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Subject: MEDICAL POLICY UPDATE MESSAGE FOR STATE AND DOD SECURITY
COOPERATION EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS (DSCA POLICY 07-27)

Reference: (a) TITLE 8 USC Aliens and Nationality, Section 1182: Inadmissible Aliens
(b) SECDEF Msg 191800Z Sep 07, Subj: Medical Policy Update Message for State and
DoD Security Cooperation Education and Training Programs. DSCA Policy 07-27

Effective Date: 19 November 2007

Summary: All persons entering the United States must meet strict medical guidelines prescribed by the law. Reference (a) applies. Reference (b) provides policy clarification of the new and expanded medical requirements for International Military Students (IMs) participating in education and training under security cooperation programs and their accompanying dependents. This new guidance supersedes previous policy guidance provided by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA). It is effective 60 days from the date of the message, 19 November 2007. A copy of this message is available at:
[http://www.disam.dsca.mil/itm/messages/DSCA Medical Policy 07-27.pdf](http://www.disam.dsca.mil/itm/messages/DSCA%20Medical%20Policy%2007-27.pdf).

Action:

1. Under this new policy, IMs selected for education or training in the United States, and any of their authorized accompanying or joining dependents, must undergo medical screening within the three months preceding their departure. These required examinations will be recorded in English on DD Form 2808, Medical Examination, and DD Form 2807-1, Medical History and must be completed before the issuance of the IM's invitational travel order (ITO).
2. IMs and their authorized accompanying or joining dependents will be required to demonstrate some form of health care coverage prior to the issuance of their ITO. How this coverage is provided varies from student to student and is a function of his or her individual situation. For example, health care coverage for non-NATO IMs may be provided through the International Military Education and Training (IMET) program (IM only), Countering Terrorism Fellowship Program (IM only), IM's home country/service, a foreign military sales case (with the appropriate medical line added), or individually purchased health insurance. Other rules apply to IM from countries with a NATO or PfP Status of Forces Agreement or a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement. Details on the various ways an IM may be covered are found at: www.disam.dsca.mil/itm. The specific type of health care coverage provided for IMs and their authorized accompanying or joining dependents will be clearly annotated on the IM's ITO.

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3. When an IMS reports for education or training he or she will present the IMSO with a sealed packet containing health screening documentation. When health care coverage is provided by insurance, a copy of the policy, in English, along with proof of insurance coverage will be included in the package. The IMS is responsible for ensuring health care coverage is maintained for self and authorized accompanying or joining dependents for the duration of the education or training program (until return to home country).

4. In the execution of this new policy IMSO's will:

a. Carefully review the IMS's ITO for accuracy. When health care insurance is marked or stated in the remarks, ensure copy of the insurance policy is in English and the policy meets the health care coverage required in paragraph 5(g) of reference (a). A copy of insurance policy should be placed in IMS file.

b. Review the IMS's sealed medical packet for completeness. Report any deficiencies to the applicable SCETC Regional Program Manager for resolution. Failure to resolve any medical deficiencies in a timely manner (two weeks) may result in IMS being disenrolled from education or training and returned to home country.

c. Take all health screening documentation to the local medical treatment facility along with a copy of IMS's ITO reflecting type of health care coverage and copy of the health care insurance policy in English, if applicable.

d. When health care insurance is the required coverage for IMS and/or authorized dependents, and IMS fails to provide a copy of the policy and proof of insurance, or fails to maintain required health care coverage, identified in paragraph 5(g) of reference (a), at anytime during their stay in the U.S., take the following action:

1) For IMS: Notify the applicable SCETC Regional Program Manager that the IMS has failed to maintain the required health care coverage. Unless country agrees to pay medical bills, IMS will be withdrawn from training and returned to home country.

2) For dependents: Notify the applicable SCETC Regional Program Manager that the IMS has failed to obtain or maintain required health care coverage for dependents. Unless country agrees to pay for health care, require dependent ID cards be returned, in the event they have been issued, and instruct IMS to return dependents to home country immediately. If IMS fails to send dependents home, IMS will be withdrawn from training and returned to home country.

5. Right to Privacy.

a. The individual's right to privacy of health information will be maintained ensuring only those with a need to know have access.

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b. When reporting health information regarding an IMS or authorized dependent, as required by policy or regulation, use only the individual's country, WCN, type of program (e.g., IMET program year or FMS designator) in unclassified correspondence. Such correspondence should be marked "For Official Use Only" and should when transmitted by e-mail should contain the following disclaimer: *"FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. This electronic transmission may contain personal medical information protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (see DoD 6025.18-R) not intended for disclosure outside government channels and exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C., 552. Exemption 6 may apply. Do not release outside of DoD channels without the consent of the originator's office. If you received this message in error, please notify the sender by reply e-mail and delete all copies of message."*

c. IMSOs will not maintain IMS or dependent health information as a part of IMS education or training historical records. IMS/dependent health information should only be maintained as part of the IMS records until education or training is completed. IMS/dependent health information should be returned to the IMS or destroyed upon completion of all education or training.

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