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SUBJECT: Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry Information for Patient-Facing Staff and Health Care Providers

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Health Readiness Policy & Oversight sent a notification by mail to Service members who are eligible for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry in March 2020. The mailer explains the registry's purpose, and directs Service members to learn more at Health.mil/AHBurnPitRegistry, sign up for the registry, and schedule an optional medical exam. While the registry has been operational since 2014, the mailer and other outreach may increase Service member participation.

Upon completing the online questionnaire, Active Duty Service members (including activated Reserve and Guard personnel) are instructed to contact their local military medical treatment facility (MTF), and request a medical exam to address health concerns related to airborne hazard and open burn pit exposures. When Service members request the optional exam, staff should schedule an appointment with a primary care manager at the MTF where the patient is empaneled. Staff should also note that the appointment is to address Airborne Hazard and Open Burn Pit Registry exposures and encourage the Service member to bring a printed copy of their completed questionnaire.

Health care providers should refer to the attached Health Care Provider Guide for registry and medical exam information. The attached Clinical Toolbox provides further detail on airborne hazard exposures and evaluation. When conducting the medical exam, providers should annotate the clinical record with any applicable diagnostic codes, as well as the following:

- In AHLTA, ICD-10 codes Z91.82 (personal history of military deployment) and X08.8 (exposure to other specified, smoke, fire)
- In MHS GENESIS, SNOMED-CT codes 3042585015 (history of military deployment) and 165638013 (exposure to environmental pollution, occupational)

I ask the Services, Direct Support Organizations, and Defense Health Agency Markets distribute this guidance to all MTF Commanders and Directors, MTF health care providers (physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants, among others), and any other MTF workers (e.g., scheduling staff) whose responsibilities include interacting with patients.

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