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

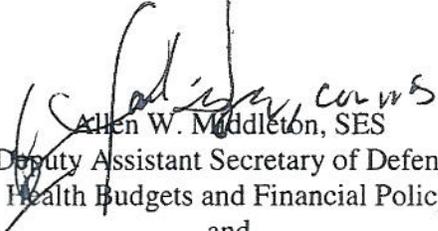
SUBJECT: Write Off of Aged Accounts Receivable Due From the Public

This memorandum constitutes the mandatory write off for Service Medical Activity (SMA) Components, consisting of SMA-Army, SMA-Navy and SMA-Air Force, of public delinquent debt that has not been collected within 2 years. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-129 requires the write off of public delinquent accounts receivables over 2 years old, unless justified to OMB in consultation with Treasury.

OMB Circular A-129 specifies that the delinquent public accounts receivable, over 2 years old, will be classified to the status of Currently Not Collectible if collection efforts continue on the receivables. Justification for the continuation of collection efforts of public account receivables over 2 years old will require a request for waiver coordinated through the SMA Audit Committee Chair to the TRICARE Management Activity Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer. The request for a waiver will require coordination with OMB and Treasury.

Public accounts receivable over 2 years-old must be written off by the component within 90 days. The Components will close-out the delinquent public accounts receivable and cease collection. Unless a waiver request has been granted, it is mandatory to classify the 2 year old accounts receivables as write offs.

My point of contact for this matter is Ms. Carolyn Cordone, SMA Audit Committee Chair. She may be reached by e-mail at carolyn.cordone@tma.osd.mil or by telephone at 703-681-4361.


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