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Subj: DEFENSE MEDICAL LOGISTICS STANDARD SUPPORT (DMLSS) FACILITY MANAGEMENT MODULE MANDATED

1. The Military Health Care System Functional Process Improvement Review of 1994 resulted in the creation of a tri-service Automated Information System (AIS) titled Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support (DMLSS). Tri-service activation of DMLSS was prescribed for 111 military treatment facilities (MTF) worldwide, 31 of which are Navy. Various releases of the three DMLSS elements (Equipment and Technology Management (E&TM), Material Management (MM), and Facility Management (FM)) have been activated at each of the sites.

2. Previous efforts to use data from the various legacy systems throughout the MHS have resulted in little confidence when comparing and analyzing financial needs. The combination of the three functional components of DMLSS will yield critical information about field assets and cost allocations, allowing for enhanced MTF management practices and consistent data capture for cross-service budget analyses and planning. DMLSS-FM is the necessary third component to providing the consistent and critical Facility Management information.

3. Two of the three DMLSS elements (E&TM and MM) have been mandated for use throughout Navy Medicine. To this point, DMLSS-FM has not been mandated in an effort to ensure proper alignment with AIS measures being implemented by NAVFAC. With the advent of the interoperability between DMLSS-FM and the Public Works Center standard facility management AIS of MAXIMO (Fall 2001), redundant data entry is avoided at most DMLSS approved sites and enhanced management practices will result throughout.

4. The lack of a mandate for DMLSS-FM has resulted in less than full acceptance and use of the program, misdirected effort of activation assets, and delays in establishing a consistent data environment. **DMLSS-FM is mandated for your activity and must be in use for work and project management beginning 1 January 2002.** Whole hearted commitment and a significant up front effort is required to experience the full benefit of DMLSS-FM.

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5. I appreciate your support in making all elements of DMLSS fully operational. My points of contact are Commander P. Feiler, CEC, USN at (202) 762-3512 and Lieutenant Commander K. Rinaldi, CEC, USN at (202) 762-3523 or DSN prefix 762.

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