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Subj: DENTAL TREATMENT PROGRAM

Ref: (a) MCO 6600.3
     (b) SECNAVINST 6600.5A

1. Purpose. To promulgate a comprehensive and clearly defined dental treatment program for all organizations aboard MCB, Quantico, Virginia.

2. Cancellation. MCBO 6600.1A.

3. Summary of Revision. This Revision updates the references, the Report Required, and ensures that personnel reporting to organizations aboard the Base for duty or training now report to the dental clinic responsible for maintaining their dental record.

4. Background. Experience during past hostilities and extended deployments demonstrate a considerable loss of man-hours due to emergency dental care. Dental disease is controllable by current therapeutic measures. Therefore, early detection and implementation of corrective measures, well in advance of operational commitments and deployments, will ensure that dental disorders do not adversely effect a unit's combat readiness.

5. Information
   a. Dental readiness is defined by those personnel in Dental Class 1 and 2. The dental classification system is outlined in the enclosure to reference (a). Additionally, the dental requirements for various schools and duty assignments are noted.

   b. The Marine Corps Dental Treatment Program consists of two distinct steps:

      (1) Step I. The identification and prevention of dental disease through examination and use of preventive, instructional, and therapeutic measures. This step of treatment is required annually and personnel deficient are identified as Dental Classification 4.
(2) **Step II.** The treatment procedures necessary for the elimination and correction of serious dental disease. Personnel requiring this treatment are identified as Dental Classification 3.

6. **Policy.** Per the references, the dental readiness goal for all organizations is 95% Classification 1 or 2, except for units in a deployment or alert status which have a goal of 100% Classification 1 or 2. Dental readiness will be monitored by the Dental Care Advisor.

7. **Program**

   a. **Step I.** This treatment regimen will be conducted on a continuing basis to ensure that the requirements of reference (b) are met for all organizations aboard the Base.

      (1) A monthly Automated Data Processing (ADP) audit of dental records will be conducted by the Senior Dental Executive to identify individuals in need of the required annual examination.

      (2) ADP lists of personnel in Dental Classification 4 will be made available to commanding officers via the dental contact officer/SNCO.

   b. **Step II.** This treatment for personnel in Dental Classification 3 will be conducted on a continuing basis.

      (1) Personnel requiring this treatment can be identified monthly by ADP printout to the commanding officers via the dental contact officer/SNCO.

      (2) Per reference (a), personnel identified as needing Class II treatment shall achieve a Classification 1 or 2 dental readiness status as soon as possible. Personnel not fulfilling this requirement will be identified on the monthly ADP printouts.

8. **Failure to Report for or Cancellation of Appointments.** A dental appointment is a definite reservation of a dental officer's time. Personnel who fail to keep appointments or who cancel too late cause unproductive dental officer time and deprive other personnel of needed treatment. Dental appointments may be cancelled or rescheduled in the event of an emergency. The dental appointment clerk will be notified at least 24 hours in advance of appointment in order that the reserved time may be
rescheduled. In the case of an appointment failure, the member's unit commander will be notified weekly by letter at the unit's request. Unit commanders will take appropriate action.

9. **Dependent and Retiree Personnel.** Routine care is not available. It is DoD policy that care for other than active duty personnel only be available when 95% readiness is attained. Family members who are enrolled in the Tri-Care Dental Plan are eligible for overseas screening examination.

10. **Action**

   a. **COs**

   (1) Ensure that all personnel reporting for duty check-in with their dental records at their respective dental clinics. Dental records are property of the U.S. Government and must be maintained by the Dental Treatment Facility.

   (2) Designate, in writing, a dental contact officer/SNCO within your activity to liaise directly with the supporting dental activity.

   b. **Dental Contact Officers/SNCOs.** Establish a dental program in coordination with the dental liaison officer to meet the goals as set forth in paragraph 6 and the following requirements:

   (1) Provide scheduling support to ensure unit personnel comply with all dental appointments.

   (2) Ensure that personnel nominated for Recruiting, Marine Security Guard, drill instructor, or overseas duty receive Class I treatment, and that time is allowed for those in receipt of orders to these duties to receive priority Class II treatment.

   c. **Senior Dental Executive**

   (1) Provide Class I and Class II treatment on a continuing basis.

   (2) Provide essential Class II dental treatment on a priority basis for dentally unqualified personnel nominated for special programs.

   (3) Establish a flexible working schedule as required to meet peak demand schedules.
(4) Establish direct liaison with dental contact officers/SNCO's to ensure that the unit's dental requirements are met.

(5) Provide monthly ADP lists of personnel requiring Class I and Class II treatment.

(6) Provide supported units with a monthly dental readiness status report including dental appointment compliance.

(7) Provide the Commander MCB with a quarterly Dental Status Report, for all organizations aboard the Base per reference (b).

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