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## MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Memorandum Directing the Use of a Unique Fourth-Level Medical Expense and Performance Reporting Code for Each Patient Centered Medical Home Team

A unique fourth-level Medical Expense and Performance Reporting System (MEPRS) code will be created and used to identify each individual patient centered medical home (PCMH) team within a Military Treatment Facility (MTF). This will enable the Military Health System to measure all aspects of the PCMH team in a consistent manner and allow for studying variation within each MTF, as well as across our system as a whole.

The MEPRS for Fixed Military Medical and Dental Treatment Facilities Manual (6010.13) delineates the criteria for establishing MEPRS codes. Services are to adhere to the guidance set forth in this document. The most current version of 6010.13 is available online at http://www.meprs.info. Although 6010.13 states that the Services will determine if a specific work center is needed, each PCMH team should now be treated as a work center. The importance of monitoring success of the PCMH initiative requires such treatment.

This guidance will go into effect by March 1, 2011, and applies to all MTFs that have PCMHs. Questions concerning this policy should be directed to Ms. Paula Evans at (703) 681-1713, or Paula. Evans @tma.osd.mil.

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