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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' published at the beginning of the Air Force's compilation of record system notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Maintained in file folders and on electronic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Retrieved by Complainant's name, subject of investigation's name and case number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are accessed by custodian of the system of records and by person(s) responsible for maintaining the system of records in the performance of their official duties. These personnel are properly screened and cleared for need-to-know. Records are stored in a locked room protected by cipher lock. Information maintained on electronic media is protected by computer system software and password.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Retained in office files for two years after year in which case is closed. For senior official case files, retained in office files until two years after the year in which case is closed, or two years after the senior official retires, whichever is later. Records are destroyed by tearing into pieces, shredding, pulping, macerating or burning. Computer records are destroyed by erasing, deleting or overwriting.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

The Inspector General, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/IG),

1140 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1140.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information on them should address inquiries to or visit the Inspector General, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/IG), 1140 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1140 or IG offices at installations.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to access records about themselves contained in this system should address requests to the Inspector General, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/IG), 1140 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1140 or IG offices at installations.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Air Force rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Air Force Instruction 37-132; 32 CFR part 806b; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Complainants, inspectors, members of Congress, witnesses, and subjects of investigations.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

Parts of this system may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) if the information is compiled and maintained by a component of the agency, which performs as its principle function any activity pertaining to the enforcement of criminal laws.

Investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than material within the scope of subsection 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2), may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2). However, if an individual is denied any right, privilege, or benefit for which he would otherwise be entitled by Federal law or for which he would otherwise be eligible, as a result of the maintenance of the information, the individual will be provided access to the information exempt to the extent that disclosure would reveal the identify of a confidential source.

Note: When claimed, this exemption allows limited protection of investigative reports maintained in a system of records used in personnel or administrative actions.

An exemption rule for this record system has been promulgated in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(1), (2), and (3), (c) and (e) and published in 32 CFR part 806b. For

additional information contact the system manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is amending four systems of records notices in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

The amendments are required to alert the users of these systems of records of the additional requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, as implemented by DoD 6025.18-R, DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation. Language being added under the "Routine Use" category is as follows:

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on April 28, 2003 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: TAPC-PDD-FP, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 205, Springfield, VA 22153-3166.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-7137/DSN 656-7137.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety. The

proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: March 19, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

A0040-57a DASG

SYSTEM NAME:

Armed Forces Repository of Specimen Samples for the Identification of Remains (March 2, 1998, 63 FR 10205).

CHANGES:

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Add a new paragraph to the end of the entry "**Note:** This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice."

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A0040-57a DASG

SYSTEM NAME:

Armed Forces Repository of Specimen Samples for the Identification of Remains.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Armed Forces Repository of Specimen Samples for the Identification of Remains, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, 16050 Industrial Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-1414.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Department of Defense military personnel (Active and reserve).

Civilian family members of Department of Defense military personnel (Active and reserve) who voluntarily provide specimens for DNA typing for purpose of identifying the human remains of family members.

DoD civilian and contractor personnel deploying with the armed forces.

Other individuals may also be included in this system when the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

(AFIP) is requested by Federal, state, local and foreign authorities to identify human remains.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Specimen collections from which a DNA typing can be obtained (oral swabs, blood and blood stains, bone, and tissue), and the DNA typing results. Accession number, specimen locator information, collection date, place of collection, individual's name, Social Security Number, right index fingerprint, signature, branch of service, sex, race and ethnic origin, address, place and date of birth, and relevant kindred information, past and present.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations; 10 U.S.C. 131; 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of Army; 10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; 10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force; E.O. 9397 (SSN); Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum dated December 16, 1991; and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) memoranda dated January 5, 1993, March 9, 1994, April 2, 1996, and October 11, 1996.

PURPOSE(S):

Information in this system of records will be used for the identification of human remains. The data collected and stored will not be analyzed until needed for the identification of human remains.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To Federal, state, local and foreign authorities when the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) is requested to identify human remains.

TO A PROPER AUTHORITY, AS COMPELLED BY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, IN A CASE IN WHICH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT:

(1) The responsible DoD official has received a proper judicial order or judicial authorization;

(2) The specimen sample is needed for the investigation or prosecution of a crime punishable by one year or more of confinement;

(3) No reasonable alternative means for obtaining a specimen for DNA profile analysis is available; and

(4) The use is approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' do not apply to this system.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are stored manually and electronically.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By individual's surname, sponsor's Social Security Number, date of birth, and specimen reference or AFIP accession number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology is controlled. Computerized records are maintained in controlled areas accessible only to authorized personnel. Entry to these areas is restricted to those personnel with a valid requirement and authorization to enter. All personnel whose duties require access to, or processing and maintenance of, personnel information are trained in the proper safeguarding and use of the information. Any DNA typing information obtained will be handled as confidential medical information.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained 50 years and then destroyed by shredding or incineration.

Statistical data used for research and educational projects are destroyed after end of project.

Military personnel, their civilian family members, or others may request early destruction of their individual remains identification specimen samples following the conclusion of the donor's complete military service or other applicable relationship to DoD. For this purpose, complete military service is not limited to active duty service; it includes all service as a member of the Selected Reserves, Individual Ready Reserve, Standby Reserve or Retired Reserve.

In the case of DoD civilians and contractor personnel, early destruction is allowed when the donor is no longer deployed by DoD in a geographic area which requires the maintenance of such

samples. Upon receipt of such requests, the samples will be destroyed within 180 days, and notification of the destruction sent to the donor.

Requests for early destruction may be sent to the Repository Administrator, Armed Forces Repository of Specimen Samples for the Identification of Remains, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC 20306-6000.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief Information Officer, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army Medical Command, ATTN: MCIM, 2050 Worth Road, Suite 13, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6013.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Administrator, Repository and Research Services, ATTN: Armed Forces Repository of Specimen Samples for the Identification of Remains, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20306-6000.

Requesting individual must submit full name, Social Security Number and date of birth of military member and branch of military service, if applicable, or accession/reference number assigned by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, if known. For requests made in person, identification such as military ID card or valid driver's license is required.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves or deceased family members contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Administrator, Repository and Research Services, ATTN: Armed Forces Repository of Specimen Samples for the Identification of Remains, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20306-6000.

Requesting individual must submit full name, Social Security Number and date of birth of military member and branch of military service, if applicable, or accession/reference number assigned by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, if known.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340-21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Individual, family member, diagnostic test, other available administrative or medical records obtained from civilian or military sources.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

A0040-66a DASG

SYSTEM NAME:

Medical Staff Credentials File (August 7, 1997, 62 FR 24532).

CHANGES:

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Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses: Add a new paragraph to the end of the entry "Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice."

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A0040-66a DASG

SYSTEM NAME:

Medical Staff Credentials File.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Medical treatment facilities at Army commands, installations and activities. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of record systems notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals performing clinical practice in medical treatment facilities.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Documents reflecting delineation of clinical privileges and clinical performance and medical malpractice case files.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 10 U.S.C. Chapter 55, Medical and Dental Care; Army Regulation 40-66, Medical Record Administration and Health Care Documentation; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To determine and assess capability of practitioner's clinical practice.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

In specific instances, clinical privileged information from this system of records may be provided to civilian and military medical facilities, Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, State Licensure Authorities and other appropriate professional regulating bodies for use in assuring high quality health care.

The DoD "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

PAPER RECORDS IN FILE FOLDERS.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By individual's surname.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained in areas accessible only to the medical treatment facility commander and credentials committee members.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained in medical treatment facility of individual's last assignment. Records of military members are transferred to individual's Military Personnel Records Jacket upon separation or retirement. Records on civilian personnel are destroyed 5 years after employment terminates.

Medical malpractice case files are destroyed after 10 years.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief Information Officer, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army Medical Command, ATTN: MCIM, 2050 Worth Road, Suite 13, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6013.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the commander of the medical treatment where practitioner provided clinical service. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of record systems notices.

For verification purposes, the individual should provide the full name, Social Security Number, and signature.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to records about themselves contained in this record system should address written inquiries to the commander of the medical treatment where practitioner provided clinical service. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of record systems notices.

For verification purposes, the individual should provide the full name, Social Security Number, and signature.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340-21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Interviewer, individual's application, medical audit results, other administrative or investigative records obtained from civilian or military sources.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

A0040-400 DASG**SYSTEM NAME:**

Entrance Medical Examination Files (March 29, 2000, 65 FR 16568).

CHANGES:

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Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses: Add a new paragraph to the end of the entry "Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses

and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice."

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A0040-400 DASG**SYSTEM NAME:**

Entrance Medical Examination Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Army medical examining facilities; military entrance processing stations (For enlistees); Department of Defense Medical Review Board, U.S. Academy, CO 80840-2200 (except for reservists). Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of record systems notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who enroll in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (nonscholarship) program, enlist or are appointed in the active or reserve units of the Armed Forces.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Entrance medical examination and resulting documentation such as SF 88, Report of Medical Examination, and SF 93, Report of Medical History, together with relevant and supporting documents.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 10 U.S.C., Chapter 55; Army Regulation 601-270, Military Entrance Processing Station; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To determine medical acceptance of applicant for military service and thereafter to properly assign and use individual. Management data are derived from and used by Health Services Command to evaluate effectiveness of procurement medical standards.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy

Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**STORAGE:**

Paper records in file folders; selected management data are stored on word processing or magnetic discs and tapes.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By individual's surname and Social Security Number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained in secured buildings, accessible only to authorized personnel.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Original SF 88 and SF 93 become permanent documents in individual's Health Record: 1 copy of these forms and supporting documentation is retained by the military entrance processing station examining facility for 2 years; 1 copy is forwarded to the Department of Defense Medical Review Board where it is retained until no longer needed then destroyed. Medical records on qualified applicants are retained for 2 years then destroyed. Records of individuals rejected for military service will be maintained until all requirements of Pub. L. 104-201 are met and until a records disposition is obtained from the National Archives and Records Administration.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief Information Officer, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army Medical Command, 2050 Worth Road, Suite 13, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6013.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the commander of the medical examining facility where physical examination was given. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of systems of records notices.

For verification purposes, the individual should provide their full name, Social Security Number, home address, approximate date of the examination, and signature.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the commander of the medical examining facility where physical examination was given. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of systems of records notices.

For verification purposes, the individual should provide their full name, Social Security Number, home address, approximate date of the examination, and signature.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340-21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

From the individual; the physician and other medical personnel.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

A0040-407 DASG**SYSTEM NAME:**

Army Community Health Nursing Records—Family Records (August 7, 1997, 62 FR 42533).

CHANGES:

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Add a new paragraph to the end of the entry 'Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.'

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A0040-407 DASG**SYSTEM NAME:**

Army Community Health Nursing Records—Family Records.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Army Medical Centers and hospitals. Official mailing addresses are published

as an appendix to the Army's compilation of systems of records notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals eligible for Army military medical care.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Family Record Form (DA Form 3762) Case Referral Form (DA Form 3763); Medical diagnosis, observations, socioeconomic plans and goals for nursing care, summarization of consultations, and similar relevant documents and reports.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; 10 U.S.C. Chapter 55; Army Regulation 40-407, Nursing Records and Reports; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To identify family members who receive Army community health nursing care.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**STORAGE:**

Paper records in file folders retained in the Army Community Health Nursing Office; copy of DA Forms 3762 and 3763 is filed in individual's outpatient medical record.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By surname of eligible military member or sponsor.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are maintained in areas accessible only to authorized personnel having official need therefore. Facilities are locked during non-duty hours.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are destroyed 3 years after case is closed.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Chief Information Officer, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Army Medical Command, ATTN: MCIM, 2050 Worth Road, Suite 13, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6013.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Patient Administrator of the Army medical treatment facility which provided the health nursing care. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of systems of records notices.

For verification purposes, the individual should furnish the full name, Social Security Number, name and Social Security Number of sponsor, if applicable, relationship to military member, current address and telephone number, and signature.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Patient Administrator of the Army medical treatment facility which provided the health nursing care. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of systems of records notices.

For verification purposes, the individual should furnish the full name, Social Security Number, name and Social Security Number of sponsor, if applicable, relationship to military member, current address and telephone number, and signature.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Army's rules for accessing records, and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in Army Regulation 340-21; 32 CFR part 505; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

From the individual, family members, other persons having information relevant to health of family members; educational institutions; civilian health, welfare, and recreational agencies; civilian law enforcement agencies.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records****AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice to amend systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is amending eight systems of records notices in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

The amendments are required to alert the users of these systems of records of the additional requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, as implemented by DoD 6025.18-R, DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation. Language being added under the "Routine Use" category is as follows:

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice."

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on April 28, 2003 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/ Privacy Act Office, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, Attn: TAPC-PDD-FP, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 205, Springfield, VA 22153-3166.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-7137 DSN 656-7137.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the *Federal Register* and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety. The

proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: March 19, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.***A0040 DASG****SYSTEM NAME:**

Medical Facility Administration Records (August 7, 1997, 62 FR 42524).

CHANGES:

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CATEGORY OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Add to entry "sponsor's and patient's Social Security Number",

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Add a new paragraph to the end of the entry.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice."

STORAGE:

Delete entry and replace with "Paper in file folders and electronic storage media."

RETRIEVABILITY:

Delete entry and replace with "By individual's surname/Social Security Number and sponsor's Social Security Number."

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RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Change "20 years" to "5 years."

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A0040 DASG**SYSTEM NAME:**

Medical Facility Administration Records.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Medical centers, hospitals, and health clinics. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of systems of records notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who are authorized to use services of an Army medical facility.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Information in this system generally relates to administration at a medical facility, as opposed to an individual's health/care. Typically, records comprise scheduling of appointments, medical history data used to locate medical records, patient's name, Social Security Number, birth, death, sponsor's Social Security Number, accountability of patients (e.g., bad charts; transfer, leave requests, etc.); receipts for patients' personal property, prescriptions for medications, eyeglasses, hearing aids, prosthetic devices, diet/special nourishment plans, blood donor records, charges, receipts and accounting, documents of payments for medical/dental services; register number assigned; and similar records/reports.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations; 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; Army Regulation 40-2, Army Medical Facilities General Admission; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To locate medical records and personnel, schedule appointments; provide research and statistical data.

To enhance efficient management practices and effective patient administration.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

Birth records are disclosed to states' Bureau of Vital Statistics and overseas birth records are disclosed to the Department of State to provide the official certificates of birth. Birth records may also be used for statistical purposes.

Death records are disclosed to federal, state and private sector authorities to provide the official certificates of death. Death records may also be used for statistical purposes.

The DoD "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information.