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DepO 6710.3D  
BHC

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DEPOT ORDER 6710.3D

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: CONTROL OF MEDICATION PRESCRIBED TO RECRUITS

Ref: (a) NAVMED, P-117, Chapter 21 (NOTAL)  
(b) NAVHOSPBFTINST 6710.1Q (NOTAL)  
(c) DepO 1513.6G

1. Situation. To comply with the provisions set forth in reference (a) establishes procedures for prescribing and controlling medications, to promulgate local policy relative to limitations on quantities of medication prescribed by medical and dental providers, and to establish control of such medication in the possession of recruits assigned to holding platoons under Special Training Company (STC) or Recruit Processing Company (RPC).

2. Cancellation. DepO 6710.3C

3. Mission. When prescribing medications, medical and dental providers will exercise diligence in reviewing recruit medical/dental records and past history to ensure the recruit will not have in their possession at any given time, an excess amount of medication prescribed to them by medical/dental providers. For most medications, this is interpreted to be a three to seven day supply.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) Recruit prescriptions for medication written by medical and dental providers should be prescribed in quantities correlating with sick-in-quarters (SIQ) and/or light/limited duty (LLD) chits. Medications taken as a single or mega-dose, when prescribed, shall be verified by the recruit's provider and the quantity does not constitute a lethal dose.

(b) This Order is to be considered a safety precaution for recruits and drill instructors and should not be construed as setting forth restrictions or limitations contrary to the conduct of good medical and dental practice.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Prescriptions shall be written for the medication to be taken at meal times and taps if possible.

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(b) Upon discharge from hospitalization at a non-DoD medical treatment facility, recruit medication(s), if prescribed, and paper prescriptions must be verified by the Acute Care Area (ACA) to ensure safety and continuity of care as soon as the recruit returns to Parris Island. The Marine escorting the recruit is responsible for ensuring the recruit returns directly to the ACA on Parris Island with their medications.

(c) During 1st Phase, custody of all medication prescribed to recruits on an outpatient basis shall be the responsibility of the Drill Instructor with the exception on oral contraceptive pills for female recruits as per section 4011, para 3.a of reference (c). Female recruits will maintain possession of their birth control pill throughout training.

(d) During 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Phase, the recruit for whom the drug was prescribed shall be responsible for the medication.

(e) If a recruit is on medical hold and assigned to STC or RPC, prescriptions will be regulated as follows:

1. Medical Hold recruits will have their medications maintained by the Senior Drill Instructor (SDI) of their Platoon.

2. The STC and RPC Duty Drill Instructor will maintain the recruit's sick call chit that prescribes medications for assigned recruits. All medications will be in the custody of the Duty Drill Instructor who will make the medications available to the appropriate recruit at designated times. The deviation from the requirement of the recruit to be responsible for their own medication is necessary because of the lengthy medical treatment typically associated with recruits on medical hold.

b. Subordinate Element Missions. The recruit's Battalion Commander shall:

(1) Ensure all prescribed medications, in the proper custody depending on the phase of training.

(2) Ensure the medication accompanies recruits to another unit/company.

(3) Ensure recruits take medications as prescribed.

(4) Appropriately dispose of prescription medication at the Branch Health Clinic (BHC) Pharmacy in the MedSafe "blue bin" in the original container prescribed or within the Branch Health Annexes as per section 4011(4) of reference (c).

(5) During first phase, prescribed medication shall be stored and controlled to prevent medical negligence and drug diversion.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) The BHC, MCRD PI is the sponsor for this Order.

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(2) The NHB Pharmacy Department, BHC, MCRD PI conducts medication safety inspections upon request and has administrative oversight of all medication prescribed to recruits. For questions about Medication Management please call 843-228-2249.

5. Administration and Logistics

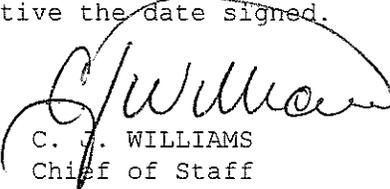
a. Recommendations for changes or modifications to this Order will be provided to the Officer-in-Charge, BHC.

b. Directives issued by MCRD/ERR PI are published and distributed electronically. Electronic versions can be viewed on the G-1 SharePoint.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to MCRD/ERR PI.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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