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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY  
DEPUTY SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Tempurpedic Mattresses for Active Duty Service Members (ADSMs)

It has been identified that there is a lack of consistency among the Military Health System's military treatment facilities in the provision of tempurpedic mattresses to ADSMs. Please inform your respective military treatment facilities that tempurpedic mattresses should be provided to ADSMs when determined to be medically appropriate. ADSMs who have sustained significant spinal cord injuries and/or amputations may benefit from tempurpedic mattresses to improve their sleep, by relieving pressure points, and improve their circulation.

Information on the provision of tempurpedic mattresses by military treatment facilities to ADSMs was also provided to your respective resource manager at the 7 September 2006 Resource Management Steering Committee meeting.

My point of contact is Mr. David Moonan, Director of Program, Budget and Execution. He can be reached at (703) 681-3518.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Middleton".

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