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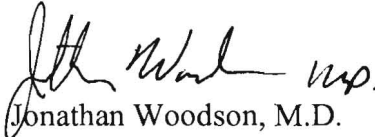
HEALTH AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS)
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RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
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REGION-MEDICAL
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (CLINICAL
AND PROGRAM POLICY)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH
BUDGET AND FINANCIAL POLICY)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Medical Materiel Standardization and Acquisition Guidance

The Military Health System must aggressively pursue medical supply choices and cost savings, and to that end, we have developed draft guidance (attached). The Military Services shall support the Defense Medical Materiel Standardization Program through participation in standardization actions managed by Medical Materiel Enterprise Standardization Offices and comply with standardized products in their purchasing of medical materiel. The guidance directs the use of medical materiel acquisition programs established by the Defense Logistics Agency, limiting to the extent possible, purchases using credit cards and other local purchase methods.

Please review the attached draft guidance, and provide any comments using the attached comment matrix 3 weeks from the date of this memorandum. My point of contact for this action is Colonel Randy Story, who can be reached at (703) 681-8463, or Randy.Story@ha.osd.mil.


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Attachments:

As stated

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