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AMIM-HLW-A (608-18)

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG FHL Policy #9-2, Restricted Reporting for Incidents of Domestic Abuse

1. REFERENCE:

- a. AR 608-18 (The Army Family Advocacy Program).
- b. DODI 6400.01 (Family Advocacy Program (FAP)).
- c. DODI 6400.06 (Domestic Abuse Involving DOD Military and Certain Affiliated Personnel).
- d. DODI 6025.18 (Privacy of Individuals Identifiable Health Information in DOD Health Care Programs).

2. APPLICABILITY: Restricted reporting is limited to adult victims of domestic violence who have attained the age of 18 or are married.

3. POLICY:

a. When domestic abuse is reported to military and or civilian authorities who fail to take appropriate action, the abuse may recur and escalate. In the military community, a victim is usually concerned that reporting will have immediate repercussions on the military career of the Family member offender, and thus affect the Families financial welfare. The result is this potential impact may deter the victim from seeking care or reporting the domestic abuse incident.

b. Commanders have a responsibility to ensure community safety and due process of law. Commanders must also recognize the importance of protecting the safety and well-being of victims and other Family members.

c. A system that affords victims access to medical and victims advocacy services without immediate command or law enforcement involvement can encourage victims to feel more comfortable and safer about reporting domestic abuse.

d. To address these competing interests, adult victims of domestic abuse incidents will now have two reporting options: Unrestricted and Restricted Reporting.

AMIM-HLW-A (600-18)

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(1) Restricted Reporting: This process allows an adult victim of domestic abuse, who is eligible to receive military medical treatment, to include civilians and contractor who are eligible to receive military healthcare outside the Continental United States on a reimbursable bases, the option of reporting and incident of domestic abuse to a specified individuals and to receive medical treatment and victim advocacy services without requiring that notice to be provided to the alleged offender's commander, or to the criminal investigative organization. Victims of domestic abuse who desire restricted reporting under this policy must report the abuse to one of the following specified individuals: a victim advocate; a healthcare provider; or the supervisor of a victim advocate. Exceptions to confidentiality and restricted reporting limitations are outlined in the DoD Instruction 6400.06, Section 5c.

(2) Unrestricted Reporting: The process allows a victim of domestic abuse to report an incident using current reporting channels, e.g., chain of command, law enforcement or criminal organization, and Family Advocacy Program (FAP) for clinical intervention. Upon notification of a reported domestic abuse incident, victim advocacy services and FAP clinical services will be offered to the victim. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have legitimate need to know. Additional explanation and guidance are provided in Enclosure 3 to reference c.

e. Regardless of whether the victim elects restricted or unrestricted reporting, confidentiality of medical information will be maintained.

4. PROPONENT: The Directorate of Family and, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation is the proponent for this policy. POC is FAP Manager at (831) 386-2378.

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