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From: Commanding General
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Subj: PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY AND DENTAL TREATMENT PROGRAM

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 6600.5 (NOTAL)
(b) MCO 6600.2 (NOTAL)
(c) NAVDENCENS DIEGOINST 6600.2 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To implement an annual oral health preventive program, including education, examination, and early corrective treatment for all Navy and Marine Corps personnel as required by references (a) and (b), following reference (c).

2. Cancellation. DepO 6600.3H

3. Background. To identify existing dental disease and to reduce the incidence of new dental caries and periodontal disease, the Commanding Officer, Naval Dental Center, San Diego shall conduct oral health education programs, annual dental examinations, topical fluoride treatment programs, and timely corrective treatment for department of the Navy active duty personnel.

4. Program. The preventive dentistry program for active duty Navy and Marine Corps personnel shall consist of:

- a. An annual oral examination.
- b. A topical fluoride treatment regimen.
- c. Oral health counseling and evaluation of individual oral health preventive measures.
- d. Therapeutic dental appointments for personnel whose dental health status does not meet minimal standards of military operational readiness.
- e. A protective mouthguard program for active duty personnel engaged in contact sports.
- f. A Children's Preventive Dentistry Program to be operated with funds as available, preferably in conjunction with the American Dental Association's Children's Dental Health Month.

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g. Information on the Family Member Dental Insurance Plan for all family members of the active duty force.

5. Action. To enable this Command to successfully pursue this program, all commanders will ensure that their personnel obtain an annual dental examination and pursue timely corrective treatment. Unit liaison officers will coordinate notification from the Dental Officer. Examinations will be accomplished on an appointment basis Monday through Friday. Treatment or examination appointments are to be made in person or by phone at the MCRD Branch Dental Clinic, Building 595, extension 4-4005.



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