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Medical records.

(a) Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). (1) DOD Directive 6025.18 establishes policies and assigns responsibilities for implementation of the standards for privacy of individually identifiable health information established by HIPAA.

(2) DOD Directive 6025.18–R prescribes the uses and disclosures of protected health information.


(4) In addition to responsibilities to comply with this subpart and subpart G of this part, DOD Directive 6025.18 and DOD 6025.18–R must also be complied with to the extent applicable. Although nothing in this subpart and subpart G violates DOD Directive 6025.18, compliance with this subpart and subpart G in connection with protected health information does not necessarily satisfy all requirements of DOD 6025.18–R.

(b) Disclosure. DON activities shall disclose medical records to the individual to whom they pertain, even if a minor, unless a judgment is made that access to such records could have an adverse effect on the mental or physical health of the individual. Normally, this determination shall be made in consultation with a medical practitioner.

(1) Deny the individual access to his/her medical and psychological records if that access could have an adverse effect on the mental or physical health of the individual. This determination normally should be made in consulta-

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without having a “routine use” request.

(c) Frequent “routine use” requests. DON activities (e.g., security and military police offices) that routinely receive requests for information for which a “routine use” has been established should offer a “routine use” request form. This will eliminate the unnecessary burden of processing requests under PA/FOIA when the limited information being sought is available under a “routine use.”