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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
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SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum – Data Quality Management Control Program, Revised
Reporting Documents

This memorandum revises attachment 1 (Data Quality Management Control (DQMC) Review List) and attachment 2 (Data Quality Statement) to ASD(HA) Memorandum of November 29, 2000 (attached) and TMA Memorandum of May 9, 2001. These important documents are the basis for the Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Report Format submitted to you monthly from your MTFs.

The DQMC Workgroup, which includes both Service and TMA representation, has recommended changes to the Review List and Data Quality Statement to enhance their usefulness as reporting and management tools. These changes are based on the results of eight reporting periods since implementation of the program and draft DoDIG audit results. The revised Review List and Data Quality Statement should be used starting with the December 2001 Reporting Period (October 2001 Data Month).

Considering content of the draft DoDIG Report, I am requesting two additional DQMC measures be adopted by your Service. The first is to report MTF level performance to TMA beginning with the December 2001 Reporting Period. This additional detail will allow TMA better oversight of DQMC issues. The second is to include the DHP DQMC Program in your Service's Medical IG and/or Audit Agency compliance program. This will greatly improve the reporting and monitoring of this important program.

Thank you for your Service's cooperation in making improvements to the DQMC Program and our corporate information infrastructure.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Carrato".

Thomas F. Carrato
Executive Director

Attachments:
As stated