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language to be substituted in the UM directive is attached.

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Attachment:

As stated

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**REVISED LANGUAGE ON FIRST LEVEL REVIEWERS FOR UM DIRECTIVE**

The following paragraph is to be substituted for the existing first paragraph regarding first level reviewers on page four of DoD's UM Policy for the Direct Care System (attached to my letter dated 23 November 1994).

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## **Qualifications of Reviewers**

**First Level Reviewers** for medical and surgical reviews may be licensed physicians, licensed registered nurses (RNs), physician assistants or they may be paraprofessionals such as licensed practical nurses, hospital corpsmen, and medical records technicians. If paraprofessionals are used, direct supervision by licensed physicians, licensed RNs, or physician assistants is required. In addition to InterQual Criteria, first level reviewers must be trained to screen patients with any other criteria used by the facility. First level reviewers will never deny services.

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