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SUBJECT: Policy Guidance for Treatment of Reserve Component (RC) Members at Military Medical
Treatment Facilities (MTF) for Health Care Related to an Immunization

The attached memorandum from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs instructed
medical treatment facility (MTF) commanders to provide full access to Reserve component
members at Department of Defense (DoD) MTFs for evaluation and treatment of adverse events
potentially related to DoD directed immunizations. Supporting this guidance, the attached
memorandum from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs to the
Reserve component (RC) Chiefs emphasized their responsibility to inform members who
experience any adverse reaction which may have resulted from a DoD immunization of the
availability of evaluation and treatment, if required, at an MTF.

While many RC members may seek medical care from their private physician, those who seek
treatment at an MTF for an adverse reaction related to a DoD directed immunization will be
evaluated and treated for that adverse reaction without delay. Any necessary documentation,
including a line of duty determination, shall be completed after the Guardsman or Reservist is
evaluated and treated, if required. In no case should such evaluation or treatment be denied or
delayed, pending a line of duty determination.

If additional health care is required after the initial visit and a line of duty determination has
established a service connection, a notice of eligibility must be completed in accordance with

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