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SUBJ: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL
ASSESSMENT
SCREENINGS

A. PERSONNEL MANUAL COMDTINST M1000.6 (SERIES) CHAPTER 20

1. PER REFERENCE A, A DRUG AND ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT SCREENING IS
REQUIRED IF A MEMBER IS INVOLVED IN A DRUG OR ALCOHOL
INCIDENT,

WHEN A COMMAND DIRECTS A MEMBER FOR ASSESSMENT SCREENING BASED
ON

REASONABLE SUSPICION, OR WHEN A MEMBER SELF REFERS FOR DRUG OR
ALCOHOL ABUSE.

2. THE ASSESSMENT SCREENING PROVIDES THE FIRST CRUCIAL STEP IN
IDENTIFYING COAST GUARD MEMBERS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS
AND

SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE TREATMENT BASED ON THE
DIAGNOSIS

DETERMINED BY A QUALIFIED ASSESSMENT SCREENER. THUS,
ASSESSMENT

SCREENINGS ARE REQUIRED AND ARE TO BE CONDUCTED ONLY BY THOSE
WHO

ARE CREDENTIALLED TO DO SO. INVALID ASSESSMENT SCREENINGS LEAD
TO

MIS-DIAGNOSIS AND/OR IMPROPER TREATMENT AND PLACE COAST GUARD
EMPLOYEES AT SIGNIFICANT HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS.

3. COAST GUARD MEDICAL OFFICERS (MO) WHO HAVE ATTENDED
ADDICTION

ORIENTATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (AOHCP-1, A TWELVE DAY
PROGRAM) OR WHO ARE SPECIFICALLY CREDENTIALLED OR LICENSED TO
PROVIDE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT SCREENINGS ARE AUTHORIZED
TO

PROVIDE SUCH ASSESSMENT SCREENINGS. ASSESSMENT SCREENINGS MAY
ALSO

BE CONDUCTED AT MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES THAT OFFER
SUBSTANCE

ABUSE ASSESSMENT SCREENINGS AND REHABILITATION AND ALSO BY
TRICARE

FACILITIES CREDENTIALLED TO DO SO. SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION
SPECIALISTS (SAPS) LOCATED AT TRACEN PETALUMA AND KODIAK
ALASKA ARE

ALSO AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT DRUG AND ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT
SCREENINGS.

4. COLLATERAL DUTY ADDICTIONS REPRESENTATIVES (CDARS), HEALTH
SERVICES TECHNICIANS AND HEALTH PROMOTIONS MANAGERS ARE NOT
AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT DRUG AND ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT SCREENINGS.

5. EACH COAST GUARD MEDICAL CLINIC SHOULD DESIGNATE ONE MO TO
ATTEND AOHCP-1 TO ENABLE THAT CLINIC TO PROVIDE DRUG AND
ALCOHOL

ASSESSMENT SCREENINGS. IF AN MO POSSESSES SUBSTANCE ABUSE
SPECIFIC

CREDENTIALS, ATTENDANCE AT AOHCP-1 IS NOT REQUIRED.

6. EACH COAST GUARD MEDICAL CLINIC SHOULD ALSO CONTACT MY ADDICTIONS PROGRAM MANAGER, CWO2 KARIN THOMAS, (202) 267-6658 OR

KLTHOMAS(AT)COMDT.USCG.MIL, BY MESSAGE OR E-MAIL TO IDENTIFY THEIR

MO DESIGNATED FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT SCREENINGS AND/OR TO

REQUEST AOHCP-1 TRAINING.

7. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED

8. RADM JOYCE M. JOHNSON, USPHS, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY,
SENDS.

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