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1. References:
   b. Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-85 (Army Substance Abuse Program Civilian Services), 15 October 2001.

2. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services convened the Interagency Coordinating Group Executive Committee to certify and oversee Federal agency drug-testing plans. The Executive Committee has agreed with the Department of the Army’s recommendation that certain positions be designated as testing designated positions under the Army’s Drug-Free Federal Workplace program. Effective immediately, the following positions are designated as testing designated positions:

   a. Series 0662, Optometrist: These personnel provide direct patient care; perform comprehensive eye exams, diagnosis and treatment; and prescribe and dispense a broad range of medications, including scheduled controlled substances.

   b. Series 0651, Respiratory Therapist: These personnel provide direct patient care from neonatal to adult critical care settings. They set up and manage sophisticated life support equipment used in intensive care units, emergency and trauma rooms; prescribe noncontrolled medications; and have indirect access to controlled substances.

3. Consistent with the references, activity commanders and directors must identify and document positions covered by this designation and notify incumbents and applicants that the positions have been designated as testing designated positions. Activity commanders and directors should work with their Alcohol and Drug Control Officer and their servicing Civilian Personnel Advisory Center to accomplish the notifications. Notices may be issued using DA Form 5019 (Condition of Employment for Certain Civilian Positions Identified Critical Under the Department of the Army Drug-Free Federal Workplace Program).

4. Activities are reminded to satisfy any applicable labor relations obligations in implementing this directive.

5. The proponent of this policy is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, who will incorporate the provisions of this directive into the next revision of AR 600-85. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revised regulation.

6. Direct any questions to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1’s Army Resiliency Directorate, Army Substance Abuse Program.

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