction 5015.02, "DoD Records Management Program," February 24, 2015, as amended
 - (ah) DoD Instruction 4000.19, "Support Agreements," December 16, 2020
 - (ai) DoD Instruction 3020.52, "DoD Installation Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosive (CBRNE) Preparedness Standards," May 18, 2012, as amended
 - (aj) DoD Instruction 6055.06, "DoD Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) Program," October 3, 2019
 - (ak) DoD Instruction 6055.17, "DoD Emergency Management (EM) Program," February 13, 2017, as amended
 - (al) DoD Instruction 6200.03, "Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Within the DoD," March 28, 2019
 - (am) DoD Directive 3210.06, "Defense Grant and Agreement Regulatory System (DGARS)," February 6, 2014, as amended
 - (an) DoD Instruction 5000.64, "Accountability and Management of DoD Equipment and Other Accountable Property" April 27, 2017, as amended.
 - (ao) DoD Instruction 5200.08, "Security of DoD Installations and Resources and the DoD Physical Security Review Board (PSRB)," December 10, 2005, as amended
 - (ap) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Implementation of Public Health Reform of the Military Health System," October 31, 2022
 - (aq) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Establishment of the Defense Health Agency Research and Development Organization," May 8, 2023

ENCLOSURE 2

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense, and subject to the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P&R), through the ASD(HA), and in accordance with DoD policies and issuances, the Director, DHA, or in the absence of the Director, the person acting for the Director, is hereby delegated authority, as required, in the administration and operation of the DHA to:

a. Exercise the powers vested in the Secretary of Defense by Sections 301, 302(b), 3101, 4103, 4302, and 5107 of Title 5, U.S.C. (Reference (s)) on the employment, pay, performance management, direction, and general administration of DHA civilian personnel.

b. Fix rates of pay of wage grade employees exempted from Chapter 51 of Reference (s), also known as "The Classification Act of 1949," by Section 5102 of Reference (s) on the basis of rates established under the Federal Wage System. In fixing such rates, the Director, DHA must follow the wage schedule established by the DoD Wage Fixing Authority.

c. Administer oaths of office to those entering DoD or any other oath required by law in connection with employment therein, pursuant to Section 2903 of Reference (s), and designate in writing, as may be necessary, officers and employees of the DHA to perform this function.

d. Establish a DHA Incentive Awards Board, and pay cash awards to, and incur necessary expenses for, the honorary recognition of civilian employees of the U.S. Government whose suggestions, inventions, superior accomplishments, or other personal efforts, including special acts or services, benefit or affect DHA, in accordance with Section 4503 of Reference (s), applicable Office of Personnel Management regulations, and Volume 451 of DoDI 1400.25 (Reference (t)).

e. Maintain an official seal and attest to the authenticity of official DHA records under that seal.

f. Establish and maintain, pursuant to DoDI 5025.01, (Reference (u)), for functions assigned, a DHA publication system for regulations, instructions, and reference documents produced by the DHA, as well as any changes made to those publications.

(1) The Director, DHA must ensure that all OSD and DoD Components and non-DoD Federal agencies with equity in a DHA publication are given the opportunity to coordinate when such publication is written, changed, or revised.

(2) For assigned functions, approved DHA publications are binding on DoD Components.

g. As necessary, use advisory committees and employ temporary or intermittent experts or consultants, as approved by the Secretary of Defense or the Director of Administration and Management, for the performance of DHA functions, in accordance with Sections 173 and 174

of Reference (a); Section 3109 of Reference (s); Appendix 2 of Reference (s), also known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act”; DoDI 5105.04 (Reference (v)); and DoDI 5105.18 (Reference (w)).

h. In accordance with Executive Order 10450 (Reference (x)), Executive Order 12968 (Reference (y)); and DoDI 5200.02 (Reference (z)), as appropriate:

(1) Designate any position in the DHA as a sensitive position.

(2) Authorize, in exceptional circumstances where official functions must be performed prior to the completion of an investigation and adjudication process, temporary access to a sensitive position in the DHA to individuals for whom an appropriate investigation is underway.

(3) Initiate personnel security investigations and, if necessary, in the interest of national security, suspend a security clearance for personnel assigned, detailed to, or employed by the DHA. Any action under this paragraph must be taken in accordance with procedures prescribed in DoD Manual 5200.02 (Reference (aa)).

i. Act as the agent for the collection and payment of employment taxes pursuant to Chapter 21 of Title 26, U.S.C., also known as “The Internal Revenue Code of 1986,” as amended (Reference (ab)). As such agent, make all determinations and certifications with respect to DHA employees that are required or provided for under:

(1) Reference (ab).

(2) Sections 405(p)(1) and 405(p)(2) of Reference (n), also known as the “Social Security Act,” as amended.

j. Authorize and approve:

(1) Temporary duty travel for uniformed Service members assigned or detailed to the DHA, in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations (Reference (ac)).

(2) Travel for DHA civilian personnel, in accordance with Reference (ac).

(3) Invitational travel to eligible non-DoD personnel whose consultative, advisory, or other highly specialized technical services are required in a capacity that is directly related to, or in connection with, DHA activities, in accordance with Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (Reference (ad)).

(4) Overtime work for DHA civilian personnel, in accordance with Section 5542 of Reference (s) and parts 550 and 551 of Reference (ad).

k. Approve funds for incidental travel expenses that assigned or detailed DHA uniformed Service members may incur when they attend technical, scientific, professional meetings, or other similar events when the approval of the Secretary of Defense or designee is required by Section 455 of Title 37, U.S.C. (Reference (ae)) and Sections 4110 and 4111 of Reference (s).

l. Develop, establish, and maintain an active and continuing records management program, pursuant to Section 3102 of Title 44, U.S.C. (Reference (af)) and DoDI 5015.02 (Reference (ag)).

m. Use the government-wide Purchase Card for making appropriate purchases of material and services, other than personal services, for the DHA, when it is determined more advantageous and consistent with the best interests of the government.

n. Publish advertisements, notices, or proposals in newspapers, magazines, or other public periodicals, as required for the effective administration and operation of the DHA, pursuant to Section 3702 of Reference (af).

o. Enter into support agreements, as required for the effective performance of responsibilities and functions assigned to DHA, in accordance with DoDI 4000.19 (Reference (ah)).

p. Enter into mutual aid agreements with State and local law enforcement agencies, in accordance with DoDIs 3020.52 (Reference (ai)), 6055.06 (Reference (aj)), 6055.17 (Reference (ak)), and 6200.03 (Reference (al)).

q. Enter into and administer contracts, directly or through a Military Department, a DoD contract administration services component, or other Federal agency, as appropriate, for supplies, equipment, property, and services required to accomplish the DHA mission. To the extent that any law or Executive order vests an acquisition-related authority, that the Director, DHA wants exercised, in the Secretary of Defense, but only permits the delegation of such authority to a Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed official, then the authority for such contracts may be exercised by the appropriate Under Secretary of Defense or Assistant Secretary of Defense.

r. Enter into and administer grants, cooperative agreements, and other authorized transactions with any agency, university, nonprofit corporation, or other organization to perform or support DHA mission-related work, in accordance with DoDD 3210.06 (Reference (am)). Establish procedures for DHA to administer appropriate authorities and responsibilities specified in Sections 2358, 2371, and 2371a of Reference (a) necessary for DHA mission-related work.

s. Establish management policies, standards, and guidance for personal property under the control of the DHA and ensure compliance with DoDI 5000.64 (Reference (an)) and Reference (h).

t. Issue the necessary security regulations for the protection of property and places used by DHA, in accordance with DoDI 5200.08 (Reference (ao)).

u. Exercise the authority delegated to the Secretary of Defense by the Administrator of the General Services Administration for the disposal of surplus DHA personal property.

v. These authorities may only be redelegated in writing, and as appropriate, except as otherwise specifically indicated in this directive or as otherwise provided by law or regulation.

GLOSSARY

PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ASD(HA)	Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
CSA	combat support agency
DHA	Defense Health Agency
DHP	Defense Health Program
DoDD	DoD directive
DoDI	DoD instruction
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
MHS	Military Health System
MTF	military medical treatment facility
PPBE	Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution
TMA	TRICARE Management Activity
U.S.C.	United States Code
USD(C)/CFO	Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense
USD(P&R)	Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

PART II. DEFINITIONS

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

DHP appropriation. A single appropriation consisting of operation and maintenance, research and development, and other procurement funds designed to finance the non-military personnel requirements of the MHS.

DoD Unified Medical Program. A combination of the DHP appropriation, the medical military construction appropriation, military personnel funds for military personnel supporting the MHS, and the estimated payments to the DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund.

enterprise activities. Activities common to multiple locations or functions of the MHS within the scope of responsibilities of the DHA.

health care market. Geographic or other alignment of one or more MTFs into a discrete entity, along with the local private sector network that supports those MTFs. It is the management structure through which the DHA exercises authority, direction, and control of select MTFs.

MHS. The DoD medical and dental programs, personnel, facilities, and other assets, operating pursuant to Chapter 55 of Reference (a), by which the DoD provides health care services and support to the Military Services during the range of military operations; and health care services and support to members of the Military Services, their family members, and others entitled to DoD medical care.

MTF. Any fixed facility, outside of a deployed environment, used primarily for health care (including dental care), and any other location used for the purposes of providing health care services as designated by the USD(P&R).

TRICARE. The DoD medical and dental programs, operating pursuant to Chapter 55 of Reference (a), under which medical and dental services are provided to DoD health care beneficiaries. The term includes all activities described in the definition of the term “TRICARE Program” in Section 1072(7) of Reference (a).

TRICARE Regional Office/TRICARE Area Office. The DHA office charged with ensuring consistent implementation and management of MHS policies and the uniform health benefit within a geographical area designated by the ASD(HA).