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

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Protection of Patients from Unauthorized Video Surveillance and Recording at Military Treatment Facilities (Project No. D2026-DEV0HD-0057.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in January 2026. This is a coordinated project with the Department of the Army Inspector General inspection in response to congressional requests. The Department of the Army Inspector General's inspection is the "Special Inspection of Medical Treatment Facilities Army Reporting Equities."

The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the Department of Defense Components developed and implemented policy, processes, and procedures to safeguard patients from unauthorized video surveillance and recording while receiving medical care at Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs), including the handling of complaints of potential violations. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this evaluation in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency "Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation."

We will perform the evaluation at the offices of the Defense Health Agency and the Military Services. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this evaluation 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 Defense Health Agency complaints process, patient safety, and security measures at MTFs. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with the Defense Health Agency complaints process, patient safety, and security measures at MTFs 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 [REDACTED]

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, “DoD Office of Inspector General Access to Records and Information,” November 13, 2024. Our website is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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