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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOMS

FROM: HQ USAF/SG  
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SUBJECT: Guidance for MTFs in response to Policy Letter on Needlestick Safety for Health Care Workers (HA Policy 0000013)

On 2 Nov 2000 the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, Public Law 106-430 was signed. It mandated revisions to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogens standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) with an effective date of 18 Apr 2001. The AFMS will comply with the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act and the resulting change to the OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogen standard. In order to assist you, guidance is provided in the attachment, AFMS Guidance on Needlestick Safety for Healthcare Workers. For additional information, please contact Lt Col Theresa DiFato at DSN 754-4119, commercial (202) 404-4119.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James G. Roudebush".

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Attachment:  
AFMS Guidance on Needlestick Safety for Healthcare Workers