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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY  
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

**SUBJECT:** Policy for Regional Triservice Medical Logistics Support Programs

This memorandum requires the establishment of triservice medical logistics support programs in each DoD healthcare region. These programs will be designed to capture cost savings and efficiencies as a result of regional actions.

The best logistics business practices of the most successful government and commercial organizations increasingly include regionalization, standardization, consolidation of requirements, coordinated planning and cooperative action. Together these practices have proven to result in significant cost savings and efficiencies.

In order to capture similar cost savings and efficiencies for the MHS, regional medical logistics support programs will be initiated within each DoD healthcare region. The Medical Logistics Proponent Subcommittee will provide overall program oversight and coordination. Program efforts will be targeted on the acquisition of medical materiel and the provision of other logistics support services.

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