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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (HEALTH AFFAIRS)
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Audit of the DoD's Medical Affirmative Claims Program
(Project No. D2024-D000AW-0167.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject audit in August 2024. The objective of this audit is to assess the effectiveness of the Defense Health Agency's efforts to recover costs of health care services for Medical Affirmative Claims. The Medical Affirmative Claims program allows the DoD to recover costs of health care services provided to DoD beneficiaries who are injured or suffer an illness caused by a third party. The DoD OIG previously audited the other two medical cost recovery programs (Medical Service Accounts and Third-Party Collections). We may revise the objective as the audit proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this audit in accordance with the Government Accountability Office's generally accepted government auditing standards.

We will perform the audit at the Defense Health Agency and selected uniform business offices at DoD medical treatment facilities located across the continental United States. We may identify additional locations during the audit.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this audit within **5 days** of this memorandum. One point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—who is knowledgeable of the Medical Affirmative Claims program related to the objective. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag officer who is familiar with the subject and could serve as a point of engagement with DoD Office of Inspector General senior leaders, if necessary. Send each contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to audityorktown@dodig.mil.

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended, and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013, as amended. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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