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RESERVED
I. Purpose and Scope
To establish procedures and delineate responsibilities for determining requirements for all new standardized medical items introduced into the DOD supply system, and to establish procedures for publication of the availability of such items. This regulation is applicable to HQ DLA; the Directorate of Medical Materiel, Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC); the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. It has been coordinated with and concurred in by the Military Services (hereafter referred to as the Services).

II. Policy
The entry of new items into the DOD supply system will be promulgated by Federal Catalog System Catalog Change Bulletins or basic Identification Lists (IL). The effective date of each of these publications will not be considered as the planned availability date for each item listed. Due to unforeseeable circumstances, actual availability of stock for issue is sometimes delayed beyond the planned availability date. The preface to each of these publications will stipulate that regardless of the planned availability dates, requisitions from Continental United States (CONUS) activities will not be submitted by the Services to DPSC earlier than 30 days prior to the actual availability dates which are announced in the Army SB-8-75 series, Navy Medical and Dental Materiel Bulletin, Navy Medical Materiel Support Command (NAVMEDMATSUPPCOM) Notices 6700, and Air Force Medical Logistics Letters (AFMLL).

III. Definition. Standardization
The categorization of an item or system according to its suitability for Service use.

IV. Significant Changes
A new requirement exists reflecting administrative changes within various DOD activities and results from the New Item Forecasting Working Group.

V. Responsibilities
a. The Services will:
(1) Compute:
(a) Initial new item requirements and 12-month recurring demand requirements for all new standardized items recommended by the DOD Medical Standardization Board (DMSB) for depot stockage (AAC D/SSC 1), other than those replacing currently standardized items.
(b) Initial and 12-month recurring demand requirements when requested by the DPSC Inventory Manager for items other than AAC D/SSC 1.
(2) Furnish the above data to the Directorate of Medical Materiel, DPSC upon receipt of DMSB Form 1a, Section 4, which initially standardizes an item.
(3) Provide the Directorate of Medical Materiel, DPSC with any data relating to circumstances which will after requirements for a new item which augments an existing standardized item. Data required will include recommended adjustments to requirements for the existing standardized item as well as the estimated requirements for the new augmenting item.
(4) Publish to field activities National Stock Number (NSN), Item Identification, descriptive data, trademark or colloquial names, if applicable, and use, availability dates and unit prices.
(5) Direct CONUS requisitioners not to submit requisitions for new items earlier than 30 days prior to the announced availability date.

b. The Director, Directorate of Medical Materiel, DPSC will:
(1) Determine requirements for new standardized items when such items replace other items currently standardized.
(2) Use predicted requirements furnished for new items and for replacing items when advised by a Service that requirements for new items cannot be based on requirements/demand experience of the replaced items because of some new circumstances. When available, obtain a manufacturer’s sales data to DOD customers. Compare this data with the Services’ requirements to more accurately forecast initial requirements.
(3) Adjust requirements computed on an item which augments an existing standardized item, as necessary, due to data provided in accordance with subparagraph A3 above.
(4) Ensure optimum practical and economical utilization of existing stocks of items prior to the distribution of new items.

V. Responsibilities
a. The Services, whenever practicable, at least 60 days in advance of any significant changes in the availability announcement when originally scheduled delivery dates cannot be met.

b. The Chief, DLA readiness Support Office, Directorate of Supply Operations, HQ, DLA (DLA-O (DRSO-M)) will maintain liaison and effect coordination with the Services to ensure current status of this regulation.