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This Directive implements the following statutes for the Air Force Medical Service and its activities in medical care worldwide: Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 1322.24, *Medical Readiness Training*; DoD Instruction 2310.08, *Medical Program Support for Detainee Operations*; DoD Instruction 6000.15, *Joint Medical Executive Skills Development Program*; DoD Instruction 6010.20, *Admission Procedures For The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)*; DoD Instruction 6010.23, *DoD and Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Healthcare Resource Sharing Program*; DoD Instruction 6010.7, *Admission Policies for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences*; DoD Instruction 6015.24, *Sizing of Graduate Medical Education (GME) and Program Closure Procedures*; DoD Instruction 6490.3, *Deployment Health*. This Directive establishes Air Force Medical Service policy for appropriate utilization of people and resources and to ensure Air Force medical personnel are trained and equipped to deliver optimal care in support of the full spectrum of military operations. This Directive applies to all Air Force Medical Service personnel who deliver healthcare program and resource support in active duty medical treatment facilities, Air Force Reserve Medical Units, Air National Guard Medical Groups, Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons, communities, and deployed locations. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility using the AF Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication; route Air Force Forms 847 from the field through appropriate functional' s chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual 33-363, Management of Records, and disposed of in accordance with Air Force Records Information Management System, and Records Disposition Schedule. The authorities to waive wing/unit level requirements in this publication are identified with a Tier ("T-0, T-1, T-2, T-3") number following the compliance

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### ***SUMMARY OF CHANGES***

This document has been substantially revised and needs to be completely reviewed. This directive does not contain any changes directed by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, Section 702, *Reform of administration of the Defense Health Agency and military medical treatment facilities* (S. 2943 § 702). Those changes will be implemented in the next revision of this directive. Major changes include the removal of responsibilities duplicated in Air Force publications subordinate to this directive.

#### **1. Policy.** The Air Force Medical Service will:

1.1. Provide Air Force Medical Service personnel to perform healthcare programming and resourcing activities that meet the Air Force Medical Service strategy, mission and vision throughout the globe in various locations.

1.2. Use resources effectively and efficiently in support of its core readiness mission, providing and/or facilitating the appropriate health care—from the right source and in the proper amount of time. The Air Force will also use allocated resources to promote health and a healthy environment.

1.3. Establish policies and provide broad oversight responsibility to govern medical operations, to include: support of full-spectrum medical readiness, integrated medical support to operations; and delivery of safe, quality, and accessible health services for the supported population.

1.4. Evaluate resource use and policy, and offer the Air Force's medical views on policies or legislation to the Department of Defense and the Defense Health Agency.

#### **2. Roles and Responsibilities.**

2.1. The Air Force Surgeon General (AF/SG). Develops all policy and guidance with the coordination and concurrence of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (SAF/MR) in accordance with Headquarters Mission Directive 1-48, paragraphs A4.1.1 and A4.1.2, concerning the Air Force Medical Service. Additional coordination is provided by the Director, Manpower, Personnel and Services (AF/A1) and the Director, Operations, Plans and Requirements (AF/A3) where applicable.

2.2. Director, Manpower, Personnel, and Resources (AF/SG1/8) will:

2.2.1. Determine and validate resource requirements and allocate resources to complete the AFMS mission.

2.2.2. Strive to meet or exceed applicable federal or state requirements and industry standards in the delivery of healthcare.

2.2.3. Utilize appropriate human resource strategies to promote personal development and career satisfaction for its personnel.

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**Attachment 1****GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

DoD Instruction 1322.24, *Medical Readiness Training*, October 6, 2011

DoD Instruction 2310.08, *Medical Program Support for Detainee Operations*, June 6, 2006

DoD Instruction 6000.15, *Joint Medical Executive Skills Development Program*, April 19, 1999

DoD Instruction 6010.20, *Admission Procedures for The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)*, June 17, 1997

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AF Manual 33-363, *Management of Records*, 1 March 2008

HAF Mission Directive 1-48, *HAF Mission Directive*, 7 May 2015

***Adopted Forms***

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*