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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Cessation of Mandatory Anthrax and Smallpox Vaccinations for Routine Adult Immunization Medical Readiness

1. References:

a. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense (DSD), 12 November 2015, Subject: Clarifying Guidance for Smallpox and Anthrax Programs.

b. AR 40-562, Immunizations and Chemoprophylaxis for the Prevention of Infectious Diseases, 07 October 2013.

2. This memorandum applies to personnel in the Active Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States and the U.S. Army Reserve.

3. This memorandum immediately suspends any mandatory administration of the Anthrax or Smallpox vaccine that is not in compliance with the guidance found in reference 1.a and 1.b.

4. Mandatory administration of the Anthrax or Smallpox vaccine for requirements not listed in reference 1.a. is prohibited unless authorized by an approved Exception to Policy (ETP) from the DSD. Any Army requests for expanded administration of these vaccines must be submitted through the ASA(M&RA) for approval.

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