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PERSONNEL BULLETIN No. PB98-1 (339)

SUBJECT: Departmental Policy on Cost of Medical Examinations

5 CFR 339.304 states that agencies shall pay for all examinations ordered or offered, whether conducted by the agency's physician or the applicant's or employee's physician. Effective immediately the requirement in 370 DM 339, Subchapter 3, paragraph .1(A)(1) that "the applicant must pay for a medical examination performed by a private physician" is hereby rescinded. All employment related physical examinations ordered or offered must be paid for by the bureau or office requiring the examination. This change will remain in effect until the new Departmental Manual on medical qualification requirements is issued.

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