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SUBJECT: Policy for Executive Committee Coordination

Any TRICARE Executive Committee (TEC), to become the Military Health System Executive Committee (MHSEC) as of 10 February, action more than one week past the final clearance due date will be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)). In addition, a meeting will be scheduled between the Principal Deputy ASD and all parties concerned to resolve any issue(s).

One of the guiding principals of the Executive Committee (EC) approach is to expedite the processing and publication of Department of Defense policies and memorandums. Therefore, I am increasingly concerned that as the expeditious processing of EC action continues to slip -- the benefits that these policies and memorandums provide to our beneficiaries are delayed and the effectiveness of the EC is reduced. This policy will ensure that in no case shall disagreement on recommendations hold up orderly and rapid progress of a EC action and that all participants are included in the decision process.

My point of contact on this matter is Major Michael Smith, Executive Secretary of the TEC at 703-695-7068 or email: msmith1@ha.osd.mil.

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