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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: ROLE OF INDEPENDENT DUTY HOSPITAL CORPSMEN ON SUBMARINES THAT
ARE UNDERWAY

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5510.35B
(b) DoD 5210.42-R, Nuclear Weapons Personnel Reliability
Program (PRP) Regulation, November 2009

1. Independent Duty Hospital Corpsmen (IDCs) on submarines that are underway are authorized to perform required evaluations and provide recommendations in support of Certifying Official PRP determinations (e.g., suspension, temporary decertification, permanent decertification, recertification, etc.). Evaluations shall be documented on an SF-600 (Chronological Record of Medical Care). IDCs on submarines that are underway will ensure the Certifying Official is apprised of any medical treatment that might affect PRP performance and upon return to homeport, the Competent Medical Authority will review all treatment that was determined to have a potential impact on PRP performance

2. This guidance will be incorporated in the next revision of reference (a). All other requirements and procedures for IDCs found in references (a) and (b) remain in effect.

3. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to
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