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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(HEALTH AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act National Provider Identifier Enumeration Process for Military Health System Organizational (Type 2) Health Care Providers

Navy Medicine concurs with comments regarding "The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act National Provider Identifier Enumeration Process for Military Health System Organizational (Type 2) Health Care Providers". We have two comments:

- MTF's at the parent DMIS level possess legislative authority to bill. They will therefore be assigned a NPI Type 2 enumerator. The MTF comptroller will have responsibility for ensuring completion of the NPI 2 process.
- It is currently anticipated that the NPI Type 2 enumerator will eventually replace the current pharmacy NCPDS identifier. Pharmacy dispensing locations within the facility confines of an MTF should have the same NPI Type 2 enumerator. TMA has responsibility for NPI Type 2 enumeration for pharmacy dispensing locations.

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Attachments:
As stated