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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: Policy Memorandum – Data Quality Management Control Program, Revised Reporting Documents

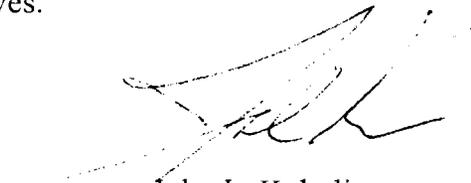
This memorandum revises Enclosure 1 (Data Quality Management Control (DQMC) Review List) and Enclosure 2 (DQMC Commander's Data Quality Statement) of DoDI 6040.40 (Military Health System Data Quality Management Control Procedures) dated 26 November, 2002. These important documents are the basis for the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Report Format submitted to you monthly from your MTFs. The changes recommended in this memorandum will be incorporated into the DoDI through reissuance process at a later date; changes to the enclosures are authorized in the DoDI.

The DQMC Workgroup which includes both Surgeon General Staff and TMA representation has recommended changes to the Review List and Commander's Data Quality Statement to enhance their usefulness as reporting and management tools. The changes for fiscal year 2007 expand the MHS Automated Information Systems (AIS) reviewed to include newly acquired systems (i.e., Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application (AHLTA), Coding Compliance Editor (CCE), and Defense Human Resource System *Internet* (DMHRSi)), explain the statistical criteria for the medical record coding audits, clarify the DD Form 2569 (Other Health Insurance Questionnaire) data verification question, and breaks out the specific components of the inpatient coding audit. In addition, several questions were enhanced to accommodate utilization of the electronic health record (EHR) and digital signature. Lastly, a new question was added which monitors the penetration of AHLTA at our MTFs. The revised DQMC documents will be used beginning with the December 2006 Reporting Period (October 2006 Data Month). These documents can be viewed on the DQMC website [http://tricare.osd.mil/ocfo/mcfs/dqmcp/management\\_control.cfm](http://tricare.osd.mil/ocfo/mcfs/dqmcp/management_control.cfm)

Marginal performance on the external MHS coding audits for medical record coding accuracy (outpatient and ambulatory procedure visits) continues to be a major area of concern impacting our revenue generation and funding efforts. We will continue

to measure coding accuracy performance through both the internal data quality coding audits and external MHS coding audits. Implementation of the new automated coding enhancements (i.e., CCE and AHLTA), will serve our system well and I encourage your full support.

Thank you once again for your staff's cooperation in making improvements to the DQMC Program, our corporate information infrastructure and continued support of the MHS data quality initiatives.



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Enclosures:  
As stated