

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is amending eight systems of records notices in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

The amendments are required to alert the users of these systems of records of the additional requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, as implemented by DoD 6025.18-R, DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation. Language being added under the "Routine Use" category is as follows:

Note: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice."

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on April 28, 2003 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/ Privacy Act Office, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, Attn: TAPC-PDD-FP, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 205, Springfield, VA 22153-3166.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-7137 DSN 656-7137.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the *Federal Register* and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety. The

proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: March 19, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

A0040 DASG**SYSTEM NAME:**

Medical Facility Administration Records (August 7, 1997, 62 FR 42524).

CHANGES:

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CATEGORY OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Add to entry "sponsor's and patient's Social Security Number",

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ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Add a new paragraph to the end of the entry.

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STORAGE:

Delete entry and replace with "Paper in file folders and electronic storage media."

RETRIEVABILITY:

Delete entry and replace with "By individual's surname/Social Security Number and sponsor's Social Security Number."

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RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Change "20 years" to "5 years."

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A0040 DASG**SYSTEM NAME:**

Medical Facility Administration Records.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Medical centers, hospitals, and health clinics. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of systems of records notices.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who are authorized to use services of an Army medical facility.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Information in this system generally relates to administration at a medical facility, as opposed to an individual's health/care. Typically, records comprise scheduling of appointments, medical history data used to locate medical records, patient's name, Social Security Number, birth, death, sponsor's Social Security Number, accountability of patients (e.g., bad charts; transfer, leave requests, etc.); receipts for patients' personal property, prescriptions for medications, eyeglasses, hearing aids, prosthetic devices, diet/special nourishment plans, blood donor records, charges, receipts and accounting, documents of payments for medical/dental services; register number assigned; and similar records/reports.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations; 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; Army Regulation 40-2, Army Medical Facilities General Admission; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

To locate medical records and personnel, schedule appointments; provide research and statistical data.

To enhance efficient management practices and effective patient administration.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

Birth records are disclosed to states' Bureau of Vital Statistics and overseas birth records are disclosed to the Department of State to provide the official certificates of birth. Birth records may also be used for statistical purposes.

Death records are disclosed to federal, state and private sector authorities to provide the official certificates of death. Death records may also be used for statistical purposes.

The DoD "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Army's compilation of systems of records notices also apply to this system.

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