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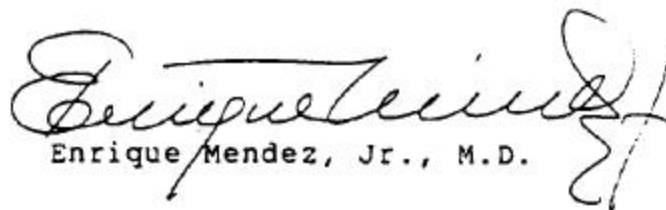
MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
DIRECTOR OF NAVAL MEDICINE/SURGEON GENERAL
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Schedule II Controlled Substances Waiver for
Electronic Approval

Reference letter, Drug Enforcement Administration, 26 Mar 90, attached. On 31 October 1989, two Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) representatives observed a demonstration of the Composite Health Care System in operation at Ireland Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Kentucky. As a result of that visit and demonstration, the DEA has granted an exception to Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1306.05(a), which requires practitioners to write prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances in ink or indelible pencil or a typewriter and prescriptions to be manually signed by the practitioners. The specific guidelines are addressed in the attachment.

Please use the attached letter from DEA and this memorandum as approval authorities for implementing necessary changes.

Any questions or comments concerning this action may be addressed to CAPT Paul A. Tibbits, MC, USN, AUTOVON 289-0975 or (703) 756-0975.


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Attachment
As Stated