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Subject: ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM RESUMPTION

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REF/A/DOC/DEPSECDEF/28 JUN 2002//

APMN/DEPSECDEF MEMO, SUBJ: REINTRODUCTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

REF /B/DOC/USD (P&R) /6 AUG 02//

APMN/USD/ (P&R) MEMO, SUBJ: POLICY ON ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES RELATED TO
ANTHRAX VACCINE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (AVIP)

REF /C/DOC/VCSA/24 SEP 02//

APMN/VCSA MEMO, SUBJ: ARMY ANTHRAX VACCINE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
RESUMPTION EXECUTION PLAN//

REF /D/MSG/HQDA/041207ZDEC02//

APMN/ALARACT MSG, SUBJ: ARMY TO BEGIN PRIORITY 3 ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS
REF/E/DOC/USD (P&R) /23 DEC 03//

APMN/USD (P&R) MEMO, SUBJ: ANTHRAX VACCINATION IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM//

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APMN/ALARACT MSG, SUBJ: TEMPORARILY STOP GIVING ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS
TO ALL DOD PERSONNEL//

REF/G/DOC/USD (P&R) /7 JAN 04//

APMN/USD (P&R) MEMO, SUBJ: ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
RESUMPTION//

SUBJ: RESUMPTION OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS FOR DOD PERSONNEL

1. THIS MESSAGE AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS IAW REF A, B, C, D, AND G.
2. REFS A, B, C, AND D PROVIDED AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE FOR REINTRODUCTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM IN JUN 02 FOR DESIGNATED MILITARY, EMERGENCY-ESSENTIAL CIVILIANS AND MISSION-ESSENTIAL CONTRACTORS IAW THESE REFERENCES.
3. IN RESPONSE TO A 22 DEC 03 U.S. DISTRICT COURT RULING CONCERNING DOD'S ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM, DOD ISSUED A MEMORANDUM ON 23 DEC 03 DIRECTING A TEMPORARY STOP TO ALL ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS (REF E).
4. REF F PROVIDED THE ARMY DIRECTIVE TO TEMPORARILY STOP ALL ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
5. ON 30 DEC 03, THE FDA COMPLETED AND APPROVED THE FINAL RULE THAT STATES ANTHRAX VACCINE ADSORBED (AVA, BIOTHRAX) IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF ANTHRAX, INCLUDING INHALATIONAL ANTHRAX. THE FINAL RULE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON 5 JAN 04. ON 7 JAN 04, THE JUDGE GRANTED THE GOVERNMENT'S MOTION FOR A STAY OF HIS 22 DEC 03 INJUNCTION. IN RESPONSE (REF G), DOD DIRECTED IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS IAW THE ORIGINAL GUIDANCE (REFS A, B, C, D).
6. THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE DIRECTED: IMMEDIATELY RESUME MANDATORY ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS FOR DESIGNATED DOD PERSONNEL IAW REF A, B, C, AND D FROM THE LAST DOCUMENTED VACCINATION GIVEN IN THE SERIES. DO NOT RESTART THE SERIES, NOR SKIP OR REPEAT ANY VACCINATION IN THE SERIES. CONTINUE VACCINATIONS UNTIL THE SIX-SHOT SERIES IS COMPLETE, FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL BOOSTERS. ENSURE ALL VACCINATIONS ARE ACCURATELY RECORDED IN

THE MEDICAL RECORD AND THE MEDICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM DATABASE
(MEDPROS) .

7. MILITARY JUSTICE GUIDANCE: FOR ANTHRAX VACCINATION REFUSALS PRIOR TO 22 DEC 03 AND AFTER 7 JAN 04, DISCIPLINARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS MAY PROCEED IAW GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED IN REFS B AND C. ASSURE SERVICEMEMBERS KNOW THAT DODS TEMPORARY CESSATION IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT AND THAT ORDERS TO BE VACCINATED ARE LAWFUL ORDERS. CONSULT LEGAL ADVISORS AT HIGHER HEADQUARTERS AS APPROPRIATE.

8. HQDA POC FOR THIS MESSAGE IS COL STEVE JONES, 703-681-5101, OR EMAIL: VACCINES@OTSG.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL.

9. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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