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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MAJCOM/SG

FROM: HQ USAF/SG

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SUBJECT: Immunization Program Management

1. The Immunization Clinic Back-up Technician (IBT) program is established to provide competent enlisted medical personnel, of any medical AFSC, to staff the Immunization Clinic when the primary staff members, AFSC 4N0X1A, are not available due to leave, TDY, or require additional manpower, etc. IBTs can work independently in the Immunization Clinic during the absence of the assigned 4N0X1A, however, they are not intended to provide long-term clinic manning. IBTs are authorized to provide immunizations and TB tests to active duty personnel, family members, and civilians. They can also support mass military immunization programs. The IBT does not provide allergy services. Effective 1 September 2000, the AFMS performance standards for enlisted medical personnel functioning as an IBT are:

(a) Completion of the entire USAF IBT distance learning course (DLC) with a passing score on the end-of-course examination.

(b) Competency in immunization and tuberculosis (TB) testing skills IAW the AFSC 4N0X1 Immunization Qualification Training Packages (QTPs) and Allergy Immunization QTP, Module 7, TB Skin Testing. These packages have been incorporated into the DLC and are also available for download via the USAF Immunizations References, Policies, and Practices Homepage at: <http://wwwsam.brooks.af.mil/web/eh/html/immune.htm>

(c) Work in the Immunization Clinic at least eight hours per quarter under the direct supervision of a 4N0X1A, Allergy/Immunization Technician.

(d) Training (initial and quarterly) will be documented in each member's Enlisted Training and Competency Folder. IBTs must also complete and have documentation of a local Immunization Clinic orientation. Commanders who desire IBTs in AFSCs other than 4N0X1 or 4F0X1, must first request a scope of practice waiver IAW AFI 44-119, Medical Service Clinical Quality Management with approval granted by the MAJCOM Surgeon before these personnel can work in the Immunization Clinic.

2. The Immunization Augmentee (IA) program established is to provide competent medical personnel to assist with mass military immunization programs such as anthrax, influenza, mobility processing lines, etc. The IA will not work independently during mass immunizations and mandatory supervision

consists of a 4N0X1A or IBT. Effective 1 September 2000, the AFMS performance standards for enlisted medical personnel (any AFSC) functioning as Immunization Augmentee (IA) are:

(a) Completion of the USAF IBT DLC, IA portion only.

(b) Competency in immunization skills IAW the AFSC 4N0X1A Immunization QTPs.

(c) Perform mass immunization duties at least once a quarter. Competency documentation is placed in their Enlisted Training and Competency Folder. Others who have not performed mass immunization duties within the past quarter will need "just-in-time" training to ascertain competency before assisting with mass immunizations, this training must be documented. IBTs must also complete and have documentation of a local orientation on mass immunization procedures.

3. The Air Force Reserve Command and Guard Bureau will develop component specific performance and training standards for IBTs and IAs.

4. HQ AETC, in concert with the Allergy/Immunization Consultant and Functional Manager, was tasked to develop and deploy the IBT/IA DLC. This product will provide the background knowledge required to safely administer vaccines and work in an Immunization Clinic or assist with mass military immunizations. This training will meet or exceed national immunization standards as outlined by AFJI 48-110, Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidance. The course is projected to be deployed to the field by the 383 TRS during the spring of 2000. The DLC will consist of four modules in Career Development Course format with a 50-question closed book exam administered locally by the MTF Group Education and Training Office (or equivalent) prior to task certification. IBTs will be required to take the entire DLC; IAs are only required to take the mass military immunization module of the DLC.

(a) The IBT DL course is accessible via the 383 TRS homepage <http://sg-www.satx.disa.mil/school> under the special interest area. Each unit is required to identify their training needs and download the DL module for local reproduction.

(b) The unit staff development officer or training NCO can then obtain the end-of-course examination via e-mail from either TSgt Ray Anspach, Course Supervisor, Allergy/Immunization Course, Walter-Reed ARMC at ray.anspach@na.amedd.army.mil or SSgt Christina Armstrong, Instructor, Allergy/Immunization Course, Walter-Reed ARMC at christina.armstrong@na.amedd.army.mil.

5. Questions regarding these standards may be directed to CMSgt Michael Miraglia, HQ USAF/SGWN, at DSN 297-4478 or e-mail: michael.miraglia@usafsg.bolling.af.mil.



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