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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This Publication has been rewritten in its entirety.

1. Background. Medical Support is necessary to sustain Air Force (AF) medical care around the world to maintain a fit and vital force, save life and limb, prevent undue suffering, and preserve military strength during contingencies. By efficiently applying medical support, the AF can offer medical care at a reasonable cost while improving quality and access. As much as

possible, the Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) must also care for authorized beneficiaries who are not on active duty.

2. Policy. The Air Force shall:

- 2.1. Develop procedures for inpatient and outpatient services including establishing and maintaining an accurate, well-documented health record for every patient.
- 2.2. Establish processes for medical planning, programming, budgeting and execution (PPBE) to responsibly allocate medical resources and manpower.
- 2.3. Develop information systems that help healthcare managers obtain information needed to manage medical operations.
- 2.4. Ensure military medical units are ready to respond to contingencies.
- 2.5. Provide responsive, economical, and efficient medical logistics support, which includes the availability of peacetime and war reserve materiel (WRM).
- 2.6. Provide technology and management to make sure the physical facility operates safely and efficiently in delivering quality health care.
- 2.7. Efficiently use resources to deliver healthcare that meets or exceeds federal or state requirements.
- 2.8. Establish, monitor and report internal controls to measure AFMS compliance.

3. Responsibilities.

- 3.1. The Surgeon General of the Air Force (AF/SG) develops, coordinates, and executes medical policy and essential procedural guidance to manage the Air Force Medical Service. AF/SG also ensures AFMS's readiness, evaluates resource use and policy, and offers the Air Force's medical views on policies or legislation to the Department of Defense.
- 3.2. Major Command (MAJCOM) and ANG interpret and enforce this policy, guide commanders of the medical treatment facilities (MTF) in carrying it out, collect and report data to higher headquarters and develop and maintain standards for medical readiness within their respective components.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFMAN—Air Force Manual

AFMS—Air Force Medical Service

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

AFRC—Air Force Reserve Command

AFRIMS—Air Force Records Information Management System

ANG—Air National Guard

MAJCOM—Major Command

MTF—Military Treatment Facility

PPBE—Programming, Planning, Budgeting, and Execution

RDS—Records Disposition System

WRM—War Reserve Materiel