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STATION ORDER 6320.8B

From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING MATERNITY CARE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS

Ref: (a) NAVMEDCOMINST 6320.1A (NOTAL)
(b) NAVMEDCOMINST 6320.3B
(c) MCO 5000.12D
(d) OPNAVINST 6000.1A
(e) MILPERSMAN 3620220

1. Purpose. To set forth policy and procedures regarding maternity care for active duty members.

2. Cancellation. StaO 6320.8A.

3. Background. As per reference (a), all pregnant active duty members assigned to MCAS Yuma are permitted to deliver in the local civilian hospital, Yuma Regional Medical Center (YRMC) at Government expense, rather than travel to other military hospitals. However, if the Government is to assume financial responsibility for non-federal maternity care provided for under the provisions of reference (a), the member must obtain approval for such care as outlined in sub-paragraphs 3b and 4c.

4. Policy. The following procedures are established to provide guidance regarding maternity care for active duty members.

a. When pregnancy is suspected, active duty members shall be directed to the Branch Medical Clinic, Military Sick Call for examination and laboratory tests.

b. All active duty members diagnosed with a positive pregnancy test must see the Health Benefits Advisor (HBA). The patient must have 6320.3LA, Notification of Pregnancy Form, completed, signed, and stamped prior to seeing the HBA. The HBA will supply the patient with a list of approved civilian physicians in the community. The HBA will serve as a liaison between the civilian

physician, hospital, patient, and military command on all issues regarding expenses incurred.

c. The HBA will prepare the required forms to request approval from the Naval Office of Medical/Dental Affairs (MEDDEN), Great Lakes, IL, for referral to a local civilian physician. Payment for medical services received from civilian physicians without prior approval from the MEDDEN or referral from the Branch Medical Clinic is the responsibility of the member concerned.

d. Counseling in regards to eligibility/desire to remain on active duty as set forth in Section G of references (b) and (c) (for Marine Corps personnel) and (d) (for Navy personnel) is the responsibility of the member's parent command.

e. Per reference (e), service members who separate under honorable conditions prior to delivery of infant, shall be counseled by the HBA concerning their post-service maternity benefits.

f. Once an active duty member has been referred to a local civilian physician for maternity care, routine non-maternity care must be obtained from the Branch Medical Clinic. However, if a specific condition is secondary to, or directly related to, the pregnancy, the member may be referred to the attending civilian physician by a staff medical officer only. Referrals for non-maternity care must be documented in the member's health record in order to preclude member from payment responsibility.

g. Duty status during period of pregnancy and immediately after delivery is outlined in subparagraph 6b of reference (c) for Marine Corps personnel and Chapter 3 of reference (d) for Navy personnel. If complications arise which require a revision in duty status, the member shall submit written documentation from the attending physician, to include the complication and recommendations, to the HBA. The Officer-in-Charge or designee shall review such documentation and advise the member's commanding officer of an appropriate duty status.

h. After delivery, the member is authorized to make one visit to the civilian physician for a 6 week postpartum check-up. Other visits after delivery of the infant must be approved in advance, through the HBA by the Officer-in-Charge, Branch Medical Clinic.

5. Action. Commanders shall ensure that active duty women within their command are familiar with the contents of this order.

6. Summary of Revision. Paragraph 4e changed from: "because of their pregnancy" to: "prior to delivery of infant".

7. Concurrence. The Commanding Officers of MAG-13, MACS-1, MWSS-371, VMFT-401, and MAWTS-1, concur in and make this Directive applicable to their respective commands.

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