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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Ergonomics Program Policy Memorandum

1. References:

a. Memorandum, OASA(IL&E), 18 December 1997, Subject: Army-wide Ergonomics Program Implementation Assistance (Enclosure 1).

b. Memorandum, OASA(IL&E), 18 May 1998, Subject: Policy Memorandum - Army Ergonomics Program (Enclosure 2).

2. Musculoskeletal disorders are one of our greatest readiness concerns. These conditions affect both our active duty soldiers and civilian workforce and are often preventable through effective Ergonomics Programs. The Army Ergonomics Program is a U.S. Army Medical Command initiative. We must demonstrate commitment to and support of this important initiative at all levels. This program requires medical personnel to establish partnerships with safety, civilian personnel and logistics. This partnership is essential in order for us to address all of the ergonomics-related issues in a comprehensive manner.

3. Enclosure 2 defines the health and management responsibilities for the Program. In addition to the responsibilities cited, all health care providers must be aware of ergonomics issues and the Ergonomics Program in order to provide comprehensive, coordinated and effective care for our active duty soldiers and civilian workers.

4. This guidance is to be disseminated at all levels within the U.S. Army Medical Command.

5. The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (USACHPPM) has developed a phased plan to implement ergonomics programs, extensive training programs, resources and reference materials. Upon request, USACHPPM can also provide assistance and guidance with program development issues and training.

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6. The USACHPPM POC is LTC Lopez at DSN 584-3928 or commercial (410) 436-3928. The OTSG point of contact for this program is COL Wolfe at DSN 761-3130 or commercial (703) 681-3130.

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