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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, ARMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM  
DIRECTOR, NAVY DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM  
OFFICE  
AIR FORCE FORENSIC DRUG PROGRAM MANAGER

SUBJECT: Use of the Electronic Data Interchange Person Identifier for Identification in the  
Military Drug Testing Program

The Military Drug Testing Program (MDTP) currently uses the Service member's social security number (SSN) as the primary means of sample identification during the collection of urinalysis specimens. Since the Department of Defense (DoD) is halting the use of the SSN and moving to the DoD Electronic Data Interchange Person Identifier (EDI-PI) for identification purposes, the MDTP will be discontinuing the use of the SSN and transition to the use of the EDI-PI for sample identification. Starting on March 1, 2015, the Services are authorized to use the EDI-PI in the MDTP.

Until a complete transition to the EDI-PI occurs, urinalysis specimens will be accepted at the Drug Testing Laboratories with either the SSN or EDI-PI as the specimen identifier. The date the SSN will no longer be accepted within the MDTP will be promulgated in future correspondence.

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