SUBJECT: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

References: See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. This instruction reissues DoD Directive (DoDD) 1010.10 (Reference (a)) as a DoD instruction (DoDI) in accordance with the authority in DoDD 5124.02 (Reference (b)) to establish policy and assign responsibilities for health promotion and disease prevention in accordance with References (c) through (f).

2. APPLICABILITY. This instruction applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to in this instruction collectively as the “DoD Components”).

3. POLICY. It is DoD policy to:

   a. Enhance mission readiness, unit performance, and the health and fitness of members of the Military Services, medical beneficiaries, and civilian DoD employees through the creation of a culture within the DoD that:

      (1) Values health, fitness, and an injury-reduced environment.

      (2) Encourages individuals and organizations to achieve optimal health by embracing those values.

      (3) Provides guidance regarding the procedures for implementing health promotion and disease prevention programs to improve and sustain military readiness and the health, fitness, and quality of life of Service members, medical beneficiaries, and civilian DoD employees, in peacetime and conflict.
(4) Supports continuous cross-sectional analysis of Military Services’ disease and injury occurrence for the purpose of conducting targeted interventions to improve health, and preserve readiness.

b. Provide effective, integrated, and comprehensive health promotion and disease prevention programs throughout DoD that are based on scientific evidence.

c. Provide healthy environments for Service members, medical beneficiaries, civilian DoD employees, and visitors on military installations.

d. Support the National Prevention Strategy (NPS) (Reference (c)), to shift from a focus on treating sickness and disease to one based on promoting wellness and prevention.

e. Emphasize actions supporting the NPS priorities as defined in Reference (c) to reduce the leading causes of preventable death and major illness.

f. Support the achievement of the Department of Health and Human Services’ vision for improving the health of all Americans as outlined in Healthy People 2020 (Reference (d)).

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure 2.

5. RELEASEABILITY. Unlimited. This instruction is approved for public release and is available on the Internet from the DoD Issuances Website at http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This instruction:


b. Must be reissued, cancelled, or certified current within 5 years of its publication to be considered current in accordance with DoDI 5025.01 (Reference (g)).

c. Will expire effective April 28, 2024 and be removed from the DoD Issuances Website if it hasn’t been reissued or cancelled in accordance with Reference (g).
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REFERENCES

(g) DoD Instruction 5025.01, “DoD Directives Program,” September 26, 2012, as amended
(l) DoD Instruction 6130.05, “DoD Nutrition Committee,” February 18, 2011, as amended
(n) DoD Instruction 4001.01, “Installation Support,” January 10, 2008, as amended
(p) Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 3405.01, “Chairman’s Total Force Fitness Framework,” September 1, 2011
ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS (USD(P&R)). The USD(P&R):
   
   a. Oversees the implementation of this instruction in accordance with Reference (b).

   b. Provides:

      (1) Strategic direction for health promotion, disease prevention, medical aspects of injury prevention, and population health goals and objectives throughout the DoD.

      (2) Strategic direction to any designated health promotion committees, task forces, and work groups that:

         (a) Advise DoD leadership.

         (b) Review, coordinate, and integrate DoD health promotion and disease prevention activities as appropriate.

      (3) Strategic direction and prioritization, in accordance with the DoD mission, of medical and non-medical goals and objectives in accordance with References (c) and (d).

      (4) Actionable information and direction to leadership on health promotion and disease prevention programs and ensures continuing evaluation and makes recommendations for improvement as necessary.

   c. Oversees the integration of the strategic directives in Reference (c) in relevant policy, guidance, and programs, and prioritizes the implementation of the non-medical recommendations in References (c) and (d) in accordance with the DoD mission and as they relate to:

      (1) Military personnel policy.

      (2) Readiness and training.

      (3) National Guard and Reserve Component affairs.

      (4) Military community and family programs.

      (5) Civilian personnel policy.

      (6) Medical aspects of injury prevention.
d. In coordination with the DoD Component heads, periodically reviews the status of non-medical programs initiated in response to References (c) through (f) and the Community Preventive Services Task Force Community Guide (Reference (h)). The review measures management effectiveness and the costs, outcomes, and impacts of these programs.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS (ASD(HA)). Under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P&R), the ASD(HA):

a. In cooperation with the DoD Component heads, coordinates and oversees the DoD health promotion and disease prevention programs and practices in accordance with this instruction and References (i) through (l).

b. In consultation with the Surgeons General of the Military Departments:

(1) Periodically reviews the status of Service health promotion and disease prevention programs and practices, to include those programs initiated in response to References (c) through (f) and Reference (h). This review will use the Services’ methodology to measure management effectiveness, and the costs, outcomes and impacts of these programs.

(2) Recommends and prioritizes evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention initiatives in accordance with the Military Health System (MHS) mission, strategies, and objectives.

c. Facilitates the coordination of health promotion and disease prevention programs and practices across the DoD Components and the MHS.

d. Utilizes available military health data systems for TRICARE Prime enrollees and other DoD beneficiary groups, to acquire and manage information in a manner that:

(1) Supports DoD medical programs, including medical readiness requirements.

(2) Provides comparability with current national statistics.

e. Oversees the integration of the NPS strategic directives in relevant policy, guidance, and programs. Coordinates the prioritization of the achievement of the medical recommendations in References (c) and (d) as they relate to the MHS.

f. Provides strategic guidance, prioritization, oversight, and any legally required exceptions for the incorporation of clinical preventive services as recommended by U. S. Preventive Services Task Force website (Reference (e)) and Public Law 111-148 (Reference (f)) in the routine provision of health care.

g. Through the MHS decision-making process:
(1) Provides strategic direction to any designated health promotion committees, task forces, and work groups that advise DoD leadership. Reviews, coordinates, and integrates DoD health promotion and disease prevention activities as appropriate.

(2) In accordance with the DoD mission, provides strategic direction and prioritization of the medical goals and objectives of References (c) and (d), through the USD(P&R), to the DoD Components as appropriate.

3. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY, AND LOGISTICS (USD(AT&L)). The USD(AT&L):

   a. Oversees the integration of the NPS strategic directives in relevant policy, guidance, and programs. Coordinates the prioritization of the achievement of the non-medical recommendations in References (c) and (d) in accordance with the DoD mission, and as they relate to:

      (1) Acquisition, technology, and procurement in accordance with DoDI 5000.02 (Reference (m)).

      (2) Installation and facility management in accordance with DoDI 4001.01 (Reference (n)).

      (3) Environment, safety, and occupational health in accordance with DoDD 4715.1E (Reference (o)).

   b. Periodically reviews the status of non-medical programs initiated in response to References (c) through (f) and Reference (h). The review measures management effectiveness and the costs, outcomes, and impacts of these programs.

4. DoD COMPONENT HEADS. The DoD Component heads:

   a. Implement, maintain, fund, monitor, and evaluate comprehensive and integrated health promotion and disease prevention programs and practices in accordance with this instruction and the total force fitness framework in Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 3405.01 (Reference (p)).

   b. Coordinate health promotion initiatives among and within all DoD Components to eliminate duplication of effort in achieving the strategies and priorities determined applicable to DoD.

   c. Assess the gaps between the strategic directives in Reference (c) and DoD strategies and priorities, and integrate the strategic directives in Reference (c), as applicable, into the Component’s mission. The four strategic directives are:
(1) Healthy and safe community environments.

(2) Clinical and community preventive services.

(3) Empowered people.

(4) Elimination of health disparities.

d. Assess the gaps between the seven targeted priorities in Reference (c) and DoD strategies and priorities. Integrate the targeted priorities, as applicable, into the Component’s mission. The seven targeted priorities are:

(1) Tobacco-free living.

(2) Preventing drug abuse and excessive alcohol use.

(3) Healthy eating.

(4) Active living.

(5) Injury and violence free living.

(6) Reproductive and sexual health.

(7) Mental and emotional wellbeing.

e. Assess the gaps between DoD strategies and priorities and the leading health indicators (LHI) in Reference (d). Integrate the prioritized LHI in DoD health promotion and disease prevention programs and practices, as applicable, into the Component’s mission. The LHI are:

(1) Access to health services.

(2) Clinical preventive services.

(3) Environmental quality.

(4) Injury and violence.

(5) Maternal, infant, and child health.

(6) Mental health.

(7) Nutrition, physical activity, and obesity.

(8) Oral health.
(9) Reproductive and sexual health.

(10) Social determinants.

(11) Substance abuse.

(12) Tobacco use.

f. Determine measures of effectiveness for the LHI in Reference (d) and distribute the results of these measures to optimize health promotion and preventive programs.

g. To the extent allowed by law, incorporate clinical preventive services in the routine provision of health care as recommended in References (d) and (e).

h. Promote the use of evidence-based recommendations and findings to improve public health through use of References (e) and (h).

i. Evaluate and recommend changes or improvements for the non-medical aspects of the health promotion and disease prevention programs and practices to the USD(P&R), USD(AT&L) and, for the medical aspects of the health promotion and disease prevention programs, to the ASD(HA).

j. Conduct continuous review of all programs initiated in response to References (c) through (f) and (h). The review measures management effectiveness and the costs, outcomes, and impacts of these programs.
GLOSSARY

PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ASD(HA)   Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs
DoDD      DoD directive
DoDI      DoD instruction
LHI       leading health indicators
MHS       Military Health System
NPS       National Prevention Strategy
USD(AT&L) Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
USD(P&R)  Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

PART II. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this instruction.

disease prevention. Disease prevention is the deferral or elimination of specific illnesses and conditions by one or more interventions of proven efficacy.

health promotion. Defined in World Health Organization Website (Reference (q)).