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**MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE MARINE CORPS
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (C&PP)
DIRECTOR FOR MEDICAL READINESS (J-4)**

SUBJECT: Joint Theater Trauma Records

- REFERENCES:**
- (a) ASD(HA) Policy Memorandum 04-031, "Coordination of Policy to Establish a Joint Theater Trauma Registry," December 22, 2004
 - (b) "Force Health Protection Council Minutes," December 9, 2004
 - (c) DoD 8910.1-M, "Department of Defense Procedures for Management of Information Requirements," June 1998

By Reference (a) (Attachment 5), the ASD(HA) established the requirement for Army, Navy/Marine, and Air Force medical personnel to collaborate on and implement a Joint Theater Trauma Record to provide uniform descriptions of the epidemiology, nature, and severity of injuries, the time and nature of care provided, and patient outcomes.

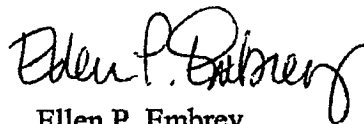
Reference (b) (Attachment 6) documented a Force Health Protection Council decision to replace the Levels of Care concepts and terminology with a non-linear, non-sequential Taxonomies of Care construct. The new forms should incorporate this construct.

As a result of Service, Joint Staff, and Health Affairs collaboration, including contributions from Army trauma personnel in Iraq, a new series of three trauma record form templates were drafted to accommodate physician and nurse record keeping at theater Taxonomy-of-Care categories Forward Resuscitative Care (essentially equivalent to former Level IIB) and Theater Care (essentially equivalent to former Level III).

At Attachment 1 is a draft ASD(HA) memorandum tasking the Services to adopt the record templates for use in generating Service specific forms through their respective forms management processes (including obtaining Washington Headquarters Service certification if required by DoD 8910.1-M (Reference (c)) (Attachment 7)). Those

highlighted sections of the trauma record templates at Attachments 2-4, which will provide data for the Joint Theater Trauma Registry, should not be changed without ASD(HA)'s express approval.

Request your comments or concurrence on Attachments 1-4 by close of business August 12, 2005. My point of contact for this action is Dr. Salvatore Cirone, Project Director, Health Science Policy, 703-575-2689, Salvatore.Cirone@ha.osd.mil.



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Attachments:
As stated