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12 JUL 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANTS GENERAL OF ALL STATES, PUERTO RICO,  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM AND THE DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA

SUBJECT: (All States Log Number P93-0070 ) Basic Life Support  
Training in Army National Guard (ARNG)

1. Purpose: This policy directs the implementation of Basic Life support (BLS) Training in ARNG Medical/Dental Units.
2. Reference:
  - a. DODI 6010.2, Basic Life Support Training, 19 June 1991 (Encl 1).
  - b. DASG-PSZ, dated 16 July 90, subject: BLS Training (Encl 2).
3. Policy: ARNG health care personnel including those assigned to non-medical units, who are assigned to or subject to being assigned to duties where they provide or assist in either diagnostic or therapeutic patient care are required to be trained and tested minimally at two year intervals and receive certification.
4. Certification:
  - a. BLS certification can be achieved by complying with either American Heart Association or American Red Cross standards.
  - b. Specifically, training and certification applies to all health care providers and all support personnel, who have contact or potential contact with the patient population, at medical and dental treatment facilities or during peacetime or wartime military operations.
  - c. Current certification in advanced cardiac life support will fulfill the BLS requirement.

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5. Responsibilities:

a. The State Surgeon and State Chief Nurse will:

(1) Ensure that all soldiers requiring BLS Certification are certified in a timely manner and that the units maintain appropriate records documenting each soldiers status.

(2) Direct Medical Commanders/OICs to provide BLS courses for medical personnel in non-medical units which are unable to run their own courses.

(3) Ensure the availability of certification/recertification courses for all soldiers requiring BLS to include the use of civilian contracting when military courses are unavailable.

b. Commanders of ARNG Medical/Dental Units will:

(1) Designate in writing an individual who has overall responsibility for maintaining and coordinating the unit BLS training program. The designated individual shall maintain a list of soldiers who are currently trained and certified in BLS. Because program management for BLS includes oversight responsibility and record keeping, it may be best accomplished by plans, operations, and training offices of medical/dental units.

(2) Provide soldiers with sufficient opportunities to maintain current certification.

(3) At the direction of the State Surgeon provide BLS certification courses for health care personnel from other units and maintain records of their training as well as providing recertification for them.

c. Commanders of non-medical units with assigned health care soldiers will:

(1) Maintain records allowing for the timely recertification of these BLS trained soldiers.

(2) Designate in writing an individual responsible for coordinating the availability of BLS training.

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6. Training:

a. BLS training shall be provided by personnel possessing an instructor's rating in BLS from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

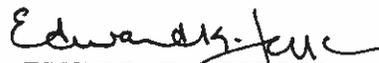
b. BLS training provided shall be equivalent to the American Heart Association, BLS course C--"Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers"--or the American Red Cross "Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer".

7. This policy is effective immediately and expires 30 July 1994.

8. POC for this action is MSG Halliday, Senior Medical Enlisted Advisor, NGB-ARP-HN, (703)607-9531 or DSN: 327-9531.

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# Department of Defense INSTRUCTION

June 19, 1991  
NUMBER 6020.2

ASD(HA)

**SUBJECT: Basic Life Support (BLS) Training**

- References:**
- (a) DoD Instruction 6020.2, subject as above, April 13, 1987 (hereby canceled)
  - (b) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, "Accreditation Manual for Hospitals", current edition<sup>1</sup>
  - (c) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, "Ambulatory Healthcare Standards Manual," current edition<sup>2</sup>
  - (d) American Heart Association, "Basic Life Support," current curriculum<sup>3</sup>
  - (e) American Red Cross, "Basic Life Support," current curriculum<sup>4</sup>

## **A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE**

This Instruction reissues reference (a) to update policy, responsibilities, and procedures, in accordance with references (b) through (e) for BLS training requirements for healthcare personnel in DoD medical and dental treatment facilities (MTFs and DTFs).

## **B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE**

This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments. It covers DoD Health Care Personnel, as defined in this instruction, assigned to the MTFs and the DTFs.

## **C. DEFINITIONS**

1. Basic Life Support (BLS) Training. Training based on the specifications of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

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<sup>1</sup>Available from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

<sup>2</sup>Available from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

<sup>3</sup>American Heart Association National Center, 7320 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75231

<sup>4</sup>American Red Cross National Headquarters, 17th and D Sts. NW, Washington, DC 20006

2. DoD Healthcare Personnel. Military (Active Duty and Selected Reserve Components), or civilian (Civil Service, foreign national hire, partners and contract) healthcare personnel assigned to, or subject to being assigned to provide direct patient care, either diagnostically or therapeutically in the military MTFs and DTFs.

#### D. POLICY

It is DoD policy that all DoD healthcare personnel shall be trained in BLS and registered for BLS training program completion. That training shall be completed and tested minimally at 2 year intervals. Successful completion of such training shall be registered in the MTFs and the DTFs. Those individuals who are registered as having completed BLS training shall be required to maintain current registration of completion of that training.

#### E. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) shall monitor the implementation of this Instruction.

2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall ensure compliance with this Instruction and recommend changes or improvements in the BLS training program to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

3. The Surgeons General of the Military Departments shall ensure compliance with this Instruction in their respective medical departments.

#### F. PROCEDURES

Each commander of a MTF and a DTF shall:

1. Have one designated individual responsible for maintaining and coordinating the BLS training program, who shall maintain a list of individuals who are currently trained and registered in the BLS training program.

2. Provide sufficient opportunities for DoD healthcare personnel to maintain current registration.

3. Maintain the instructor's rating in BLS from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

#### G. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Instruction is effective immediately. Forward one copy of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) within 120 days.

  
Enrique Mendez, Jr., M.D.  
Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Health Affairs)



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310



HQDA Ltr 40-90-2

DASG-PSZ (5 March 1990)

16 July 1990

Expires 16 July 1992

**SUBJECT: Basic Life Support (BLS) Training**

SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. Purpose. This letter directs the implementation of Basic Life Support (BLS) Training in Army medical and dental treatment facilities.

2. Reference. DODI 6020.2, Basic Life Support Training, 13 April 1987 is a related publication.

3. Responsibilities.

a. Commanders of medical or dental treatment facilities will--

(1) Designate a proponent who has overall responsibility for maintaining and coordinating the facility BLS training program. The proponent shall maintain a list of individuals who have current BLS certification. Because program management for BLS includes oversight responsibility and recordkeeping, it is best accomplished by plans, operations, and training offices of medical treatment facilities.

(2) Provide personnel with sufficient opportunities to be certified in BLS annually in order to maintain current BLS certification.

b. Training responsibilities may be locally assigned to respective department or service chiefs.

c. Training of personnel at remote sites (such as troop medical clinics, Army health clinics, and occupational health clinics) will be addressed by local standing operating procedures and approved by medical center or medical department activity commanders.

ENCLOSURE

4. Training.

a. BLS training shall be provided by instructors possessing an instructor's rating in BLS from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

b. BLS training provided should be equivalent to that provided in the American Heart Association BLS course C--"Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers"--or the American Red Cross "Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer."

5. Policy. Army Medical Department health care personnel who are assigned to or subject to being assigned to duties where they provide or assist in either diagnostic or therapeutic patient care are required to be trained and certified in BLS annually.

6. Certification.

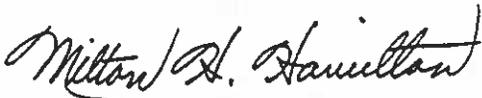
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b. Current certification in advanced cardiac life support will also fulfill the BLS requirement.

c. Certification can be achieved by complying with either American Heart Association or American Red Cross standards.

7. Effective date. This letter is effective upon receipt.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

20 Aug 1993

(U) ISSUE CLASS #2 ST PHILLIPS (ESA). The ARNG was originally allocated 12, 91C training seats. However, due to demand from the states an additional 26 were requested and obtained, for a total of 38. As of 20 August 1993 all 38 ARNG soldiers had reported for training. All ARNG soldiers were enrolled with the exception of one, who was dismissed for medical reasons.

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