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MARINE CORPS BASE ORDER 5512.2A

From: Commander
To: Distribution List

Subj: MEDICAL WARNING TAGS

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 6150.35

Encl: (1) NAVMED Form 6150/5 (Rev 11-90), Medical Warning Tag Order

1. Purpose. To promulgate policy and procedures for the issuance of medical warning tags to military personnel, as prescribed in the reference.

2. Cancellation. MCBO 5512.2.

3. Background. Medical warning tags serve as a means of recognition of special health problems when treatment records are not available and the individual is unable to give a medical history. Tags are issued to and worn by those eligible to receive care at a Navy medical treatment facility. Tags shall be issued if the following criteria is met:

a. A definitive diagnosis of a permanent nature is established.

b. A condition exists, of such nature that if the individual were unable to give a history, indicated medical care might be dangerous or the proper treatment could be delayed. Examples of such conditions include the following:

(1) Allergic reactions to drugs, or insect bites.

(2) Sensitivity to biological products or immunizing agents.

(3) Convulsive disorders.

(4) Diabetes mellitus.

(5) Other special conditions.

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4. Information

a. Ordering. The attending medical/dental officer may order a tag by completing the enclosure. There is room on the tag for 5 lines of 18 spaces each. The top two lines are to be used for the name and SSN. For tags issued to dependents, use the sponsor's SSN preceded by the family number prefix. The lower three lines are for medical information. The medical/dental officer will comply with hypersensitivity conditions recorded in the health records of active duty servicemembers. Active duty personnel will deliver the completed enclosure to the nearest activity having embossing equipment. The patient's name and address **must** be typed on the enclosure in the space provided to permit the embossing activity to return the tags directly to the patient. These tags **are** not to be issued without a physician's or dentist's signature on the enclosure.

b. Wearing. All individuals issued a medical warning tag should wear it at all times. Non-active duty personnel with special medical conditions should be encouraged to participate in organizations such as Medic Alert.

c. Embossing. Organizational commanders having embossing equipment suitable for the preparation of ID tags shall be responsible for preparation of medical warning tags. A minimum of two tags should be embossed; one for the members' possession and another to be retained in the individuals health record. The tags are to be prepared and returned directly to the servicemember.

5. Action

a. Health Care Advisor. Maintain copies of the enclosure at each branch clinic.

b. Organizational Commanders Having Embossins Equipment. Maintain a supply of the metal blanks (Tag, Red, Medical Warning, Federal Stock Number 6530-00-142-8775). These tags will be used for no other purpose and will not be issued without a physician's or dentist's signature on the enclosure.



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