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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)

SUBJECT: Approval of Implementation Plan to Resume Anthrax Vaccine Immunizations

In accordance with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum, dated August 6, 2002, Subject: Administrative and Clinical Execution Guidance for Reintroduction of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP), each Service is required to submit and receive approval of their AVIP implementation plan before vaccination resumption can commence.

The Army AVIP implementation plan was evaluated for thoroughness in addressing: 1) Concepts of Operations, 2) Education and Communication, 3) Immunization Tracking, 4) Medical Guidance, and 5) Administrative Guidance.

I have reviewed the evaluation of the Army AVIP implementation plan and determined it meets the requirements stated above and as intended in the Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, dated June 28, 2002. As such, I approve the U.S. Army AVIP implementation plan for service-wide distribution and execution.

This policy is effective immediately and should be communicated to the appropriate parties involved in the implementation of the AVIP. Specific questions regarding implementation may be directed to the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program Office at (703) 681-6530.

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