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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY

SUBJECT: Provision of Healthcare Related to Sexual Assault to Adult Non-Beneficiaries in Outside the Continental United States Locations

Reference: (a) DoD Directive 6495.01, "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program"
(b) DoD Instruction 5505.03, "Initiation of Investigations by Defense Criminal Investigative Organizations"
(c) Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Memorandum, "Policy Clarification on the Provision of Forensic Healthcare Examinations in the Direct Care," dated March 13, 2025 (hereby rescinded)

Paragraph 2.a.(4) of reference (a) authorizes emergency care for certain non-military personnel seeking care in military medical treatment facilities as the result of a sexual assault.

By this memorandum, I additionally grant secretarial designee status to adults (18 years and older) outside the continental United States who are not eligible for treatment in military medical treatment facilities and who are seeking emergency care as the result of a sexual assault under circumstances in which the individual makes an official report and a Defense Criminal Investigative Organization identifies a DoD nexus under reference (b). This secretarial designee status covers emergency medical care, which includes a sexual assault forensic examination. It also covers limited follow-up medical care directly related to the sexual assault for up to 30 days when clinically appropriate.

In consultation with the Director, Defense Health Agency, I have determined that care provided under this memorandum will be provided on a non-reimbursable basis pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 1079b(b) since it enhances the knowledge, skills, and abilities of health care providers by preventing degradation of and reinforcing clinical skills.

Reference (c) is rescinded. My point of contact is Ms. Kimberly Lahm who can be reached at kimberly.r.lahm.civ@health.mil.

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